

EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

THUGS WAR ON POLICE

Second Oakland Officer Shot at

DESPERADOES OPEN FIRE AND ESCAPE

Chief Receives Anonymous Letter Declaring Intention to "Croak Cops"

OAKLAND, April 24.—Within a few hours after acting Chief of Police W. J. Petersen had received an anonymous note threatening the death of more Oakland policemen and saying that Special Officer C. A. Wilkinson was not the last peace guardian to be killed, two thugs at an early hour this morning shot at Special Officer Wilfred S. Murphy when he attempted to place them under arrest. Their tactics were similar to those used by the man who killed Williams last Sunday evening in Thirteenth avenue near East Fourteenth street.

Murphy, who lives at 2345 East Fourteenth street, and has been with the force only a little more than a month, was attacked shortly after 1 o'clock this morning by the pair, who were attempting to force a door of the Brooklyn hotel at East Twelfth street and Twenty-second avenue. When Murphy halted them they started in the direction of a lumber yard across the street, and one of them said: "Here's another of the cops we were going to get. Let's kill him."

With that both men drew revolvers and opened fire on Murphy. The shots went wild for the most part, the shots escaping in the darkness and striking the man to "CROAK COPS"

Murphy immediately telephoned to the police station and Captain Charles Bock and posse rushed to the scene in the police automobile, but the men had got away.

"The word has gone forth around the precinct to croak any cop who tries to arrest any of us," reads the letter received by the chief. "You want to know about the Williams affair," continues the writer. "Well, I'll tell you. The fact has gone out among the boys all over the country that Oakland is a hotbed for the man that faces in the hands of the cops. A man that will get arrested in Oakland is a fool."

Julius Long, 15 years old, who was with the thug that killed Williams last Sunday evening, was found by the police, and this afternoon, at the corner's inquest held over the remains of Williams, gave some important testimony. He was furnished a complete description of his companion to the police, and with this to work on it is believed that the murderer will be captured.

The verdict returned this afternoon was that Williams had come to his death from a gunshot wound fired by an unidentified man with intent to commit murder.

Young Long, who lives with his parents at 1002 East Fifteenth street, told the story of the murder and the incidents leading up to it.

TAKES DRUNKEN MAN'S HAT

"I met the man," Long testified, "at the races at the Elmhurst motorhome in the afternoon, and afterward we walked back to Oakland together. The man had been to sea and said he was a 'rougher,' or waiter, on board a vessel. He told me some sea stories, and as we went back toward Oakland we passed a drunken man lying in a field among some crows. His cap had rolled off and the man, who said his name was Brownie Dennis, or Dennig, said he thought he would get the cap.

"I waited while he went into the lot and picked up the cap. As he came back he said inside his coat so that it bulged out. He told me as we were walking along that he had been to Alaska and that he always protected himself with a revolver. He showed me a .35 caliber nickel plated revolver.

"When we reached East Twelfth street and Thirteenth avenue I saw Special Officer Williams at the corner. I knew him and he came out to meet me.

"Where are you going?" he asked.

SHOOTS WITHOUT WARNING

"I told him I was on my way home. Then he asked the man where he was going and he told him he was on his way back to town. The policeman noticed the bulging of the man's pocket and asked him what he had there and then he grabbed him and pulled the cap out from under his coat.

"I guess you'd better come with me and explain about this," said Williams. We walked along the street toward the lockup with the stranger a few feet ahead of Williams.

"When we reached the alleyway the man suddenly jumped into the opening. "Come in here and let's fight it out," he said to Williams.

"Aw, come on and don't be a fool," said the policeman. Then, without warning, the stranger shot twice, the bullets striking Williams in the eye and over the heart. With a groan the policeman fell against me.

"I saw the stranger running down the alleyway. I was afraid I would be accused of murder and I ran all the way home without stopping," said Williams.

"I told my father about it and he told Patrolman Bergesen and then the police came after me. That is all I know."

The boy has been released.

Y. M. I. TO GIVE DANCE AT EBELL HALL TODAY

OAKLAND, April 24.—The third annual dance of St. Joseph's council No. 60, Young Men's Institute, will be given Thursday evening in Ebell hall. The members of the council will be assisted by members from Cabrillo council.

The affair is in the hands of the following committees:

Mrs. E. J. O'Leary, president; Mrs. I. Rogers, Mrs. R. D. Barbour, Mrs. Marie Coren and Miss Ida Bonte, and the officers, who are the following: Chaplain, Rev. J. Gall; second vice president, Mrs. B. Pincus; first vice president, Miss M. Souza; president, Miss M. Coren; marshal, Miss M. Souza; recording secretary, Mrs. F. Wallers; financial secretary, Miss A. Mirko; treasurer, Mrs. I. Rubio; trustees, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Stroyan, Miss M. Coren.

