

DON'T FAIL TO SEE
Three Wise Men of the West
AND
A Christmas Vision Over Lone Mountain
IN THE SUNDAY CALL

THE CALL



THE WEATHER
YESTERDAY—Highest temperature, 58;
lowest Wednesday night, 46.
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Fair, with
low fog in morning; light east wind, changing
to north.

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25 DIE IN CHICAGO STOCK YARDS BLAZE

WALL FALLS ON FIRE CHIEF AND MANY HELPERS

Explosion of Cold Air in Packing
Plant Wrecks Building
During Fire

Mayor Busse Searches for Body
of Friend Amid Shower of
Bricks and Beams

Flames Break Out Afresh After
Men Are Exhausted by
Sixteen Hour Fight

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Of the 25 men
killed in a fire at the stock yards
today by falling walls, the bodies
of 19, including that of Fire Chief
James Horan, had been taken from the
ruins at a late hour tonight. The list
of dead includes the chief, the assistant
chief, two captains, five lieutenants, 12
city firemen, two private firemen and a
railroad employe.

It was many hours after the explosion
of cold air within the beef refriger-
ator of Morris & Co.'s plant, which
threw a wall on a squad of men, before
the bodies could be released by a
steam derrick.

All the 15 firemen who were injured
will recover.

Fire Breaks Out Afresh

The fire broke out afresh at 8 o'clock
tonight after it had taxed the strength
of the fire department for 16 hours.
Acting Chief Seyferlich sent a general
call to outlying stations for fresh men.
These, aided by police reserves, con-
tinued the fight on the fire and the
search for bodies of the dead.

Mayor Busse spent 10 hours today
personally directing the search for the
body of Chief Horan, who had been a
lifelong friend.

Insurance inspectors tonight said
that the killing of the chief and his
men was not due to an ammonia ex-
plosion, as at first was supposed, but
to the sudden expansion of cold air in
the beef warehouse. This, it is said,
caused the four story wall to fall as
violently as though an explosion had
occurred within the building.

Known Dead and Missing
The following are the known dead:
JAMES HORAN, fire marshal.
WILLIAM J. BURROUGHS, assistant marshal.
PATRICK E. COLLINS, engine captain.
DENNIS DOYLE, engine captain.
JOSEPH MURAWSKI, pipeman.
CHARLES MOORE, truckman.

Among the missing are the follow-
ing:
Thomas O'Connor, pipeman; James Foster,
pipeman; Joseph Osborn, driver; J. H. Behrens,
driver; Nicholas Crane, truckman; Frank Waters,
pipeman.

Two retired fire companies, the names being:
Charles Berkley, lieutenant; Charles Swenick,
William J. Dalley, Peter J. Kill, William T.
Weber; John P. Dubash, lieutenant; Charles
Conroy John G. Link, Joseph P. Mulhern, Francis
P. Egan, John J. McClary, James J. Baunon,
John Helfert, William T. Murphy.

Flames Spread Quickly
The blaze was discovered at about 4
o'clock by a watchman in the Morris
beehouse at Forty-third and Loomis
streets. It spread so quickly that the
watchman barely had turned in the
alarm before the flames began burst-
ing from the building.

Fire Marshal Horan, at his home in
the west side, heard the second call for
apparatus and went to the stockyards
in his automobile. By the time of his
arrival his assistants had abandoned
the effort to save the beehouse and
were endeavoring to head off the rush
of fire toward other buildings. Flames
were coming from several structures
nearby.

The awning which later became the
destroyer of a score of lives seemed to
offer a shelter from the flames. Under
this the crews fled for shelter, led by
Horan, Burroughs and Pitzgerald.

Wall Falls on Firemen
On top of the canopy another group
of firemen played streams of water into
the heart of the fire. Lieutenant
Joseph Mackey, leader of the band
above, felt the wall going and shouted
a warning to those below. He jumped
with his men and escaped death. But
below the canopy found victims.

Meanwhile firemen who knew nothing
of this and augmented by constantly
arriving aides, stood their ground
at building after building only to be
driven back.

Assistant Marshal Seyferlich, then
in command, realizing the futility of
leaving property then ablaze, drew all
the men back and acknowledged at
10.15 o'clock that the whole stockyards
district was in danger.

"We've got no water here, and we
can't do anything effectively," he
said. "The thing really is beyond our
control right now."

