



### BIGGEST POWER PLANT IN WORLD FOR CALIFORNIA

Twenty Million Dollars Will Be Spent on System Along the Feather River Fork

Great Western to Build Three Mammoth Dams Besides One Under Construction

Main Reservoir Dwarfs Roosevelt Project in Arizona, Flooding 30,000 Acres

[Special Dispatch to The Call] ROVILLE, July 24.—That the mammoth dam of the Great Western Power company will be completed by January 1, 1913, and that the company will then begin the work of erecting a chain of three additional power plants which will represent a total investment of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, is the statement made by officials of the concern.

The additional plants will be located on the north fork of the Feather river at Butte creek, Mosquito creek and Bartlett's bar. All will have approximately the same capacity of the present plant at Las Plumas, making a total approximate production of 500,000 horsepower.

Leads World in Power The four mammoth plants of the Great Western Power company, siting along the river for a distance of 50 miles, will make the company by far the largest electrical producing company in the world. At present the company is engaged in preparing for the construction of the great impounding dam at the Meadows.

At Butte valley, a force of 150 men is at work erecting a power plant to furnish current for the construction of the dam and for the other three power plants later to be erected. This power plant will have a capacity of 1,500 horsepower and will represent an investment of \$120,000. It will enter into the permanent investment of the company.

At Canyon dam a force of 60 men is at work. The large impounding dam of the company will be located here and men are constructing warehouses, setting up the rock crushing plant, installing aerial cable ways, and saw mills and getting everything ready for actual construction work on the great dam in the spring of 1912.

The construction cost of the reservoir is estimated at \$2,000,000. The reservoir will be by far the largest in the world.

The water it will impound will cover from 25,000 to 30,000 acres. The reservoir will have double the capacity of the Ashpole reservoir, which furnishes the major part of the water to New York city. It will also have double the storage capacity of the big Roosevelt dam in Arizona.

Canals Six Miles Long The plans of the company call for this dam to be completed by January 1, 1913. At that time the company will be ready to proceed with the construction of other power plants by which its producing capacity will be increased. The plants will consist of dams, concrete tunnels, varying in length for the various plants from one to six miles, and the power making machinery.

The investment in these plants is estimated at \$20,000,000. Owing to the policy that the company has adopted of encouraging the organization of local distributing companies, it is believed that a market will be created for all the additional power that can be produced. Although it is understood that the irrigation features of the scheme have not as yet been worked out, it is thought the company contemplates the use of the water after it passes the last of the chain of power plants at Las Plumas. The laws of California give certain proprietary rights for storing flood waters and the full value of such rights will be claimed by the Great Western Power company.

### STANFORD EXPLORERS RETURN TO NEW YORK

Party Finishes Trip Along the Brazilian Coast

NEW YORK, July 24.—The South American expedition of the Leland Stanford university returned here today on the steamer Careenza, from North Brazil ports. In the party were Professors Harold Heath and E. C. Starks. They traversed the coast of Brazil from Para to Natal, collecting specimens of natural history and studying geological formations of that portion of the coast which has hitherto received but little attention from explorers.

### AMERICAN GIRL AND HER SWISS TEACHER DROWN

Their Rowboat Run Down by Motor Craft in Lake

BERNE, Switzerland, July 24.—Miss Mary Louise Thomas, an American, and her Swiss teacher, Miss Levanchy, were drowned in Lake Lemano, near Chiasso, today. They were in a rowboat with four others when their craft was run down by a motorboat. Their companions were saved.

### PUT IT SOMEWHERE NOW— MAKE TODAY SITE DAY

IN appeal and not reproach, in the fullest confidence and without shadow of distrust, The Call addresses this word to the exposition directors: Have done with debate and delay; settle the site question now—settle it today. You can't make any material mistake if you select any of the sites whose availability has been determined—they are all good, all better than the best any other city could offer. You have had enough time to find out all about all these sites, to find out your own minds. The time for investigation and deliberation has gone by; the time for action has arrived.

You, Messrs. Directors, have given your own time and taken your own time about this matter—but you have taken all the time that was yours. Don't take any more; the rest of it is the public's time, and the public wants action—is entitled to it. Half a year is enough to decide where to put anything. Congress did not make you wait long. Do not you make your city wait any longer. Give the town something to celebrate. Make today site day.

This earnest and wholly reasonable request is preferred in the belief that every director is free to vote as his own judgment guides him, that none of them is pledged or bound or under orders. Nobody has any right to ask any of these men to pledge himself to this or that site. None of them has or has had the right to give such a pledge.

Thus there is little room or basis for a deadlock. The moment it becomes obvious that there can be no agreement without a change of votes then that change should be made. The director who holds out because he thinks one site is better than another and thereby keeps any site from being immediately chosen is not doing justice to his job, is not carrying out his trust. In this situation there is no virtue in obstinacy.

