

NEWS OF OAKLAND, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA, HAYWARD, PT. RICHMOND

REALTY DEALER SHOTS WIFE
Suicide After Attempt at Murder

WOUND FOLLOWS
GOODBY KISS OF
ANGRY HUSBAND

Woman Refuses to Return Home
After Leaving Because of
Many Quarrels

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—Frank de Mello, a real estate dealer with offices at 1201 Twenty-third avenue, is dead and his wife, Josephine de Mello, lies dangerously wounded at the Acropolis sanatorium, following a murderous attack made upon her today by Mello, who then committed suicide.

The tragedy was the outcome of the separation of the De Mellos, October 17, when De Mello's wife left to live with her brother, William Ferreria, 1231 Twenty-sixth avenue. De Mello went to the Ferreria home at 7 o'clock this morning to ask his wife to return to his home. He was armed with a revolver and upon her refusal he fired four shots at her. One bullet struck her in the left shoulder, penetrating the lung.

When De Mello appeared at the Ferreria home this morning, his wife was in bed with her sister in law, Frances Ferreria. Mrs. Ferreria jumped out of bed when the bedroom door was opened by De Mello, but he brushed her aside and approached the bed.

TRAGEDY IN BEDROOM

Mrs. de Mello sprang from him and pulled the bedclothes over her head. De Mello snatched them back and said: "Are you coming home with me?" Mrs. de Mello, after hesitating a moment, said no.

De Mello then drew closer to her and said:

"All right, then. Kiss me goodby." He embraced his wife, and then drew a revolver and opened fire. The first three shots went wild, although he was only a few feet away from the frightened woman.

Mrs. de Mello tried to get out of bed but at the fourth shot she sank back and said:

"Frank, why did you shoot me? You have killed me."

With the smoking revolver still in his hand De Mello ran into a nearby unfurnished room, where he shot himself through the head. When the police arrived De Mello was hurried to the receiving hospital, where he died on the operating table. Mrs. de Mello was taken to the sanatorium and has a chance to recover. She was attended by Dr. A. H. Dodge.

According to the story told inspectors H. E. Green and T. F. Gallagher, who were detailed on the case, Mrs. de Mello said that she and her husband had quarreled for a number of years. He always had been jealous of her and after a bitter quarrel a week ago she left him, vowing she would never return.

De Mello has often called at the Ferreria home, but his wife refused to see him. He called again yesterday and was told his wife was not at home. This morning he entered the house without announcing himself.

William Ferreria had left for work. In the house with the women were the two De Mello children, Ernest, 8 years old, and Charles, aged 14 years. Mrs. Ferreria rushed to the house of a neighbor who called up the police station.

WIFE OFTEN THREATENED

When Ferreria was seen this afternoon he said that De Mello had made frequent threats to kill Mrs. de Mello if she did not return.

"De Mello had been jealous of his wife for years," said Ferreria, "and he had made me feel very unpleasant. She did not wish to leave him because of the children, but she decided that she could not bear the continual quarreling."

De Mello came to Oakland from Honolulu and had been in the real estate business for a number of years. According to the police De Mello had said that Donald, his wife's brother, who is in jail on a charge of smuggling opium, had attempted to induce Mrs. de Mello to join him in carrying contraband opium between Honolulu and San Francisco. He persuaded his wife to have nothing to do with the alleged plot.

PREMEDITATION SHOWN

That De Mello premeditated the deed was shown by arrangements he had made for the care of his children and a number of bills which he paid yesterday. He left a letter to Attorney J. Leonard Rose as follows:

"I would like my brother, Manuel De Mello, take care of my children. Pay him \$20-\$25 per month for both of them, board and lodging. He is the only one I can trust and will take care of my children. If you can't get him to do this, give them to my mother, but never give them to my sister, Mary Correia, who lives in East Fourteenth street. Your true friend,

"F. DE MELLO."

De Mello lived in rooms over his real estate office.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE
HOLDS LADIES' NIGHT

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—The members and directors of the Merchants' exchange, together with invited guests, gathered at a reunion of the exchange this evening in Lincoln hall. The evening was a special "ladies' night," and the regular business meeting of the directors of the exchange was postponed to give precedence to an evening of entertainment. A reception to the ladies was held and a program of entertainment given, including specialties by Directors Robert Robertson, George R. Ferguson and others. Secretary Wilbur Walker gave an interesting lecture descriptive of Alameda county, illustrated with lantern slides.