Only One Man Escapes
Captain H. H. Fuchs of engine com-
pany 29, who had just left Marshal
Horan with orders for his company,

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Assistant fire marshal, who was
killed in the Chicago fire, and the
mayor, who narrowly escaped
death when bricks were thrown by
ammonia explosion.



LOVE LETTERS OF DUCHESS ARE READ

Sensational Epistles Introduced
as Evidence in French
Swindle Suit

TOURS, France, Dec. 22.—A tem-
pestuous day in the court where Count
d'Aulby de Gatigny and his American
wife are on trial on the charge of
swindling, reached a climax today in
the introduction of love letters, alleged
to have been written to D'Aulby by
the duchess of Choiseul-Pralsin, the
plaintiff in the case, while she was
the wife of Charles Hamilton Paine.

During the reading of these letters,
which the duchess refused to acknowl-
edge as hers, the duchess and the
"Countess" D'Aulby sat side by side,
exchanging furtive glances, while the
courtroom, jammed to suffocation with
fashionable women, was filled with
sighs, murmurs and exclamations, as
all strained to catch the words.

"I love you so hard," read M. Bern-
ard, counsel for D'Aulby, "that it
makes me ill. You have given your-
self to me. All I ask is that you love
me always. That is God's best gift.
The day passes, fire dies, but my love
goes on forever. It is an incandescent,
consuming flame that dulls me, sitting
at your knees, cradled in your heart."

"LUCY,"

The duchess underwent a pitiless
cross examination as to her relations
with D'Aulby, but she refused to an-
swer many questions and begged the
court to intervene to spare her.

She charged that D'Aulby demanded
\$200,000 for the return of letters which
she had written him, and that his en-
tire conduct was that of a blackmailer,
after the discovery that the paintings
were worthless. She denied that she
presented jewelry to D'Aulby, including
a golden padlock, bearing the inscrip-
tion: "You have the key."

M. Labigur, business agent of the
duchess, whom M. Bernard attacked
yesterday, sent a challenge tonight to
Bernard to a duel, but the seconds de-
cided that M. Bernard had not exceeded
his rights and that a duel was not jus-
tified.

RAILROAD CONFERENCE
ENDS IN DEADLOCK

Wage Controversy Baffles Labor
Commissioner Neill

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Settlement of the
wage controversy between the manag-
ing committee and the engineers of 61
western railroads was not in sight to-
night, although Labor Commissioner
Charles P. Neill spent the day in con-
ference with the engineers.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the
engineers, declared that the men would
not recede from their demands, and
when the conference adjourned no plans
were made for another meeting in the
immediate future.

Neill met members of the railroads
committee in conference tonight.

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BURKE QUAILS AS DYNAMITE STORY IS TOLD

Mining Engineer Tells of Doctor
Having Powder Set Off
for His Benefit

Physician, With Bowed Head,
Hears Witness Tell of His
Carrying Explosive Away

By HARRY DAVIDS
[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 22.—For the first
time since the inception of the
trial there was brought forth to-
day evidence connecting Dr. Willard P.
Burke with the dynamite of the tent
in which lived Luetta Smith. Until
this evidence was produced all that
the jury had to travel on was a super-
abundance of motive which led to the
offense and the conditions which fol-
lowed.

Of the matter charging the aged
physician with the crime there was
not a particle until Thomas L. Riley,
a mining engineer, took the stand.
With him began the weaving of the
case proper against Doctor Burke. His
testimony was damaging. He was a
positive witness. He had no hesitancy
whatever in stating the facts beneficial
to the prosecution, and he combated,
with a marked degree of cleverness all
that the defense attempted to drag
from him.

A change came over Doctor Burke as
Riley testified. With the others in the
courtroom he seemed to feel that the
preliminaries were over, that the hour
had approached when he would have
to face the accusations in all their
seriousness. He bowed his head over his
notes and consulted with his attorneys.
To his wife who sat by him, he said
not a word.

Material Routs Immaterial

The philosophy, the talk of love, re-
ligion and conventionality died away
as Riley made public his story. All
that had gone before seemed to be
utterly immaterial, utterly worthless
in the face of his statements.

