



WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY - Fair, with fog, somewhat warmer; brisk west winds.

DARING REALTY SWINDLER GETS INTO BAD HOLE

Los Angeles Police Nab Him on Eve of Marriage With Berkeleyan

Floats Large Checks, Posing as One of the Famous Ringling Brothers

Shrewd Operator Is Alleged to Have Worked One Banker for \$50,000

Special Dispatch to The Call LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—On the eve of his marriage to Miss Grace Wadsworth Spence of 1620 Cresthill, Berkeley, John Hudson, alias John E. Ringling, was arrested by Detectives McCann, Williams and King. They say he is one of the most daring real estate swindlers who ever visited the coast.

Nearly Got \$25,000 More Hudson opened negotiations with the owners of the Venice, a nearby beach resort, and they were on the point of giving him a bonus of \$25,000 to bring his great show to the seaside for the winter months.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH NEAR DEATH IN CRASH Jerome de Weese Has Narrow Escape; Companion Hurt

MARTINEZ, Aug. 11.—Jerome de Weese, an employe of the Little Auto company of San Francisco, and Fred Meyers, his 18 year old companion, were injured in an auto wreck here this afternoon. Making a sharp turn at the city limits, the five passenger car crashed through a fence into a hayfield and rolled over twice, pinning the two victims underneath.

EPISCOPAL CLERGYMAN SEEKS FAME ON STAGE Will Appear in Play Soon to Be Produced

PORTAGE, Wis., Aug. 11.—Rev. William F. Phillips, until recently pastor of St. John's Episcopal church in this city, will take the part of Manson in "The Servant in the House," which will go on a tour out of Chicago this fall.

BIRTHDAY TRIP ALONE AT AGE OF 97 YEARS Oldest Democrat in Lehigh Co., Pa., Travels Unaccompanied

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 11.—In honor of entering his ninety-seventh year, Samuel Stout, the oldest democrat in Lehigh county, is visiting this city. He made the trip unaccompanied from his home in Emanuel to celebrate his birthday with a daughter, Mrs. George F. Miller. He is still vigorous. Stout is the only Lehigh democrat, alive who voted for Van Buren for president, and he is an ardent admirer of Governor Wilson.

Miss Schmidt, Now Hailed as World's Queen of Aquatics



SAN FRANCISCO BAY BEATEN BY GIRL SWIMMER

Young Woman Achieves Greatest of Aquatic Laurels as Hundreds Cheer

Daughter of California Adds to Fame of State's Many Fair Athletes

But Twice Before Had Feat Been Performed Those who have swum across San Francisco bay: August 6, 1882, from Black point to Oakland mole, Dr. F. W. Riehl. Time not taken. September 17, 1911, from San Francisco to Oakland mole, Walter M. Pomeroy of the Olympic club. Time, 2 hours 3 minutes 10 seconds. August 11, 1912, from Vallejo street wharf to Oakland mole, Miss Neill Schmidt, honorary member of the South End Rowing club. Time, 3 hours 6 minutes. Miss Schmidt will now strive for records in the mile and around the Seal rocks.

SAN FRANCISCO bay has been conquered for the first time by a woman. Twenty year old Neill Schmidt of Alameda, holder of the woman's record for the Golden Gate course, yesterday swam from the Vallejo street wharf to the Oakland mole in three hours and six minutes. Those who witnessed the swim hailed Miss Schmidt, who is a native daughter of the state, as the champion all around swimmer of the world.

Retreating Blues Ambushed First Battle of 'War' Fought

Red Cavalry Fails to Cut Off Colonel Bowen's Force

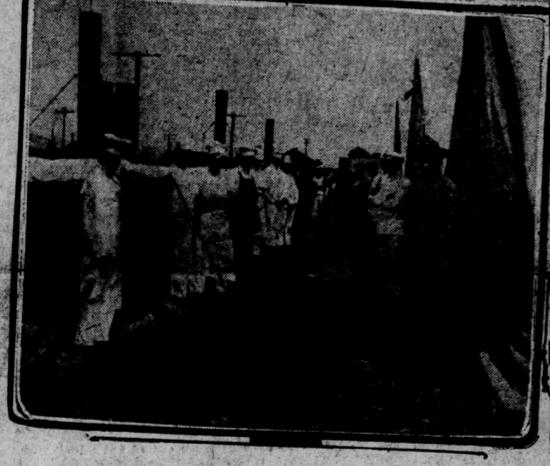
Detachment Escapes From "Near Death Trap" After Small Loss

By OLIVER W. TUTTLE

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Outpost No. 4.—Red invading army relayed by Utah wireless signal corps to Salinas, Aug. 11.—The faint yellow rays of the August sun had hardly fallen this morning on the coast range mountains several miles to our east before the Pacific coast began. A deep rattle of musketry followed by the rap, rap, rap, of the death-dealing machine guns broke the stillness of the summer dawn and resounded far and wide over the countryside. The battle, which amounted to more than a preliminary skirmish, was a clash between the retreating Blue force of the Twelfth Infantry from Monterey which vacated the seacoast post yesterday at dawn and a large detachment of Red cavalry. It was just 5 o'clock this morning.



