AGED WOMAN IS BEATEN BY BRUTAL THUG

Mrs. Ellen Johns Pleads for Mercy When Robber Uses Pistol

Youth Acts as Lookout While His Companion Ruthlessly Takes Widow's Mite

two to the general description of the bandits.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Policemen Frank McConnell and Tom Curtis were sent to Kearny street to look for the suspects. They came across the two men in a saloon and arrested them.

The police are certain they have the bandits. This belief is supported by the closeness with which Burke fits the description of one of the robbers. The assailant of Mrs. Johns is described as being swarthy of complexion, with black eyes, black hair, smooth face and a peculiar swelling on the left side of the nose. Burke has all the general features and also has the peculiar swelling on the left side of the nose.

STATEMENTS CONFLICT

Burke when questioned admitted he had been arrested before and said he had been with Ross part of the afternoon. His statements relating to his movements with Ross were conflicting. He stated he had met Ross at 4:30 o'clock and Ross said they had been together at noon. Ross said they had become acquainted in Los Angeles and Burke said they first knew each other in Seattle. Both were held pending further investigation.

Roy Burgess, a clerk in the grocery store, told of the two thugs having visited the store earlier in the afternoon. This is as Mrs. Johns stated. She said that the man entered and bought 10 cents worth of tobacco. The boy remained by the door.

Mrs. Johns was in the store at the time and became very nervous. She later told Burgess of having felt an uneasiness at the presence of the men which she could not explain. Burgess was about to leave the store to make deliveries when the men entered. Mrs. Johns said to him:

"Please don't leave me alone with these men."

Burgess laughed at her fears, but stayed in the store until the men had taken their leave. Burgess gave a good description of the two. He had a slight difference with the dark man concerning the price of the package, and had a good look at him.

Burgess left the store shortly before 5 o'clock and delivered groceries at the home of Mrs. Johns, 130 Haight street. He then went to his home at 120 Haight street.

Bodie Family Beaten In Close Game

The Bodie family team went down to defeat yesterday afternoon in the St. Ignatius grounds before the Barney Frankel nine in a well played game, in which the winning run came along in the ninth inning. The final score was 3 to 2.

The feature of the contest was the work in center field of Krause, Connie Mack's twirler, who played with the victors. Ping Bodie played a good game at second. Batteries—Barney Frankels, Benham and Perkins; Bodie family, Russell and Bodie.

MINOR BASEBALL

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—Four scheduled games were played today in the Oakland Commercial Midwinter baseball league, leaving the standing of the clubs as follows:

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
All Stars	3	0	1000
Owls	2	1	666
Braley Grotes	2	1	666
Enquirers	2	1	666
Pierce hardware	1	1	500
Company N (L. C. C.)	1	2	333
Examiners	0	2	000
M. J. Schoenfelds	0	3	000

The All Stars secured their lead in the league by defeating the Pierce hardware nine at the Grove street grounds in Berkeley this afternoon. The score was 4 to 1.

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The All Stars pulled off three brilliant double plays, in which Le Han, Monroe and Hayes figured. Slim Nelson and McCoy umpired the game. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
All Stars	4	6	3
Pierce Hardware	1	2	10

Batteries—Le Han and Williams; Rose and Calby.

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At 2:30 this afternoon the Examiner team played the Company N team. The game was well contested, Company N pulling out on the long end. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Examiners	1	9	6
Company N	5	6	2

Batteries—Ray, Vares and Rankin; Leheroux and Costello.

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The Braley-Grote nine took a fall out of the M. J. Schoenfelds this afternoon to the tune of 9 to 0. The game was played at the State league grounds and was well contested up to the last two innings, when it developed into a slugfest. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Braley Grotes	9	8	1
M. J. Schoenfelds	0	1	12

Batteries—Fenton and Briggs; Cummings and Dahl.

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The Owls fell down in their standing when the Enquirer team whitewashed them in a one sided game, with a 10—0 score. The game was played at the State league park. It was devoid of features.

The Enquirer team hit the ball at will and had no difficulty in winning. The umpiring of Husband and Morse was satisfactory to all. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Enquirers	10	10	0
Owls	0	1	7

Batteries—Bond and Dunn; Peterson, Myalls and Guinelman.

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OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The crack Bohemian nine showed their class in defeating the fast Emeryville team at the latter's grounds this afternoon.