"I was employed at the Orville
mine," he said, "when last February,
Doctor Burke visited it. At that time
I was having my dinner. I was not the
head of the mine, you understand, and
was busier over my dinner than any-
thing else. Then I was informed that
Doctor Burke wished to see some dynamite
exploded. He said that though he
had been around mines for a long
time he had never seen any dynamite
let loose. The foreman of the mine,
a Mr. Hatch, spoke to me about it and
to please the doctor I went into the
room in which the dynamite was kept
and picked up half a stick. Then I
set the cap and exploded the dynamite.
He followed my movements.

"Later he said that there was a rock
in a stream by the sanatorium which
he wanted to blow away and talked
with me about it. I put a cap on a
fuse and he put the capped fuse in
his overcoat pocket. A short time af-
terward he asked for some dynamite
and Mr. Hatch gave him some, wrapped
up in paper. He put this dynamite in
his overcoat pocket."

Witness Balks Defense

This was the dynamite which Doctor
Burke is said to have used in the at-
tempt to kill Lu Etta Smith. The de-
fense endeavored to break this testi-
mony, but without avail. They tried
to show that the reason for Doctor
Burke visiting the mine was for the
purpose of showing a blue print to
Riley, but the latter, admitting the
matter of the blue print, stuck forcibly
to his evidence in regard to him
showing Burke the use of the dynamite.

Riley testified that he had made an
experiment, following the same condi-
tions under which the tent of Lu Etta
Smith had been blown up, and said
that under similar circumstances it
would require a minute or a minute
and a half for every one to get clear
of the premises.

Looks Beyond Jury

The defense is making use of every
opportunity to discredit the case of the
prosecution. It is fighting hard. Never
a chance goes by where an objection is
available but that the objection is put
in. From its tactics now it does not
look for much hope at the hands of the
jury, but looks rather to decision of
an appellate court.

Sheriff Jack Smith was called to tes-
tify today and told of the situation
following the explosion.

"The Sunday following the explo-
sion," he said, "I interviewed Lu Etta
Smith. I was accompanied by the dis-
trict attorney and the court reporter.
After hearing her testimony I went out
of the tent and saw Burke. He had
been listening to Lu Etta Smith and I
said to him:

"Well, doctor, in the face of the
statement made by Lu Etta Smith, I
would like to hear from you."

"He replied: 'The woman is crazy.
The child is not mine; that is to say,
is not mine except spiritually. Lu Etta
Smith has gone around saying I was
the father of her child, but this is not
true.'"

The following letter, written by Doc-
tor Burke to Sheriff Smith soon after
the explosion,

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COOK MUM BUT PASSENGERS IN GREAT WRANGLE

Explorer Returns to New York
With Little to Say of
Trip to Pole

Fellow Voyagers, However, Nab
Reporters and Argue
Violently

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Dr. Freder-
ick A. Cook came back to his na-
tive land today on the steamship
George Washington as calmly as if
there had never been a north pole con-
troversy. A typewritten interview,
handed to reporters, embraced all that
he had to say.

Of far more dramatic interest was a
heated controversy among the steam-
ship passengers concerning the im-
pression he had made on them. The
doctor asserted that he believed he
was at the pole. His statement in part
follows:

"I have no statement to make other
than that which I carefully prepared.
Any interview I might give would
necessarily be fragmentary and doubt-
less misleading also, so I shall not now
give out any interviews, and any pur-
sues me."

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Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of interior.

DEATH OF HUNGER SOUGHT BY MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

With Pantry Well Stocked, Women Enter Into Suicide
Pact to End Their Lives by Torturous Starvation

CHICO, Dec. 22.—In the fulfillment of
a pact that meant slow, tortuous death,
their bodies emaciated, their lips puffed
and swollen and their eyes staring
wildly at the ceiling, Mrs. William
Whiteline and her daughter, Miss La-
vina Corey, were found dying today by
police when they broke into their home
at the request of neighbors. In the
growsome find of the officers was the
weird explanation of the moans that
had been issuing from the darkened
little cottage for the last three days.

While the wasted condition of the
women's bodies and the riveted gaze
of their eyes told the story of starva-
tion, the unmistakable evidence that
they had agreed to let time kill them,
was found in the well stocked condition
of the pantry. The discolored condi-
tion of the lips gave the impression
that poison had been taken, but no
trace of a deadly drug could be found

in the house. The physicians say that
the women can not live.

