

“LOOKING FOR DUCATS” WROTE MRS. TURNBULL

In Letter, Lillian Ashley Told Fresno Banker She Wanted “Whole Souled Youth”

Defense in Baldwin Case Strives Vainly to Break Woman’s Composure

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—More letters came out of the past today to confront Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull, the star witness in the “Lucky Baldwin” will contest, but with remarkable fortitude, ready wit and a wariness that carried her safely over the set traps, the woman who is fighting for \$2,000,000 as her daughter’s share of the late turfman’s estate not only met the attacks of the cross examiner, but frequently fought back.

All morning she faced a slashing on-set, and was calm, although the questions hurled at her frequently made the other women in the courtroom blush and look down, and then this afternoon, when apparently by agreement the attorneys of the opposing side treated her with more consideration, she started to heckle them in return.

“Yes, I said those letters were forgeries,” she declared defiantly, referring to letters concerning her relations with Colonel Albert Pope, the millionaire Boston manufacturer. “Yes, I said they were forgeries, emphatically so. If you ask me why I say so, ask Mr. James R. Wood, who forged so many others.”

James R. Wood is the Boston detective who, according to the testimony, arranged a settlement between Pope and Mrs. Turnbull in 1894, when Pope purchased for her a house in Pasadena.

Mrs. Turnbull’s Retort

Wood was in the courtroom, and when Mrs. Turnbull expressed doubt as to the authenticity of one of her alleged letters Gavin McNab, the cross examiner, said he would refresh her memory by giving her a glimpse of Wood.

“Stand up, Mr. Wood,” he said. Wood arose. He is an elderly man with a white mustache.

“Yes, that is James R. Wood,” quickly responded Mrs. Turnbull, “and I wish to say that Mr. Wood is the wickedest man I ever knew.”

An explanation of the unexpected appearance in this case of the letters that played so important a part in Mrs. Turnbull’s seduction suit against Baldwin in 1896 came late this afternoon. It had been believed that the letters were in the court archives of San Francisco, and every one marveled that they had escaped the fire of 1906 until they learned that the missives had not been in the fire at all, but had been returned years ago to Wood, who brought them from Boston some weeks ago for use in the case now on trial.

McNab, in his cross examination, continued his efforts to show the jury that Mrs. Turnbull had not been a spotless woman until she yielded to the blandishments of Lucky Baldwin, as she alleges. In this connection he introduced a letter which she admitted she had written to Lewis Leach, president of the Farmers’ Bank of Fresno, Cal., some time in 1889. In her previous testimony the witness said that this letter was one of a series written by her to various horsemen and that one of these addressed to Baldwin had started the correspondence which led to their meeting in 1891.

Tell-tale Letter

The letter read:

“I was born and raised in Vermont, love horses almost to distraction; am 29 years old, alone in the world, my own mistress and have to earn my own living. Saw your name in the Horseman, in connection with the great international running race. As I want to have a horse loving friend in California to secure me a nice position, also further my interest in various ways, so that I can go there in the near future, I have written you. My eastern place is Wesley P. Balch, but as I am going to California to live for a while shall need a ‘count’ on the Pacific coast. Now if you are a whole souled youth with the ‘ducats,’ good figure and fair looking face, write me and inclose photo, and on receipt of same will tell you more about yours truly.

Defense Wins Point

McNab later declared the estate had scored a tactical advantage by Mrs. Turnbull’s admission of this letter.

It was the only one, he asserted, that she refused to admit at the trial of her seduction suit, and that all the others, which in this case she declared to be forgeries, she then admitted were genuine.

In one of these alleged forgeries occurred a passage describing an oath Mrs. Turnbull took regarding the paternity of Miss Beatrice Anita Turnbull, the plaintiff in the present case. As written, it read:

“May God smite me into a thousand pieces if Colonel Albert Pope is not the father of my child.”

“That is a forged interpretation,” promptly interrupted Mrs. Turnbull. “I did make such an oath on my knees in

Hartman Prevents Theater Fire Panic With His Children

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—What threatened for a few moments to develop into a theater panic horror was avoided today by Ferris Hartman, the comedian of San Francisco, who is appearing with his company at the Grand opera house.

The theater was packed to the doors, fully half of the seats being occupied by children. The performance was progressing smoothly, when a woman sitting close to the stage jumped from her seat, stumbled and ran hysterically to the exit, crying “Fire!”

The gallery started to stampede and in the parquet crying children began an unreasoning scramble for safety. The chorus tried to drown the noise in the audience by singing as loudly as possible. Then Hartman made his appearance. Turning to the wings he called to his children. They answered their father’s call and he took them by the hand.