The game was the third one of a hotly contested series, the first going to the Emeryville aggregation, while the second resulted in a tie. The slugging of First Baseman Thompson of the Bohemians, who secured five safeties out of as many times at bat, was easily the feature. Shortstop Ward of the same team tore off 11 clever fielding stunts. The heavy hitting of the Bohemians forced the Emeryville team to use three pitchers. Purdy pitched a strong game for the victors. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Bohemians	10	10	1
Emeryville	2	8	2

Batteries—Purdy and Moore; Sinclair, Fink, Smith and Crosswaite.

MASSON FLITS AT SANTA BARBARA

Ivy Baldwin Drops Ten Feet And Damages His Airship

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 1.—The first day of Santa Barbara's aviation meet was saved from being a grievous disappointment by the sensational flight of Masson, the Frenchman, in a Curtiss-Farnum biplane. His feats more htna made up for the failure of Ivy Baldwin, who, in a similar though smaller machine, made repeated efforts to get off the ground. He finally rose 10 feet and fell. Two ribs of one plane were snapped and other small damage sustained by the machine, though Baldwin was uninjured. His car was then towed ignominiously to camp just as Masson made ready for his first trials, flying a few times back and forth across the field, demonstrating complete control, the ability to rise and fall at will.

His engine is a new type, made in Oakland and tried for the second time today. It has eight cylinders, the propeller making 1,200 revolutions a minute and a speed of over 50 miles an hour being attained.

Masson sailed away toward the mountains. In three minutes the car was lost to sight in the shadows of distant canyons, but was located again when the afternoon sun glistened on the white rudder as the turn was made.

Coming back at express speed, Masson landed where he had started amidst the plaudits of 3,000 persons. He had traveled six miles in seven minutes and attained an altitude of 500 feet. Later he climbed to a height of 3,000 feet, describing several spirals as he descended with great rapidity, making a perfect landing.

ELEVATOR MAN HAS TROUBLES OF HIS OWN

Running a "Lift" Is Anything But Easy

"Sure, we have our troubles the same as most people," said an elevator conductor in a down town office building as he stood by the lever of his cage the other day waiting for the familiar clack clack of the starter's signal to begin another ascent to the roof of the structure.

"Perhaps you think this is an easy job runnin' an express car in a building like this. Well, it's harder than it looks. It's the kicks that make most of the troubles for us, though.

"You see, we have to run these cars on a regular schedule. So many have to be at the top of the line and so many on the earth. To keep 'em at regular intervals so the engineer in the basement won't holler his head off because his machines are actin' up, is the starter's job. To hustle the passengers on and off with a fast schedule or in the rush hours is up to us. Of course they kick at times. Don't know as I blame 'em, either. It ain't everybody that wants to dive in and out of these cars. But our job's a whole lot like the engineer on the fast run; if he can't make the time he's shelved to a milk train of a freight run.

"Can't talk now," said the conductor. "We're 'local' from here up." During later brief moments of respite, says the Chicago News, he continued:

"Lots of the kicks come from people who forget to press the floor buttons. It ain't our fault if we don't stop when they holler 'down' or 'up'; we're not allowed to. They complain to the starter, though. Then a bunch of people ask us where Mr. Jones' office is or the building address of this or that man. We don't know that, either; that's part of the starter's job, too; but they don't seem to appreciate the fact. Then there's the nervous party who won't get on or off if the car jiggles a little at a floor or when it ain't just even with the gettin'-off place, and we get roasted if we ain't mind readers and don't stop at their floors without their telling us, or if the car is crowded or if they get the 'step-lively-please' too often, and a dozen other things. Then the cars don't always work right, you know. Of course, that's always our fault with a lot of people.

"We work on an average of nine and a half hours a day," added the cage man, "and we have to hustle nearly all the time to get our average pay of $60 a month. Besides we have to have a working knowledge of the mechanism so's to fix things if anything happens. You never see many fat men runnin' elevator cars, do you? Sure not."

BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES DEFY COUNTERFEITERS

Invented to Prevent Slaughter of Forgers

About the year 1819 a great outcry was raised against the Bank of England for not adopting a style of note that could not be imitated, at the same time preventing the sacrifice of life which at that period was all too common, the punishment for forgery being death. The subject at last became so pressing that the government appointed commissioners to investigate the cause of the numerous forgeries, and whether a mode could be devised whereby the forging of banknotes might be prevented. The result was the banknote of today. The color of the paper is peculiar and can not be imitated exactly by counterfeiters except at great expense. The combined thinness and strength of the paper are also unique. It is made in sheets large enough for two notes. Each note, before it is sized, weighs about 18 grains, and if then doubled it is strong enough to suspend a weight of 36 pounds.