FUNERAL HELD FOR CAPTAIN C. F. TAYLOR

OAKLAND, April 24.—The last rites were said today over the remains of Captain Charles F. Taylor. The funeral was held from undertaking parlors in Fourteenth street, Rev. George C. Golden of St. Andrews Episcopal church officiating. Captain Taylor died after an illness of one week. He was 70 years old and a confederate veteran. He was a prominent clubman. The pallbearers were members of the Commodore club of San Francisco. The remains were cremated.

Special Officer Wilfred S. Murphy of Oakland, whose attempt to arrest two thugs early yesterday morning was met by a fusillade of bullets, none of which struck him.



GROCCERS OPPOSE LIQUOR CLAUSE

Campaign Committee Reports Strong Opposition to Amendment of Berkeley Charter

BERKELEY, April 24.—A blow at the sealed package liquor amendment, which will be voted on Saturday, has struck by a subcommittee of the campaign committee of 50, headed by L. E. Blockman, W. G. Lenesty and L. J. Barker, who issued a statement today saying that they had interviewed all the grocers of Berkeley, and found them almost unanimous in opposition to the amendment.

The initiative petition which forced the amendment election set forth that grocers are not permitted to sell liquor for delivery, and consequently lost trade to outside firms which can deliver wet goods with groceries in this city. The opposing campaign committee replied to this that the mile limit state law would prevent grocers in the business district from benefit if the amendment carried, and that any trade accruing to grocers in the districts outside the mile limit would be offset by the "nuisance of tilting the lid."

The next move of the committee, according to the statement issued today, was to interview all grocers. "We did notice an undertaking of protest against liquor being delivered by outside firms," says the statement, which adds: "The state legislature should prohibit this method of bringing liquor into the dry district surrounding the state university."

BIG SAVING EFFECTED BY PROBATION SYSTEM

OAKLAND, April 24.—Fifty-six men pleading guilty to felony charges and 30 of the number being placed on probation, represents a saving of \$12,900 to county and state, according to Assistant Probation Officer S. Bruce Wright, in a statement made today as to probation work in Alameda county. An average of two year terms in the penitentiary for each of the 30 would cost the state \$10,800 at 50 cents a day. In addition the county was saved \$2,100 in trial expenses by the pleas of guilty, at an average of \$75 a trial.

Of the 30 probationers who have been out six months, not one has been classified as a failure, though one has disappeared. Drinking and gambling were the predominant causes of their delinquency. Sixteen were denied probation and eleven cases are pending.

OAKLAND LA FOLLETTE CLUB IS ORGANIZED

OAKLAND, April 24.—The Oakland La Follette Progressive Republican club has been organized and auxiliary branches are to be formed in San Leandro, Hayward and other Alameda towns.

Arrangements are being made by the new club to have a number of orators here to aid in the campaign of the Wisconsin senator, who is expected to speak in Oakland.

The next meeting will be held in 221 Bacon building, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. The officers of the organization include president, A. Lawrence; secretary, E. A. Grogan; vice president, Charles Quayle, Charles Murcell, G. F. Witter, J. William Nello, Rev. William Jay Simons, I. W. Darrow, T. H. Chambers, Roscoe Jones and Thomas I. Burns.

OAKLAND SOCIETY HONORS FAVORITES

Brides to Be Feted by Friends; Happy Couples Are United

OAKLAND, April 24.—Mrs. Jessie M. Murray has sent out cards for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen Gwendolen Murray, to Ulric Kutsulis Petersen the evening of Thursday, May 9, in Brooklyn Presbyterian church. Several hundred guests will witness the ceremony, which will be followed by an informal reception at the family home in East Oakland.

An engagement which is interesting society, both here and across the bay, is that of Miss Kathryn Sidney Marsh, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Marsh, and Harry B. Morrill. Miss Marsh represents one of the most prominent families of the state, her grandparents figuring prominently in the formative period of California history. Formerly Miss Marsh and her mother made their home on this side of the bay, but are now established in San Francisco. Morrill is a young business man of San Francisco.

Mrs. Ernest A. Stent entertained at bridge and tea yesterday afternoon, her guests numbering friends who are included in the personnel of one of the winter's card clubs.

Miss Phoebe Binney, whose marriage with Robert Harnden will take place early in June, will be the inspiration for a tea for which Mrs. W. H. Gibbons, the sister of her fiancé, has sent out 100 cards. Mrs. Gibbons has asked her friends to meet Miss Binney on May day.

In honor of Miss Ethel Johnson, the fiancée of Dr. Elmer Brinckerhoff, Mrs. Murray Johnson entertained this afternoon at her home in Piedmont.

Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton, formerly Miss Myrtle Sims, will entertain tomorrow afternoon at a large tea in honor of Miss Carmen Sutton, the fiancée of Benjamin Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Albert Hicks have issued invitations for a reception at their home in Piedmont avenue the evening of Friday, May 3. Several hundred friends will be included in the party.

Bridge is the diversion which Mrs. William Milwain will offer the friends to whom she will extend the hospitality of her home on the afternoon of Thursday, May 3.

The wedding of Leon Gove and Miss Helen Bancroft will take place tomorrow evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow P. Bancroft, in Webster street. The event is one of the most notable of the early season and follows closely upon the announcement of the betrothal of the young couple.

Miss Louise Childs was claimed in marriage this evening by William D. Tillinghast in Piedmont chapel.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuerzel was the setting for the wedding this evening of their daughter, Miss Gretchen Kuerzel, and Victor A. Post of San Francisco.

With Miss Harriet Thompson as her guest of honor, Mrs. C. C. Hall will entertain at a musical for which she has asked a large number of friends to share her hospitality Friday, May 2.

Miss Hazel Layman shared with Miss Edith Fowler in the position of hostess at a musical for which she has asked a large number of friends to share her hospitality Friday, May 2.

Friday evening, May 3, Miss Ellen Edgoff will give a house dance, sharing the hospitality of her Piedmont home with a number of the younger set.

Miss Towle Becomes Bride

BERKELEY, April 24.—Miss Sadie Towle became the bride of Walter Brundschu, a San Francisco business man, at 6:30 o'clock this evening at the home of the bride's brother, G. G. Towle, 273 Webster street. The maid of honor was Miss Oleta Towle, a niece of the bride, and two other nieces, Miss Dorothy Stephenson and Miss Alleen Towle, were flower girls. Rev. George Castor officiated.

The home was decorated in pink and white. There were 60 guests present, to whom a wedding supper was served. The bride and groom then left for indication as to their honeymoon trip.

Miss Towle is a daughter of the late Allen Towle. She is a graduate of Mills' college, and is talented in music and art.

BASEBALL SCORE BOARD VALUED AT \$10,000

Tenant Demands Money for Removal From Building

LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR TO BUILD NEW HOME

Miss Churchill, Who Is an Initiate of Prytanean Society

Fifteen College Women Who Won Honors Are Chosen by Fellows

BERKELEY, April 24.—The women of the Prytanean society of the University of California, holding semiannual initiation this evening, admitted to membership in recognition of student honors, 15 women. Mrs. Frank Irwin, Mrs. Orrin Kip McMurray, Mrs. Robert Sibley and Miss Sarah Oddie, faculty women, were made honorary members.

Regular members chosen from the senior class were Miss Gladys Baker, proctor of the senior hall, and prominent in student dramatics and the Y. W. C. A.; Miss Hazel Hund, Phi Beta Kappa; Miss Alice Morse, president of the Al Chemia society, and member of the student welfare committee; Miss Anna Reardon, composer of "The Parthenon"; and Miss Mary Taney, manager of women's tennis.

From the Junior class were Miss Emma Black, vice president of the Treble Clef, and staff assistant on campus publications; Miss Emily Churchill, active in the associated women students and Y. W. C. A.; Miss Constance Davis, next year's tennis manager, and vice president elect of the sports and pastimes society; Miss Irma Foveaux, vice president elect of the associated women students; Miss Fay Fribbie, Treble Clef singer and student editor; Miss Mattie Hines, captain elect of the women's basket ball team; Miss Lenore Salsig, vice president elect of the Y. W. C. A.; and Miss Evelyn Steel, member of the English club and woman's editor of college publications.

SPITE FENCES BARRED—Oakland, April 24.—An ordinance was introduced into the city council today making it a misdemeanor to erect a fence against the M. Friedman building. It was drafted by City Attorney B. F. Woolner upon the petition of the English club and woman's editor of college publications.

CLAY, FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH STREETS, OAKLAND

DAMAGES CLAIMED FOR AUTO ACCIDENT

Richmond Men Demand \$145,000 From Berkeley, but Offer to Compromise

BERKELEY, April 24.—A damage suit for \$145,000 against the city of Berkeley is threatened by several persons who were injured in an automobile accident, October 28, 1911, in Cornell avenue at Codornices creek crossing. The machine leaped from the crossing to the bed of the creek, and the claims of the persons in the auto follow:

Olivier Wylie, \$30,000; Richard Jones, \$25,000; William Brown, \$40,000; James Coffey, \$50,000. All are residents of Richmond, Contra Costa county.