“There is no danger,” he said. “None. These are my children. I love them, ladies, just as you love your children, and if there was danger I assure you I should try to get them out of the theater instead of holding them here on the stage.”

After Hartman’s speech some one started to applaud. The ushers took it up and in another moment the danger had passed.

New heating apparatus, used for the first time, emitted smoke, which caused the panic.

KAHN HELPS CAUSE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Southerner Is Outwitted and House Told of West’s Independence

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representative Kahn accomplished a good piece of work for San Francisco today by getting recognition in the house and asking unanimous consent for the withdrawal of his exposition bill from the committee on industrial arts and exhibitions. This bill, he explained, provided for an appropriation of \$5,000,000.

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AMERICAN FLEET RILES GERMAN NAVAL EXPERT

Count Reventlow Says Taft and Whole Government Are in Conspiracy to Slight the Kaiser

[Special Cable to The Call]

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Count Reventlow, the eminent naval expert, is bitterly angry over the fraternizing of the American, English and French fleets. He says the omission of the American fleet to visit Germany is a deliberately unfriendly act toward the kaiser and his subjects.

Wilhelmshaven is within a few hours’ sail of England, and no alteration in the English and French programs would be necessary to enable the American ships to extend the courtesy of a visit to the German port.

As the program was drawn up by President Taft and the heads of the

FIRING FIVE SHOTS MAN PURSUES WIFE FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

REDONDO, Dec. 20.—Charged with assaulting his wife with intent to kill, as the result of which she is seriously wounded, Harford Noble, who came here recently from San Francisco, was arrested today and is in the county jail in default of \$2,000 bail.

Mrs. Noble has been employed for the last 11 weeks in a restaurant, and officers state that Noble followed her last night to her room in the Savoy, where the shooting began. She ran down stairs to Pacific avenue and into a hardware store, where two shots

POSTAL AUTHORITIES ARREST BOY ACCUSED OF USING MAIL TO SWINDLE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Dec. 20.—A. L. Williams, 18 years old, was arrested here today by Postoffice Inspector W. G. Swain of San Francisco, charged with using the mails in defrauding the Oregon nursery company of Albany, Ore., out of several hundred dollars. Williams was last year sent to the Preston reform school and later paroled. The charge against him was petty larceny.

BOY KILLED BY AUTO CARRYING BANKER’S WIFE

Mrs. William G. Henshaw, Two Daughters, and Niece Involved in Tragedy

Society Women Return Home While Child Struck by Machine Dies in Hospital

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

AKLAND, Dec. 20.—Mrs. William G. Henshaw, wife of the president of the Union savings bank; two of her daughters, Miss Florence Henshaw and Mrs. Harry Chickering, and her niece, Miss Grimes, became involved this afternoon in a singularly pathetic tragedy, when the limousine in which they were riding crushed out the life of Philip L. Brown, a schoolboy of 10 years. Struck by the heavy automobile as he stepped from the rear of a street-car at the corner of Twelfth and West streets, one block from his widowed mother’s home, the child was stretched dying on the pavement.

Charles Sedgebeer, chauffeur for the Henshaws, was driving the automobile. Unnerved by the accident, he left his seat to pick up the unconscious boy. Mrs. Henshaw also stepped out of the car, gave directions to the chauffeur regarding the injured lad, and departed with her daughters and niece. While the women went to Rosecrest, their home at 116 Adams street, Sedgebeer took the victim of the accident to the receiving hospital.

There Philip Brown expired on the operating table five minutes after he had been carried from the limousine. There also Detectives Flynn and McSorley met Sedgebeer, whom they arrested on a charge of manslaughter. The driver was released later on his own recognizance.

The Henshaw limousine in killing Philip Brown brought a new sorrow into the home of the child’s mother, Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Brown. A widow for several years, the mother has supported her two children, the elder, of whom is James, 12 years old, by working as a nurse. She is registrar of the Alameda County nurses’ association, in charge of the nurses’ home at 86 Thirteenth street. It was there that Philip

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Attorneys Indulge in Fisticuffs in Court Former Judge Fairall and Gould Fined

Two belligerent lawyers who were fined for indulging in an altercation in a Stockton court.