EASTERN STAR TO GIVE
HALLOWEEN CARD PARTY

ALAMEDA, Oct. 29.—Carita chapter No. 115, Order of the Eastern Star, will give a Halloween card party in Masonic hall tomorrow evening. The party will be one of a series of social affairs to be given by Carita chapter during the winter season. Mrs. J. N. Bartow, matron of the chapter, and Mrs. Harry M. Hammond are in charge of the arrangements for the party tomorrow night.

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Buy a trunk at Osgood's, Oakland.—
Adv't.



Frank de Mello and his wife, Mrs. Josephine de Mello, whom he wounded before killing himself.

HUSBAND BLEW
SMOKE AT HER

Mrs. W. R. Middleton in Complaint Says That Tobacco Fumes Made Her Ill

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—For 21 years Walter R. Middleton smoked a pipe at dinner and blew the tobacco smoke upon Minnie R. Middleton, she alleged in an action for divorce today. She said that the smoke made her ill. Mrs. Middleton charged that he locked her out of the house when she returned from church and from visits to sick neighbors. Five years ago he inflicted an injury upon her that had made her lame ever since, she said.

HUNTERS' INN CHARGED
WITH LIQUOR VIOLATION

Ralph Hinckley Surrenders to Oakland Authorities

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—Ralph Hinckley surrendered himself to Assistant District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes today following the issuance of a warrant for his arrest for the alleged sale of liquors without a license in Hunters' Inn, San Leandro. The warrant was issued yesterday by Magistrate Hoffmeyer. Hinckley was held in custody a short time before furnishing \$1,000 cash bail. Complaints against Hunters' Inn have been in circulation for some time since the revocation of the license, but up to yesterday Hynes asserted that there was no evidence to support the charges that liquor was sold there.

BRIDE IS CLAIMED BY
WELL KNOWN ALAMEDAN

ALAMEDA, Oct. 29.—Lucian C. A. Morel, son of the late capitalist, Joseph Morel of this city, and Miss Ernestine Marcovich were married today in the office of City Justice R. B. Tappan. The bride is a native of Turkey and has lived in California for several years. The couple will spend their honeymoon in southern California.

MOOSE STAG JINKS
ALAMEDA, Oct. 29.—Alameda county council of the National Union will hold a stag jinks in Moose hall Thursday night.

LAST RITES FOR
EUGENE HALLETT

Great Throng of Friends Attends Funeral of Popular Berkeley Man

BERKELEY, Oct. 29.—Funeral services for Eugene Russell Hallett, manager of Louis Stoss & Co., San Francisco, and former private secretary to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in St. Mark's church. The services were conducted by Rev. Edward Lamb Parsons, the rector.

Present, besides relatives, were former business associates of Hallett from both sides of the bay, and many members of the faculty of the University of California, from which Hallett was a prominent graduate. Alumni of San Francisco and other bay cities were present.

The pallbearers, chosen from former college and business associates, were Ralph Palmer Merritt, controller of the University of California; Farnham P. Griffiths, secretary of President Wheeler; Charles Blythe, Prentiss Gray, W. C. Crittenden and John T. McLellan. The body was borne from the church to Oakland crematory, Hallett's mother and father arrived from Los Angeles this morning to attend the funeral.

Hallett was 39 years old and a successful business man of San Francisco. He had a varied career, being secretary to President Wheeler, then assistant to Dr. Devine of the Red Cross, San Francisco; a publisher of Berkeley, later a salesman for Halsey & Co., and at the time of his death manager for Louis Stoss.

FORGER BEGS LIBERTY
TO PROTECT HIS WIFE

Pitiful Plea in Face of Prison Cell

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—"Who will take care of my wife if I go to prison," sobbed R. T. McLean today. Judge Ellsworth to charges of forging a check for \$288.50, which he spent in betting on races.

"If I am released on probation I will repay every cent," he continued, "and I will also see that my wife wants nothing, but what would she do if I am sent to prison?"

McLean said that at one time he had studied for the ministry, but had not been ordained, and had turned to secular pursuits. A position is open for him, he said, in which he will be assured steady employment, if placed on probation.

Judge Ellsworth continued the case one week.