Colonel Charles C. Morion, who was in command of the Sixteenth United States infantry (Colonel Cornelius Gardner's regiment) when they went into camp yesterday at the Presidio.



Camp bakery, where 15,000 loaves of bread will be baked daily for Red army now assembled in Salinas valley.



Lieutenant F. W. Adams of the regulars, who is chief commissary officer for General Wankowski of the Red army.

POLITICS BLEEDS THE STATE TAX BURDEN IS INCREASED

Governor Johnson's Pre-election Pledge of Economy Cost People \$18,691,877.28 Last Fiscal Year

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 11.—The total expenditures of the state of California for the fiscal year just ended were \$18,691,877.28. The total expenditures of the state 10 years ago were \$10,446,773.36. These are the figures taken from the records in the office of the state controller. They show an abnormal increase of more than 79 per cent in

YOUNG MAN SLAIN IN COUNTY ROAD

Robbery Believed to Be Motive; Police Searching for Victim's Companion

VALLEJO, Aug. 11.—Elli Branstetter of Vallejo was killed in the town of Cordelia, 10 miles east of this city, some time last night. Indications point to murder. The body was found lying in the county road about 1,000 yards from the center of that town, shortly before midnight. It was taken to the justice's office in Cordelia by a farmer who was passing by in a buggy. Examination showed that young Branstetter had come to his death from a pistol shot in the back of the head. The skull was also fractured. J. Branstetter, proprietor of the Bernard hotel in this city, and father of the young man, was informed of the murder shortly after midnight, and Tom and Earl Branstetter, brothers of the dead man, left at once for Cordelia. While on their way up the valley they met a man heading for Vallejo who answers the description of William Hitchcock, the last man seen with Branstetter. Sheriff McDonald and a posse from this city are now searching the marshes north of this city for Hitchcock. The body of Branstetter was brought to this city this morning and an autopsy performed. A. Johnson of Cordelia, who says he saw Branstetter and Hitchcock walking up the road together toward the Livingston ranch, where they were both employed, states that the dead man had \$8 on his person. The money is missing and the pockets were found turned inside out.

POLICEMAN KILLS ANARCHIST IN RIOT

Inflamed I. W. W. Audience Attacks Patrolmen Seeking to Arrest Pickpocket

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—Lenodas Gutierrez, an anarchist, was shot and killed by Patrolman Perry this afternoon during a riot, in which 200 Mexicans participated and which promised for a time to develop into a slaughter. Inflamed by incendiary speeches delivered by I. W. W. orators in Plaza park, the mob of aliens attacked Patrolmen Perry and Barnes, who were trying to arrest a man named Ed Moreno on a charge of picking pockets and knocking down his victim. The presence of the police stirred the gang and cries of "All the police!" "Down with the law, don't let them take him!" greeted the patrolmen. Boulders were thrown and decayed vegetables hurled at the heads of the men trying to make the arrest. Both were knocked down and Barnes, while prostrate, called to Perry, warning him Gutierrez was preparing to shoot. Perry leaped to his feet and fired, shooting the rioter and killing him instantly. Immediately the mob surrounded the body of the fallen man. A riot call was turned in and an extra platoon of police appeared before the body of the dead man could be recovered. The slain anarchist was charged by the police with being in the plot to kill Taft and Diaz when the two rulers met on the Mexican border a few months ago.

WIFE STABS SINGER TO DEATH IN FIGHT

Woman Admits She Slew Husband With Long Dirk to End His Abuse

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—Otto Fiechtl is dead from a knife wound and Mrs. Ethel Fiechtl, his wife, is under arrest on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying. Fiechtl is said to have been a member of a family of professional singers who live in Minneapolis, Minn. According to the story told by Mrs. Fiechtl, the couple spent practically all last night in quarrels and reconciliations. In the final quarrel she said Fiechtl was slapping and striking her with his fist, she backing away from him until the wall of their room was reached. To save herself from further punishment, the woman said, she seized a dirk with a blade more than a foot long, hanging on the wall, and lunged for a time to develop into a slaughter. The weapon went through Fiechtl's heart.