Most of these directors have said that what used to be chiefly the matter with San Francisco was the fact that its people could not get together. There is today a gilt edged opportunity to give San Francisco an object lesson in getting together. If thirty of the city's picked men, chosen for their sagacity and their patriotism, can not get together on an affair of common interest, how shall the people at large ever get together on anything?

No set of men ever agreed on any proposition without plenty of concession and compromise. "Give and take" is always a short cut to harmony and unity and peace. Who can't give shan't take. It is a rule that works out in every human relation. It ought to be tried on and tried out today when the directors sit down again over the site question. There can't be any hung jury in this case. No valid excuse exists for more than a momentary disagreement. The jurors have been out long enough. They can not be discharged without rendering a verdict, and the verdict is due today.

More than public sentiment demands immediate judgment on the site question. Public interest, public need, public pride call loudly for it. There are many other big, grave questions that must be settled before we shall have an exposition. None of them can be passed upon or even taken up until the site is fixed. Nor can there be a dollar spent out of the great flood of private enterprise money that seeks investment here on the exposition's account until the site is chosen. The city needs that money—its business and all its industrial interests need that money. The city's commerce and industry need that money, and they also need every hour they can get from now until the fair opens to make and carry out plans whereby they can do their part toward and have their share in the prosperity a successful exposition will bring.

To delay further is to hurt the city by denying it lawful opportunity to prepare for the exposition and to profit by it. Further talk over a talked out question is likely to hurt the city abroad in its reputation. We did not waste an hour when it came to remaking a wrecked and ruined city. In that stress we established a name for doing things that did more than any other single factor to get us this exposition. San Francisco should live up to that reputation in the making of the fair, and it is a reputation that will not admit of any more delay over a preliminary detail such as the location of the exposition.

If it be politics that delays the decision, forget politics; if it be sectionalism or self-interest, bury the sectionalists and the self-seekers. Nobody is big enough, no private end important enough, to stand in the way of an enterprise as big and as important as the exposition. Here the public interest and the common good must be supreme and unchecked. They demand judgment forthwith in the matter of the exposition site. Let no man, no man's private interest, no section, no section's narrow interest, remain one day longer between San Francisco and her greatest task, her best opportunity.

Wherever the fair is to go—and it will be in the right place anywhere in this city—put it there now. Make now the best possible selection from the goods on hand for the city's good. Make it today.

### U.S. AID ASKED TO FIND WHITE SLAVE VICTIM

Statewide Search Started for Helen Whitson and Reward Offered

Officials Expect to Uncover Systematized Camorra of Abductors

A worldwide search and an investigation which promises to uncover the existence of a veritable camorra of systematized child slavery that will shake California from end to end was started yesterday afternoon by Frank H. de Pue, of the state bureau of identification, in his search for the missing members of the infamous gang that enticed Helen Johnson Whitson, a little girl, from the care of unsuspecting chaperons and sold her to a life of shame. A reward of \$100 has been offered by the heartbroken mother, and the aid of the federal authorities has been invoked through Special Agent of the Department of Justice Clayton Herrington, who has telegraphed to Washington for instructions, while De Pue says he will leave no stone unturned to find her.

The heartbroken mother who offers the reward for information concerning her is Mrs. K. Johnson, who lives at 3777 Twenty-third street, this city. She sat in De Pue's office in the merchants' exchange yesterday afternoon and distractedly sobbed out the story, as she knows it, of her daughter's disappearance.

### Went to Santa Cruz

"My little girl had been recovering from an attack of diphtheria," she said, and, thinking it would do her good, I permitted her to accept the invitation of two elderly women who are old friends of mine to let her accompany them to the Santa Cruz mountains. They went to a place called Zanti Oaks, near Ford's Rest postoffice, which I have since learned, to my sorrow, is kept by this man, Emile Cristl. It appears that this Henri de Lorme was there, also L. R. Pouchon with his wife and 10 year old daughter.

"My child remained five weeks. When she returned I noticed that she was singularly changed. She had grown thin and pale, had no appetite, was exceedingly nervous, bursting into tears on the slightest provocation, and seemed to have lost her memory, for she could not remember the simplest things. Though she would sit for hours brooding sadly, I could not get her to tell me what was the trouble. She was with me for three weeks in this condition when on July 15 she said she thought she would go and spend a few days with her grandmother. She kissed me goodbye, started off, and I have not seen her since. The only word I have had was the postal bearing the address 102 San Joaquin street, Stockton, sent by De Lorme, which gave us the clew to his whereabouts."

### De Pue Feels Confident

While De Pue was not prepared to discuss all the details of the case, he seemed well satisfied with its progress thus far when seen at his office yesterday afternoon, confirming in general terms the account of the story published yesterday.