After several days' seclusion, Mrs.
Whiteline appeared Monday and pinned
a note on the front door of the house
at 740 Orient street bearing the words,
"Dear friends, am not at home." Then
she retired to the house and the blinds
were drawn. Since that time no sign
of life has been seen about the place.
Persons living in the vicinity heard low
cries as they passed the place Tues-
day and until this afternoon the next
door neighbors could distinguish moans.

When the police broke into the place
the women lay motionless, the mother
under her bed and the daughter in her
night dress on the floor in an adjoining
room.

Mrs. Whiteline is 61 years old and her
daughter is 33. The husband and father,
William Whiteline, conducts a
shooting gallery in Oakland.

AMERICAN WINS \$30,000 DAILY AND MONTE CARLO BANK IS IN DANGER

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—A
cablegram from France tells of the ex-
traordinary winnings of Will Darn-
brough, a Bloomington boy, at Monte
Carlo. It is stated that he has been
successful to the extent of \$30,000 daily
for the last week, and is threatening the
bank.

Darnbrough has been in Europe for
he last 10 or 15 years, and has won and
lost many fortunes. Of late years he
has ranked with the most successful

players at Monte Carlo and other Euro-
pean resorts, and a year ago was cred-
ited with winning \$100,000.

During the last week, according to
the cablegram from Monte Carlo, it has
been observed that he plays 29 offense
than any other number, which has
started a run on 29 at roulette by those
who wish to profit by the American's
luck. It is said that Darnbrough plays
roulette almost exclusively, and always
plunges, betting thousands of francs on
each flight of the ball.

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DISHONESTY CHARGED IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

Major W. W. Forsyth, Sixth cavalry, U. S. A.



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BUD MARS FLIES TO OTHER CLIMES

Aviation Committee Goes Up in
the Air When It Hears of
His Departure

The unexpected departure of Bud
Mars, the birdman, on the Wilhelmina
for a trip to the orient as the first lap
of a journey around the world, during
which he will make flights in his aéro-
plane, has aroused the ire of the com-
mittee in charge of the aviation meet
to be held in this city next month, and
also of Glenn H. Curtiss, through whom
Mars was signed for the local meet.

In justification of his action, Mars
said that a tour of the world meant
\$50,000 to him, as against the \$5,000
offered him here. His agent had made
the arrangements necessitating his
early departure, although he had sought
unsuccessfully to have the date of his
sailing deferred, so that he might grati-
fy his wish to fly in this city.

Curtiss asserts that Mars has cast
discredit upon the Curtiss camp by fail-
ing to keep his agreement, and to
show that all aviators do not regard
their word so lightly, he says he will
make a great many concessions and
give numerous extra features in the
way of exhibitions and flights here.

F. E. Scottford, chairman of the local
aviation board, was indignant when he
learned of Mars' intention to go to the
orient.

The following telegram was received
by Mayor McCarthy yesterday from
Mayor Alexander of Los Angeles:

"Key of Los Angeles offered your
aviation during second annual interna-
tional charity aviation meet, December
24 to January 3, inclusive. We will fly
Brookings, Hoxsey, Parmelee, Curtiss,
Willard, Ely, McCurdy, Latham and
Radley. Los Angeles bids your city
welcome."

MRS. WALKER C. GRAVES
PAYS CUSTOMS PENALTY
\$1,104 Fine Imposed for Failure
to Declare Jewelry

The failure of Mrs. Walker C.
Graves, society woman and wife of the
democratic politician, to declare jewel-
ry valued at \$368 when she arrived at
this port from the orient on the steam-
er China last September has cost her
\$1,511, in addition to the amount origi-
nally paid for the valuables. Mrs.
Graves was ordered to pay a fine of
\$1,104 by Collector of the Port Stratton
for neglecting to declare the jewelry,
and yesterday her husband was com-
pelled to pay \$407 more in order to bid
in the confiscated articles at the auc-
tion sale conducted by the government
appraiser.

BANDIT ROBBS SUNSET EXPRESS IN EL PASO

Train Stopped in Heart of City
for Thug's Flight

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—The Sunset
express, the Southern Pacific passenger
train to New Orleans, was robbed in
the heart of the city tonight by a high-
wayman.

With two drawn revolvers the bandit
forced a porter to walk ahead of him
through the Pullman, and commanded
the passengers to stand and deliver. He
secured \$130 and two railway tickets.