Peculiar, too, is the texture of the paper. It has a crisp feel, invariably the same, and such that bank clerks of experience can readily detect forgeries by this test alone. Then the wire mark, impressed in the making by a frame costly to make and difficult to use, is practically inimitable. Each note has thin, rough edges, uncut, not to be produced by any mode of cutting paper that is not made expressly for the purpose.

The paper for printing is dampened with water in the exhausted receiver of an air pump. The ink used in the plate printing is made of Frankfort black, which is composed of the charcoals of the tendrils and husks of the German grape, ground with linseed oil. This ink has a peculiar and very deep shade of black, common black inks being tinted with blue or brown.

Figures may not lie, but they won't convince a boy that summer vacation days are longer than winter days at school.

Half a dozen women can talk at the same time, and each thinks her train of thought has the exclusive right of way.

The world is filled with men who are anxious to save their country—at the polls—for a consideration.

Much abused people usually deserve it.

DIED

DORAN—In tis city, December 29, 1910, Maurice Doran, a native of Ireland, aged 68 years.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Tuesday), January 3, 1911, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., from the funeral parlors of Green, Ryan & Donohoe, northeast corner of Sixteenth and Guerrero streets, thence to St. Joseph's church, where services will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment Holy Cross cemetery.

CONTESTS ARE ON CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Novel Features Are Being Arranged for the Fete in Hayes Valley

Competition Keen Among Children for Honor of Representing Father of Country

The royalty chosen to preside over the Hayes valley carnival will have a thrilling series of motor cycle races presented to them and their court and subjects. The committee in charge of the Washington birthday celebration is planning a series of motor cycle races, the first to be held in the streets of San Francisco.

The San Francisco motor cycle club has appointed W. Collins, F. A. Campbell and Charles W. Woodward a committee to arrange for the runs. The races will be held in Van Ness avenue.

It is also proposed to hold competitions over the Haight and Hayes street hills and a race from the Presidio to Hayes valley, via Lombard street and Van Ness and Golden Gate avenues.

The Twin Peaks fife and drum corps and Company A of the Native Sons guard will act as escort for the king and queen, and for George Washington and Martha Washington. C. W. Walker, secretary of Twin Peaks fife and drum corps, has written to the carnival committee offering the services of the martial music.

There is a lively contest on for the royal honors. Among those in the race for queen is Miss Jeanne Leavy, a popular belle of Hayes valley. The children are keen in their competition for the honor of representing George and Martha Washington. Among the candidates to represent Martha Washington are Alberta Kragen and Vera Mills, and among the boys who would appear as the father of their country are Frank Hussey and Joe Udell.

BRAZIL BUILDING UP BIG FLOUR INDUSTRY

Government Offers Inducements for Erection of Mills

The United States in times past has done a large business in flour with Brazil, but it appears the volume must grow smaller with each year until it finaly vanishes, writes Commercial Agent John M. Turner.

The United States was buying so much more of Brazil than Brazil was buying of the United States that a preferential duty was granted on flour and some other articles amounting to 20 per cent. This preferential is in force now, against Argentina as well as others.

Brazil has been endeavoring to build up a national industry in milling, and to do so has offered inducements for the erection of flour mills, which must be protected. If the question of preferential should be reopened at this time, it is said by those who know, that much opposition would at once be brought to bear by local millers to have the entire preferential wiped out, on the ground that it would likely injure the national industry.

Brazil is not raising enough wheat to feed the country and must import both wheat and flour until she does. The imports of flour have fallen off and those of wheat have increased, so the millers can justly claim that their industry is entitled to support and encouragement. In years when Argentina has a short crop the busines from the United States in flour will increase, and should Argentina experience a crop failure all the trade of Brazil will come to the United States, unless the local mills are able to import wheat from Canada or Australia or India to compete. The local mills would hardly be expected to shut down, but they could not run so heavily as to supply other than home trade, leaving the outports north of Rio to the United States.

HURRY, CHILDREN! IT'S SCHOOL DAY

Spring Term Opens Today for 42,000 Pupils of the City

Two New Buildings Will Relieve Congestion Which Has Existed Since Fire

Public schools of the city will open for the spring term tomorrow. After seven weeks' vacation 42,000 children will return to their studies to commence the new terms of 100 school days.