RENOWN AS ANGLER WON BY DR. AKED

Clergyman Captures 8 Pound Trout With 5 Ounce Reel, Using Spoon

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 11.—Rev. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco, his wife and two maids are on the upper lake enjoying a two weeks' outing. Sermons have been left at home by Dr. Aked apparently, for since his arrival at the lodge, no one who did not know his calling would suspect for a minute that he was a member of the cloth. Dr. Aked is a fisherman from the word "go." Saturday he landed an eight pound trout with a five ounce reel, using a spoon. His joy was unbounded. Dropping the reel, he rushed up the walk leading to the lodge carrying the fish. Hearing his cries, his wife came out to meet him. "See," he cried, "Isn't it a beauty?" Forgetting dignity and reserve, he hailed other fishermen and guests at the lodge. "My word," he cried, holding the fish at arm's length, "I have never seen the like of it. I have fished in many waters in many quarters of the globe but never until today have I landed such a fine specimen as this." Not content, he caught five six pounders and a couple of four pounders before the afternoon was over.

CALIFORNIA FLIER DOES DARING DIPS IN EAST

J. M. Walsh Thrills Spectators; Picture Man Passenger HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Regardless of a 40 mile gale that blew the greater part of the afternoon, exceptionally good flying was accomplished at Hempstead by birdmen of the Hempstead Plains field this afternoon. J. M. Walsh of California, one of the original Curtis fliers, performed in a manner seldom seen before on Long Island. At one time he took a photographer as a passenger, flying over Meadowbrook and the Hempstead section. Attaining a velocity which at times reached 150 miles an hour, Harry Bingham Brown made a daring and spectacular flight with a passenger. Flying against the wind the airplane practically stood still, and for short periods was forced backward. He was in the air 57 minutes.

FIVE MEN WANTED AS EXECUTIONERS

Murderer Elects to Be Shot; Prison Guards Refuse Cold Blooded Job

RENO, Aug. 11.—George W. Cowing, warden of the Nevada State prison, wants five men ready and willing to shoot down a man in cold blood on the morning of August 23. Cowing has made an effort to secure men for this gruesome job, but has failed and is at his wits ends to meet a startling situation. The first man convicted of murder since the new statutes have gone into effect, granting him the privilege of death, either by shooting or hanging, has selected death by shooting. The date set for the execution is August 23. The law requires that the condemned man be blindfolded, placed in a chair, a target hung over his head and five men armed with rifles shoot him in cold blood. The same law is in effect in Utah. There penitentiary guards have carried out the death penalty. In Nevada, however, Warden Cowing is unable to induce five men to undertake the job. Four of the rifles are loaded with ball cartridges, while one rifle is merely a blank. The rifles are shuffled and no one knows who really has the rifle that is a blank. The shooting squad is concealed behind black curtains. The new law went into effect January 1 and Andriji Mirkovich of Tonopah is the first man to take advantage of the choice of death. He asked to be shot. Warden Cowing is anxious to carry out the sentence, but can find no one to do the work. He is in a quandary.

McNAB WILL FIGHT FOR CONTROL

Custodian Brandon Says He Will Take Over Continental's Assets Today

INSTITUTION'S ATTORNEY WILL ASK POLICE AID

Attorney General Webb Will Be on Deck to Back State's Stand in Case

BITTER FIGHT PROMISED BY LOAN ASSOCIATION

Birdseye View of Big Financial Conflict Custodian Franc J. Brandon, the receiver appointed by Commissioner Walker to liquidate the business of the insolvent Continental Building and Loan Association, will attempt to gain physical possession of the office, books, papers, securities and other property of the institution this morning. Gavin McNab, attorney and director of the Continental, threatens to call in the police if Custodian Brandon carries out his plan. "We will not grant physical possession," said McNab. Attorney General Webb will file petition for a court order compelling the directors to appear and show cause why Commissioner Walker's order should not be made permanent. McNab says he will be on hand immediately with a demurrer to the petition, which he is ready to argue at once. Every forward step on the part of the building and loan commission to secure control will be contested.

ACTUAL physical possession of the Continental Building and Loan association, its securities, books, papers and other property, will be taken this morning by Custodian Franc J. Brandon in behalf of State Building and Loan Commissioner George S. Walker, who closed the institution and declared it insolvent last Thursday afternoon. The action of the court Saturday in setting aside the restraining order places Brandon in legal control for the moment, and he intends to assert his right to occupy the offices, in spite of the threat of Gavin McNab, attorney and director of the wrecked concern, who said he would call upon a policeman to arrest Commissioner Walker or any of his agents if they attempted to take physical possession. Brandon's action will be upon the advice of Attorney General Webb, who will be on hand to support him in case his authority is contested. This morning Brandon also will file the petition drawn up by the attorney general in compliance with the statute under which Walker closed the association, asking for a court order citing the directors of the Continental to appear and show cause why the action of the commissioner should not be approved and made permanent. The petition was in Brandon's hands yesterday and he will present it in Judge Seawell's court early today. At his home in San Jose last night the custodian said he expected the court would issue the order, and upon a showing by the attorneys for the association that they are ready to argue the case would set Tuesday for the hearing. Attorney McNab has stated that he would be ready with a demurrer to the petition of the attorney general and would contest every step in the fight of the commission for legal approval of its act in closing the association. In the midst of the complex battle

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