After riding less than three blocks
the robber commanded a brakeman to
stop the train. As it slowed down he
jumped off and disappeared.

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WRONGDOING DENIED BY FORSYTH

Complaint Against His Adminis-
tration Investigated by the
Interior Department

SPECIAL AGENT SENDS
REPORT TO BALLINGER

Supervisor Gabriel Sovulewski
Included in Attack on
Army Officer

CONTRACTOR ALLEGES
MONEY HAS BEEN WASTED

CHARGES of discrimination, dis-
honesty and incompetency in the
administration of affairs in Yose-
mite valley, directed at Major W. W.
Forsyth of the Sixth cavalry and Su-
pervisor Gabriel Sovulewski, have
prompted Richard A. Ballinger, sec-
retary of the department of the in-
terior, to institute a rigorous investi-
gation.

E. A. Dixon, a special agent in the
department of the interior, was de-
tached from Washington to hear the
charges. After several weeks in the
valley he concluded his task December
15. The report will be transmitted to
Washington for action at the hands of
Ballinger.

Contractor Makes Charges
Thomas H. Carter, a contractor who
has built many of the trails in the
valley, preferred the charges against
Sovulewski and Forsyth and was active
in getting the facts before Dixon. In
his charges he recited the fact that
\$35,000 had been appropriated by the
federal government for the construc-
tion of four miles of road in the floor
of the valley, but alleged that the
funds had been dissipated and that
only a small portion of the work had
been accomplished. He also set forth
that Supervisor Sovulewski had been
guilty of irregularities in cutting hay
and timber in the valley and in selling
these products. His charges concluded
as follows:

"There are many other evidences of
discrimination, dishonesty and incom-
petency that can be produced and
proved on an investigation of the ad-
ministration of W. W. Forsyth and Ga-
briel Sovulewski and we earnestly re-
quest a thorough investigation imme-
diately."

Bid on Road Rejected
Carter is a member of the firm of
Carter & McCauley, which submitted
a bid for the construction of the ma-
cadam road in the valley, but their
proposal was rejected and the govern-
ment thereupon undertook the work.
He was particularly incensed at the
treatment accorded him when he remon-
strated. Because of his outspoken oppo-
sition to the conduct of affairs by the man-
agement in the valley he received a let-
ter directing him to leave the valley,
it being set forth that he was a charac-
ter not wanted there.

On receipt of this command Carter
left the valley, but soon returned.
This time he said he would not go
unless he was compelled to leave by
force. It so chanced that Dixon ar-
rived in the valley at this time to
conduct the investigation and Carter
was accordingly permitted to remain
and thus given an opportunity to tes-
tify in substantiation of his charges.

Army Rule Resented
Major Forsyth, against whom there
have been many protests, is now occu-
pying quarters at the Presidio in this
city for the winter months. He is on
two months' leave. He was formerly
stationed in Yellowstone park, but has
been in Yosemite valley much of the
time since the state ceded the Yose-
mite valley back to the federal govern-
ment. Campers have complained bit-
terly of the restrictions which have been
thrown about them by the army and
many have been the regrets expressed
by the people residing in the valley
that the state had given it up.

Some months ago Major Forsyth ap-
peared in the ludicrous position of en-
forcing an order that all cats be driven
out of the valley. Not only was the
mewing tabby marked for slaughter,
but dogs were also included in the
restrictions. The charges preferred by
Carter were treated with contempt by
Major Forsyth when questioned at the
Presidio yesterday.

"The whole thing is absurd and the
charges are ridiculous on the face,"
said he. "Mr. Dixon has completed his
investigation and I decline to be inter-
viewed in advance of the announce-
ment of the decision by the depart-
ment."

BANK FOR CONCORD—Washington, Dec. 22.—
The comptroller of the currency has received
the application of F. W. Fossett, John Sutton,
M. N. Brockbridge, W. L. Brown and J. V.
Inloe to organize a first national bank of
Concord, Cal., with a capital of \$25,000.

CONTRACTOR KILLED BY CAR—Long Beach,
Dec. 22.—Dennis Flynn, a contractor, 47 years
of age, today stopped from a local streetcar
and directly in front of a Los Angeles inter-
urban going at a high rate of speed and was
instantly killed.

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