Two new school buildings will be occupied for the first time, the Commercial day and evening school which is located in Grove street near Yarkin and the McKinley primary school, located in Castro street near Fourteenth.

The Commercial school has 25 classrooms and is a class A steel structure costing $275,000. The McKinley school is provided with 14 classrooms. Miss Cora Gallagher is principal of the McKinley school and Colon Charles Murphy and P. H. Riley are principals of the day and evening classes of the Commercial, respectively.

The opening of these new schools and others recently greatly relieves the congestion which has existed since the fire in the public schools.

There are 10 school buildings under construction which will be open during the year.

Classes in the technical department of the Humboldt evening school will be open for new students at the comencement of the new term tomorrow night. The studies of this branch consist of architectural, mechanical drawing and the mathematics, also theoretical surveying. There are separate studies such as mechanics, physics and chemistry.

Work of this school is for young men engaged in industrial callings. A yearly class in structural engineering was opened recently. Lectures on technical subjects by professional mn ngagd in various trads will b givn during th yar to which th public is invitd.

GREEK SUGAR MONOPOLY CONTRACT POSTPONED

American Refiners May Compete at Next Bidding

By royal decree of October 14 the putting into operation of the proposed sugar monopoly has been postponed for one year, namely, until December 1, 1911, writes American Minister George H. Moses from Athens.

New proposals for supplying the monopoly probably will be asked for in the spring. In the proposals submitted last June there was competition between Austrian, Russian, German and English firms.

The last named submitted the lowest bid, but the figures were not satisfactory. I hope that American refiners may see fit to compete at the next bidding.

ANCONA POULTRY ARE BEST BREED IN ITALY

Ancona chickens are becoming popular in the United States for egg production. Inquiry having been made as to their origin and strains, Consul Chapman Coleman of Rome has learned that the breed of the "Marches"—a geographical designation embracing the province and city of Ancona, Italy—is considered excellent, and the best in Italy, both as producers of eggs and of meat. As respects eggs, the breed of Padua is regarded as the closest rival of that of the Marches; as respects meat, that of Florence. The breed last mentioned is considered to be the finest in appearance.

MAN IS KILLED; AUTOIST FLEES

Machine Driven at High Rate of Speed Finds Victim in Oakland

Police May Adopt Stern Rules in Dealing With Reckless Chauffeurs

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bay cities are now considering a plan of shooting to kill all speeding automobilists who do not check their cars when ordered. The present treatment for an offending automobilist is to have his tires shot at by the policeman, but so reckless have the drivers become and so little regard have they shown for the police orders that it is contemplated to instruct policemen to shoot to kill motorists who fail to obey the command to halt on signal.

The death of Lothrop has caused widespread excitement in Berkeley, where the young man was kell known. He was clerk in the employ of the Otis elevator company of San Francisco. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Berkeley.

Struck by the Auto

Lothrop has spent Saturday evening at a party in Oakland. At the time the tragedy happened he was on his way home with two friends, A. Harris of 2210 Carlton street and S. Rice of 2221 Carlton street. Harris was prostrated today from the effects of seeing his friend killed.

Lothrop had just stepped off the Shattuck avenue car when he was struck down by the automobile.

The motorman of the car, C. O. Peterson, said that the automobile was going northward at a rate of 60 miles an hour, and that just as the car stopped it swerved around from the rear of the car. It struck Lothrop in the back and threw him into the air and over the machine, hurling him a distance of about 30 feet into the gutter. The automobile kept on going at its rapid rate and soon disappeared.

An ambulance was summoned, but it was found that Lothrop had died from internal injuries.

Mother's Sole Support

Lothrop was the sole support of his widowed mother, with whom he lived at 2019 Prince street. He leaves no other relatives on this coast, the family having come from the east. Before the fire he and his mother lived in San Francisco, but have lived here since then.

Mrs. Lathrop did not know of her son's death until 9 o'clock this morning, although it happened within a few hundred feet of her house. She bore up under the shock bravely and all day was receiving condolences from friends.

Eaton is a driver for the Cosmopolitan auto company. He surrendered himself to the police. "I was driving the car that ran over the young man," said Eaton at the city prison. "I did not stop because I was afraid to."

Maynard Fostell, a chauffeur living at 557 Ninth street, Oakland, was in the automobile with Eaton when Lothrop was killed. He was arrested after Eaton had confessed.

Autos Injure Two Men

Two serious automobile accidents were recorded early in the year 1911 at the central emergency hospital, where their victims were taken for treatment.