The claimants are represented by Reed, Black & Reed, the Oakland attorneys, who served notice on the city council this morning that the claimants would compromise for \$2,000 in each case. The communication conveying this offer was referred to City Attorney Staats.

There is no bridge at Cornell avenue where Codornices creek is crossed, but there was a fence to serve as a barrier at the time of the accident. Traveling at high speed, the men in the auto drove their machine through the barrier from around a turn and into the creek. They say that the city should have had danger signals at the curve, and, as the avenue is an accepted street, the city is liable for damages for their injuries.

The defense of the city probably will be that a barrier had been erected and that the chauffeur, who should have been watching the street, broke through the fence.

YOUNG MAN CONVICTED OF BEATING MOTHER

ALAMEDA, April 24.—Allan Richardson, 21 years old, was found guilty in the city justice court today of battery. He was accused of having beaten his mother, a cripple; his 15 year old brother and his 14 year old sister. When the police went to the Richardson home at 1012 Willow street to arrest the young man they found his mother lying across her crutches in a pool of blood. Richardson's relatives say he has a violent temper. He will be sentenced next Tuesday.

COMMERCIAL CHAMBER TO DISCUSS CANAL BRIDGES

OAKLAND, April 24.—A special meeting of the rivers and harbors committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the rooms of the chamber for the purpose of considering what can be done toward having the draw bridges over the tidal canal opened. After the meeting negotiations will be opened with the supervisors of Alameda county. The board has withheld acceptance of the bridges by the county on the ground that they are not in good condition.

Lieut. Carlton, Who Won Marksmanship Prize at U. of C.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler Reviews Cadets at End of Semester

BERKELEY, April 24.—The University of California Cadets were reviewed for the last drill of the semester by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler this morning, a large crowd of spectators being grouped at the campus to watch the military parade.

An incident of the drill was the presentation of medals for rifle marksmanship by Major E. M. Lewis, the United States army officer detailed as commander of the cadets and professor of military science.

The gold medal for first place went to Lieutenant Henry T. Carlton, Sergeant R. L. Underwood getting the silver medal for second.

Major Lewis has been ordered to another station and will not command the cadets next term. The officers of the university regiment have arranged a farewell banquet for him, to be given at the Army and Navy club in San Francisco April 29. Besides Major Lewis, speakers will be Captain T. B. Simmons, U. S. A., Captain L. O. Figue, U. S. A., and Lieutenant R. W. Pinger, U. S. A. Lieutenant Pinger was graduated from the University of California in 1909, being a colonel of cadets.

The toast master at the banquet will be Colonel George E. Dickie, a graduate, who is now secretary of the Oakland playground commission.

APPRAISERS APPOINTED FOR PEOPLE'S WATER LAND

BERKELEY, April 24.—The city council has appointed W. J. Mortimer and Francis Ferrer as appraisers of the real estate in this city used by the Peoples Water company for service and maintenance. The date will be used in fixing rates for the next fiscal year. The company presented its own valuations last week.

CARNIVAL QUEEN VOTE PROVES HEAVY

Miss Evelyn Flanagan Leads by 10,000 for Native Sons' Festival

OAKLAND, April 24.—The midweek count of the votes for queen of the Fruitvale Native Sons' carnival and street fair shows Miss Evelyn Flanagan in the lead by about 10,000 votes. Miss Genevieve Schnarr is second, but only a few hundred votes stand between her and Miss Leona Burgess.

The count shows the candidates' standing as follows: Miss Flanagan, 60,556; Miss Schnarr, 50,551; Miss Burgess, 49,931; Miss Dorothy Pauls, 21,793; Miss Marjorie Baxter, 19,536, and Miss Blanche Hathaway, 12,101.

The contest for queen will close at 9 o'clock on the evening of April 30. There will be one more count before that time.

FIVE DAY FESTIVAL

The entertainment committee is preparing a program for May 6 to 11, and a number of attractive features have been provided. An "Old Settlers' day" is planned for May 8, when all old residents of the Fruitvale district will be invited to a reception to be held in the lodge having the largest percentage of its membership present.

NATIVES AND BABY SHOW

Native Sons' day, May 9, all the parlors of Native Sons and Daughters about the bay and a large number of the officers and delegates of the grand parlor will be entertained. None but native sons' organizations will be eligible to participate in the evening parade, for which special prizes will be offered.

There will be a baby show, May 10, all children of 4 years or under in Alameda county being eligible. Henry Barkmeyer has been named as manager of the show. Entries can be made today. No baby will be considered in the distribution of the prizes unless it is in a baby carriage and takes part in the baby carriage parade past the judges' stand.

Saturday, the closing day of the carnival, will be provided with an attractive program to conclude at night with a Mardi Gras parade.

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