C.H. FAIRALL



F.H. GOULD

LAWYERS PAY DEAR FOR BRIEF FIGHT

Judge Acts as Referee and Charges \$250 for His Services

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 20.—Attorney Frank H. Gould of San Francisco and former Judge Charles H. Fairall of Stockton and San Francisco, had a mixup in the suit they were trying before Superior Judge C. W. Norton, and when the dust had settled Fairall was fined \$150 and Gould \$100. It was not stage money that the embattled barristers had to pay over, but real coin. They paid.

The conflict came in the trial of the action of Jerome Smith vs. the Gate City oil company, in which W. R. Jacobs and others were interested. Fairall, representing Smith, made an insinuation that Jacobs had improperly secured money belonging to the oil company.

“I object to counsel making any further false and lying statements,” declared Attorney Gould.

That started Fairall. He advanced toward Gould and struck him. There was a lively mixup. Subsequently Gould was discovered with Fairall’s head butting him in the stomach. J. W. Moshier and Deputy Sheriff Barney Cassidy joined in the struggle and separated the combatants. Fairall was still full of fight, and put up a lively struggle to be free from the bailiff.

Judge Norton rapped loudly for order. When the fight was finally stopped the case was adjourned until afternoon, when the court assessed the fine on the two lawyers. Neither bore any marks of the struggle, beyond their deflated bank accounts.

BERLIN CLAIMS PICTURE AS STOLEN VAN DYKE

Customs Officers Detain Canvas to Determine Ownership

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Customs officials today refused to deliver to a local art dealer an oil painting which is said to have been purchased abroad for \$40 and is thought to be a famous Van Dyke, stolen from a private gallery in Germany. The painting was held at the request of the government authorities until its ownership should be fully established. The missing Van Dyke represents a boy and is said to have been taken from a private art gallery in Berlin some years ago.

GRAND CENTRAL TRAGEDY REMAINS A MYSTERY

Explosion Investigated Without Any Satisfaction

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Searching inquiry failed today to throw any new light on direct causes of the explosion yesterday in the power substation of the Grand Central, which resulted in more than 100 persons, the injury of more than 100 and a property damage estimated at \$2,000,000.

District Attorney Whitman said tonight: “As yet there is no evidence in my possession which justifies any arrest or the preferring of any criminal charge.

“If explosives were improperly stored or illegally kept upon the premises there is a violation of the law, and it is the duty of the district attorney to bring it to the attention of the grand jury.”

The body removed from the ruins yesterday has been identified as that of Frank J. Nagle, a plumber’s helper.

CHILD DROWNS IN PUDDLE—Ruth Crane, the 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. A. R. Crane of the Angiola section, fell into a little pond near the mouth of an arroyo wall yesterday and drowned in less than six inches of water.

CONSTERNATION IN RENO COURTROOM

Judge Actually Doubts if Fair Seeker of Divorce Really Lives in Nevada

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RENO, Nev., Dec. 20.—It will not be such an easy matter for persons seeking divorces to secure decrees in this city hereafter, if the action taken by District Judge John R. Orr in the case of Corrine Bell of San Francisco and San Jose, who is suing Frank Gay Bell for divorce, is made a precedent.

After Mrs. Bell had recited a tale of cruelty following her marriage in San Jose in April, 1908, in which she said that her husband blackened her eyes and otherwise abused her, Judge Orr questioned her closely as to her residence.

Her attorney, W. H. Schnitzer, tried to produce rent receipts as proof of residence, but the court wanted the sworn testimony of landlords and others with whom Mrs. Bell stated she resided.

This request came like a thunderbolt. A short time ago a weekly paper published an item to the effect that Mrs. Bell, after a three months’ visit out of the state, had returned to Reno to secure her divorce. It is said this caused the inquiry to be made by Judge Orr, and now it will be necessary for petitioners for divorce to bring forward witnesses to testify as to their actual residence in this state.

This will affect many of the cases coming up before the courts, for it is well known that the complainants, after securing residence, make long visits to San Francisco and other cities.

SHAW’S DIVORCED WIFE MARRIED TO CHAUFFEUR

Massachusetts’s Senator Who Opposes Lodge Hears that Daughter of Wealthy Brewer is Mated

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Nettie Eldredge Shaw, who divorced State Senator James F. Shaw, has been married to H. Keno Marble, formerly Shaw’s chauffeur, with whom she disappeared in May, 1908. Such is the news received from Bridgeport, Conn., today.

Mrs. Marble’s decree of divorce became absolute two months ago.

She is the daughter of H. Fisher Eldredge, a wealthy brewer of Portsmouth, N. H. In 1895 she married Shaw, who is president of the Interborough railroad here and leading opponent of United States Senator Lodge within the republican party.