Louis Cozens, whose address is not known, was struck by an automobile in which two men and two girls were driving, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at McAllister and Franklin streets. Cozens' skull was fractured and his condition is serious. Claud Sander, 1450 Fillmore street, witnessed the accident and told the police that the machine did not stop after striking Cozens.

Friend M. Banford, aged 24, a broker living at 3743 Woolsey street, Berkeley, was struck by automobile driven by John Barletta, 1419 Grant avenue, at Market and Powell streets at 5:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

Banford was taken to the hospital in the automobile by Barlatta, and was treated by Dr. W. G. Harder for a fracture of the right foot, abrasions of the legs, contusions of the body and severe lacerations of the head and face. He was later removed to the German hospital.

Barletta was arrested on a charge of battery.

ARGENTINA COMPELLED TO IMPORT LUMBER

Most Valuable Forest Product Is Quebracho Tree

Although possessing valuable forests of its own, the timber of the Argentine republic is poorly distributed and lacking in variety, and the country is dependent on outside sources for some of the most necessary material of that sort.

There is considerable wood in the southern part of Argentina and valuable growths in the northern provinces, but the central zone—the most thickly populated and commercially important section—is mostly devoid of timber except for occasional clusters of artificially planted eucalyptus, blue gum or poplar trees.

Some of the timber in the southern and northern parts of the country is exceedingly valuable, but it is not all accessible, owing to lack of railroads or streams for floating it out. Moreover, it is limited in character, the most valuable element consisting of hard woods. Hence Argentina has to supplement its own timber supply from the neighboring states of Paraguay, Chile and Brazil, and also from Australia and the United States. Argentina's most serious lack is in soft, workable material for building purposes, such as pine and spruce, and for these it depends chiefly on North America.

The man with an impediment in his speech seldom speaks well of anybody.

Sometimes a man pays empty compliments when he is full.

It's impossible to defeat an ignorant man in an argument.

A dollar fairly got is worth a thousand that are not.

Col. John Wisser, Who Will Succeed Col. J. A. Lundeen

CHANGE MADE IN PRESIDIO OFFICERS

Commandant at Fort Screven, Georgia, to Take Charge of Artillery District

Present Chief Will Go to Corregidor Island, the Key to Manila Bay

Colonel John Wisser, commandant at Fort Screven, Savannah, Ga., has been ordered by the war department to the command of the San Francisco artillery district in place of Colonel J. A. Lundeen.

Colonel Lundeen, who has been in charge of the post at the Presidio and the San Francisco artillery district for four years, has been ordered to the important post at Corregidor island, Manila bay, the heavily fortified point which is the key of the defenses at Manila.

The change will be made the latter part of this month when Colonel Wisser arrives in San Francisco from Georgia. Colonel Lundeen probably will will sail for the orient on the February transport. Before his departure he will be entertained by the officers at the post, and Mrs. Lundeen, who has been prominent in society, will be the guest of honor at many receptions now being planned.

Colonel Wisser was stationed at the Presidio some years ago. More recently he was United States military attaché of the legation at Berlin, probably the most important foreign assignment made to officers of the American army. Mrs. Wisser is a Californian. Her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Hollister, now reside at Santa Barbara.

Y. M. C. A. TO HAVE BUILDING FOR NEGROES

Donations Assure a $150,000 Structure in Chicago

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Chicago is to have a $150,000 Young Men's Christian association building for negroes.

This was practically assured today by donations of $25,000 each promised by Norman W. Harris, president of the Harris trust and savings bank, and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., on condition that $75,000 additional be raised within six months.

Rosenwald's pledge, however, is not limited to Chicago. He bound himself to give the same sum for the same purpose to any community in the United States that complies with the conditions, raises $75,000 additional within five years and secures the indorsement of the Young Men's Christian association. The six months' limitation as to time and the requirement of a total fund of $125,000 instead of $100,000 were stipulations accompanying Harris' gift.

CRUSADE AGAINST SQUIRRELS BEING MADE

Morgan Hill Ranchers Aid Government's Campaign

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MORGAN HILL, Jan. 1.—Ranchers are giving every aid in the campaign waged against squirrels in this district to discover to what extent they are infected. Rodents are being killed under the direction of H. X. Wise, the bodies are treated with a chemical solution and packed in airtight cases and shipped to San Francisco laboratories. This work was begun in this county 18 months ago by the United States health bureau and the marine hospital service. The expense is being met by the government and the supervisors of this county.

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