"This man, Henri de Lorme," he said, "alias Motte, alias Henri de Coence, commonly known as Doctor Mack, is one of a gang as thoroughly and as strongly organized as a Masonic order, with ramifications extending all over the state. The case came to me at the solicitation of friends, and not through the governor as was said. Unfortunately for De Lorme, but very fortunately for us, after the disappearance of the girl her mother received this postal from him, giving this address in Stockton. I immediately wired the chief of police of that city for information concerning him, and upon receipt of his reply informing me of his character, requested him to arrest the man on general principles. This was done. I hurried there and obtained from him admissions leading to other clews. Last Saturday night we started out to find Cristl, and with the aid of Detective Driglette of the local police located him. When we interrogated him his lies were so apparent that the detective arrested him. He was released today on \$25 bail, I understand.

### Seen Here With De Lorme

"Meanwhile, believing that she was held a prisoner in a notorious house at Broadway and Montgomery avenue, we searched the place from top to bottom, but no trace of her was found. We know that she was seen with De Lorme at Jackson and Kearny streets, where he stopped with her at the saloon of L. R. Pouchon, who has been a friend of De Lorme's of 20 years. He did not take the child in, but entered himself and said to Pouchon: 'I have that Zanti kid here. She's a money maker.'

"That is as much of the case as I care to discuss at this time, except to say that we have interested the federal authorities in the matter, having reason to believe that she has been taken out of the state. She will be

### REWARD FOR GIRL Women Traffickers Run Down



Helen Johnson Whitson, who has been lured from home by white slavers and for whom the police are searching diligently.

### BERRY AGREES TO GRAFT DISMISSAL

Assistant District Attorney Says Conviction Impossible Without Gallagher

Proceedings in the state district court of appeal yesterday presaged an end of the graft cases that involve Patrick Calhoun, Terey L. Ford, Thornwell Mullally and William M. Abbott, officials of the United Railroads indicted on the charges of bribing members of the Schmitz-Ruef board of supervisors.

There was on hearing the petition of Terey L. Ford, general counsel of the United Railroads and a defendant in the graft cases, for a writ of mandate ordering Superior Judge Lawlor to dismiss the indictments pending against Ford, on the ground that he has not been brought to trial within the 60 days provided in the statutes.

Calhoun, Abbott and Mullally made common cause with Ford, filing petitions which were to be decided with the Ford petition. Attorney Garret W. McEnerney argued for almost two hours in support of the Ford motion and then Assistant District Attorney Fred L. Berry, appearing for the district attorney's office and for Judge Lawlor, the respondent, admitted the truth of the allegations of Ford's motion and also the futility of longer expecting a conviction of the four defendants.

### Allegations Verified

"James L. Gallagher," said Berry, "can not be brought here. The allegations of the petition I have verified and found correct. The facts indicate that the respondent has little ground to stand on. Personally I regret that the determination of this matter of the dismissal of the defendants can not be left to a jury. The district attorney's office should not be called upon to settle these matters out of hand. But I do not think it possible that any good could result from bringing these cases to trial. I doubt if there would be sufficient evidence to obtain convictions if Gallagher were here, and without him convictions would be impossible."

In that way the district attorney's office tacitly agreed to a granting of the petition.

The court took the matter under submission. The petition was heard by Presiding Justice Lennon and Justice Kerrigan of the first district and Justice Chipman of the third district, sitting for Justice Hall, who was not qualified to sit, owing to his relationship to A. A. Moore of Ford's counsel.

### Defendants Present

Ford, Calhoun, Mullally and Abbott were present in court during the hearing, attended by Attorneys McEnerney, A. A. Moore and Stanley Moore, Lewis F. Byington, John J. Barrett and other attorneys who have appeared in the graft cases were present in the courtroom. McEnerney presented a detailed record of the postponements in the Ford

### MISS BARRYMORE SKITTISH OF COLT

She Waits in Montreal Until He Leaves, and Then Visits Her Son

[Special Dispatch to The Call] ST. JOHNS, Que., July 24.—The little game of hide and seek in the Barrymore-Colt divorce preliminaries goes on. Russell Colt has been here and has seen his son, Sammy. Then he left for New York. The next train from Montreal brought Ethel Barrymore. She had been staying at the Place Viger hotel, Montreal, waiting until her husband left the little town where their son is staying with Mr. and Mrs. S. Fring.

Miss Barrymore has seen her son several times and has visited the boat club twice. Plainly dressed, she caused little comment here, few persons in the town knowing anything about the case. It is evident from messages that Colt sent from here that he is attempting a reconciliation with his wife. From Miss Barrymore's action it is also evident that this is the last thing she desires.

She has undoubtedly been avoiding her husband, and it is understood she is prepared to leave the town if he should come here.