When she left Shaw’s home she took their son, Eldredge Fisher Shaw, and went to her father’s house. From there she and the boy went to California, and simultaneously Marble left Shaw’s employ.

MRS. HERMANN OELRICHS VISITS CITY TO INSPECT HER REALTY HOLDINGS

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs arrived from New York last evening to inspect her San Francisco realty holdings. She has not been here previously in two years. Hermann Oelrichs, her son, accompanied her and they took apartments at the Fairmont. Miss Lily O’Connor, an old friend, met her at the depot and accompanied her to the hotel.

Of the various holdings of Mrs. Oelrichs the Fairmont hotel, which is

leased to the Palace hotel company, is the only piece bringing in an income. It is said that her mission here is to do something with the old Crossley building site at New Montgomery and Mission streets, which is unimproved. Her other interests lie between the Presidio and Fort Mason on the bay shore.

Thomas Magee looks after Mrs. Oelrichs’ property here. She refused to say anything about her mission.

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 20.—Arthur Montag, known here and at Sacramento and Fresno as “Fireball Bill,” a porter in a local saloon, is heir to an estate worth \$116,000 in Germany. He will leave in a few days to claim his property. Montag received notice of his good fortune yesterday through the German consul

LOCAL MEN IN WIRELESS COMPANY

San Franciscans Incorporate a \$25,000,000 Company in Arizona

BEACH THOMPSON IS HEAD OF GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE

Stations Are Already in Operation in the South and Nearby Cities

WILL OPERATE UNDER THE PATENTS OF POULSEN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

A \$25,000,000 corporation, designed to operate throughout the United States in wireless telegraphy and telephony, has been organized by San Francisco millionaires. Already they have expended approximately \$250,000 in the enterprise, and such is their faith in the patents they have acquired that they are preparing to finance the project along gigantic lines. Working quietly and keeping their plans from the public, they have erected and equipped stations in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Stockton and El Paso, Tex.

Beach Thompson is the president of the new company. Thompson recently sold the Stanislaus river power company to the United Railways investment company for \$5,000,000. Among those associated with Thompson are the following well known local capitalists: E. W. Hopkins of the Hopkins estate, president of the Union Ice company, and director of the Bank of California; George A. Pope of the Pope estate, member of the lumber firm of Pope & Talbot, and director in several local banks; Howard P. Veeder, formerly interested with Thompson in the Stanislaus river power company; J. Henry Meyer of the banking firm of Antoine Borel & Co., and director of Wells Fargo Nevada national bank and the Union trust company, and S. E. Slade of the Slade lumber company.

Incorporated in Arizona

Connected with the new company are also Charles D. Marx, professor of civil engineering at Stanford university, and C. F. Elwell, an electrical engineer recently graduated from Stanford.

While these constitute the main financial and scientific personnel of the company, it is understood that several other local businessmen are interested in the big enterprise.

The concern has filed its articles in Arizona under the name of the Poulsen wireless company. It takes its name from the Poulsen patent, which forms the distinguishing feature of the company and the special element which its promoters believe will bring success.

A year ago C. F. Elwell, the electrical engineer, and some of the professors in the engineering department at Stanford became deeply interested in the wireless device of Valdemar Poulsen, the Danish inventor. Through a series of experiments they demonstrated to their own satisfaction its value as a means of successfully commercializing the wireless system. They formed a little company among themselves. Later Elwell visited Poulsen in Copenhagen, made an intensive study of his invention and obtained the American rights. Upon his return he and his associates at Stanford interested Beach Thompson, who in turn interested his fellow capitalists.

Have Station at Beach

It was not the intention of the promoters to divulge their plans at this time, but through the incorporation in Arizona their purpose was disclosed.

It was stated yesterday that the company would not be ready to enter the commercial field for some months yet. Its work at present, it was said, consisted of a series of experiments and tests. Communication, both by wireless telegraphy and wireless telephone, has been established between San Francisco and Stockton. Messages have been exchanged with the station at El Paso.

The local station has been established at the beach and has been an object of mystery as well as interest since its construction a few weeks ago. It consists of two mighty masts and receiving apparatus.

The Poulsen patents have been acquired in France and Germany by the respective governments and installations have been begun. Its value, according to the local wireless magnates, lies in the fact that it has been able to surmount three obstacles that have to the present hindered commercial wireless. These three obstacles have been: Inability to transmit messages during the daytime, failure to transmit over the land, and the openness or lack of privacy of communication. Heretofore, it is said, the wireless system has been successful only at night, and then only over the water. The sea has exercised

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