### WOMAN SACRIFICES LIFE FOR "BABIES"—FOUR CATS

Pets Thrown From Window and She is Burned

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—Shrieking "My babies! they are all I have in the world!" Miss Louise Friedsteich, an artist, rushed back into a burning apartment house in Garvanza, the northern section of the city, early today, and after throwing a basket containing four white Angora kittens out of a window fell back and was burned to death. The kittens landed on their feet unhurt in the street. The charred body of their mistress, who had sacrificed her life for them, later was taken from the blackened ruins.

### DEPOSED SULTAN'S FLAG FLYING AT ASTRABAD

Some Tribes Are Loyal to Him, Others Hostile

TEHRAN, Persia, July 23.—The flag of Mohammed Ali Mirza, the deposed sultan, flies at Astrabad, where the people have declared in his favor, but opposition to him has developed among the Turkoman tribesmen, on whose support he relies. Some of the tribes are beginning to show hostility to him. The Kakhtiaris, the great tribe of central Persia, have remained loyal to the constitution.

### BIG SNOWFALL COOLS BROW OF PIKE'S PEAK

Four Inches of the Beautiful Crowns High Point

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 24.—Four inches of snow fell on Pike's Peak last night and early this morning. The snow was not heavy enough to interfere with the mountain train,

### 1909 KILLING IS LAID TO CHISHOLM

Authorities Believe He Murdered Woman Found Along Trail on Mt. Tamalpais

BODY SUPPOSED TO BE DOCTOR'S INTENDED WIFE

Minnie Passi Not Seen Alive After She Left to Meet Slayer of Powell

BRIDAL OUTFIT FOUND; BLANCH POWELL, INFORMER

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, July 24.—Two hundred dollars possessed by Minnie Passi, the Finnish domestic who left Sacramento in the summer of 1909 with Dr. Lewis P. Chisholm to be married to him is believed by the authorities of Sonoma and Marin counties to have been the incentive for Chisholm to kill the woman on the bold face of Mount Tamalpais. Both Sheriff J. J. Keating of Marin county and District Attorney Clarence Lea of Sonoma are satisfied that the moldering bones of a woman found on February 3, 1910, on the Hog Back trail were the remains of Minnie Passi.

Blanch Powell, wife of Chisholm, is believed to have told Lea of Chisholm's crime. Lea's belief was strengthened today by statements of Nita Kroll of Sacramento and Lillie McGuire of Redondo, friends of Minnie Passi. Independently the two women described the clothing and ornaments of the missing Passi girl, and their descriptions tallied remarkably with the descriptions of the relics of the dead woman no win the possession of the Marin county authorities. Nita Kroll will be brought to San Rafael tomorrow and there shown the property, in an effort to have the identification made more positive.

As for Dr. Lewis P. Chisholm, now under a life sentence for the murder of John D. Powell, he is uncommunicative, beyond entering a general denial and saying grimly, "They will probably fasten every murder committed in the state on me now."

### Chisholm Taken to Prison

Chisholm was taken to Folsom prison this morning, where he will spend the remainder of his life. Chisholm has not confessed to the Mount Tamalpais crime, as he did to the other killing. The officials do not desire to try him for a second slaying for of necessity the proof of the Tamalpais tragedy would be circumstantial and not strong enough to obtain the death penalty from a jury, and it would be sardonic to add a second sentence of life imprisonment to the man's penalty. The Marin county sheriff, however, wants to clear up the mystery of the crime committed near a frequented trail on the most traveled mountain in the state.

"I am absolutely satisfied that Doctor Chisholm killed the woman found on Tamalpais," declared Sheriff Keating of Marin today, after he had conferred with District Attorney Lea. "We believe that the dead woman was Minnie Passi."

Detective Gignac, who conducts a private agency at Sacramento, developed the case against Chisholm there and obtained the statement of Nita Kroll. It was from Miss Kroll that the police learned that Minnie Passi had \$200 when she left Sacramento with Chisholm to marry him. On the body found on Tamalpais was a gold watch and some cheap jewelry, but no money.

### Dress Bridal Outfit

Miss Kroll described the watch found with the body when she described Miss Passi's watch, though she did not know the numbers of the case. The watch was a Seth Thomas hunting case, ladies' size. The case number was 2161149 and the number on the works was 109520. The suit worn by the woman, described by Minnie Passi's friends as hers, was a dark blue military tunic and drop skirt.

The fact that the victim's clothing was of a bridal outfit nature, with dark cloth skirt, in connection with the fact that Minnie Passi had provided herself with clothing to be married, is taken by Lea to be a strong point in connecting the two women. Miss Kroll, he says, would recognize any remnants of the Passi girl's clothing or jewelry easily. Another thing he lays stress on is the fact that Minnie Passi wore a No. 6 shoe, while the remains of the body found on Tamalpais is said to have weighed from 150 to 175 pounds, showing that both were good sized women. Each of the women was asked to describe the Passi girl's attire without knowing what clothing was found with the dead body. Lillie McGuire is