KNOWLAND REVIEWS
FIGHT FOR SHIPPER

Tells of Efforts in Behalf of Law Protecting Water Competition

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—Congressman Joseph R. Knowland addressed a large gathering in Elmhurst this evening. He spoke in part as follows:

"While my two opponents are telling what they might do, I am in the fortunate position of being able to point to what I have done. The cheapest kind of demagogism is to charge an opponent with representing the interests; to endeavor to arouse class prejudice; to preach the gospel of discontent."

"Let us examine the record, and we find that one of the best sections of the interstate commerce law is one that protects the shipper against the methods formerly practiced by railroads to drive out water competition. In past years, when a water carrier became too formidable a competitor, the carrier by rail would lower the rate to a figure that would make it impossible for the water line to continue, and when the rival was driven off then up would go the rate by rail to the former figure and competition would be destroyed. In 1910, when the interstate commerce act was pending, I offered from the floor of the house an amendment providing that when a carrier by railroad in competition with a water route reduced the rates on any kind of traffic it should not be allowed again to raise that rate after it had eliminated the water competition."

"This amendment was adopted against the protest of the committee and is now a law and has proved most advantageous in protecting shippers and encouraging water competition. Can either of my two opponents recount one act as important?"

Knowland also told of his hard and long fight to prevent the railroad domination of the Panama canal.

TELEPHONE MERGER
WILL BE FOUGHT

Berkeley Prepares for Legal Battle to Have Consolidation Declared Illegal

BERKELEY, Oct. 29.—The city council directed City Attorney Staats this morning to begin action in the superior court against the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company and the Home Telephone company to have declared invalid the merger of the companies in this city.

Staats will ask an injunction to prevent the Pacific company from taking over the physical properties of the Home company, and to prevent the removal of poles, wires and other equipment erected by the absorbed concern. If this action should fail, Staats will bring suit for the city to claim the \$25,000 bond given by the Home telephone company when it received its franchise. He will allege that the Home company, in selling to a rival, violated its franchise and forfeited its \$25,000 bond.

"The telephone company did violate its franchise terms," said Mayor Wilson. "I have had the city attorney studying this case for six months, and he is prepared to fight the issue in the courts. The ordinance granting a franchise to the Home telephone company provided specifically that the concern should not sell its plant to a competitor, and gave the city the first right to purchase."

Mayor Wilson and Councilman John Wilson opposed an ordinance authorizing the merger, which was carried, after a public mass meeting, by the votes of Councilmen Turner, Norton and Hoff.

FAIR FOR ST. VINCENT'S
ORPHANAGE A SUCCESS

Parishioners of St. Anthony's Are Liberal in Patronage

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—The success of the St. Anthony's church fair, which is being held for the benefit of St. Vincent's orphanage at San Rafael, has been assured by liberal patronage of the various concessions and booths by the parishioners. The fund, which is being raised by all the Catholic churches of the east bay cities, has been swelled materially in the first two days of the fair.

The second evening of the fair was a success. The feature was an at home held by the ladies in charge of St. Isabelle's booth. An interesting musical program was offered by Angelina Silveira, Alice Silveira, George Brusler and Richard Hammond, all of whom were well received.

These entertainments are to be held on every evening of the fair up to the closing night. Prominent among those in charge of the entertainment were Mrs. A. G. Sarment, Mrs. Brusler, Mrs. J. J. Flynn and Mrs. H. H. Knapp.

Mrs. R. F. Scholz,
Wife of Member
Of U. C. Faculty



Associated Graduate Students to Entertain at a Halloween Dance

BERKELEY, Oct. 29.—The associated graduate students of the University of California will be hosts at an informal Halloween dance on the campus Thursday evening, October 31. There will be an orchestra of five pieces and a supper will be served.

In the early part of the evening an entertainment will be given by students of the various collegiate departments, each department to have a characteristic act. The graduate students are all candidates for doctor's and master's degrees, or else are pursuing research work at the university.

The patrons and patronesses for Thursday evening will include Prof. and Mrs. David P. Barrows, Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Prof. and Mrs. Richard F. Scholz, Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Hart, Miss Lucy Stebbins and Prof. M. J. Lynch. Miss Stebbins is dean of women. Mrs. Scholz, formerly Miss Cheryl Merrill, is a well known graduate of the university.

HIST! MYSTERY OF
MOVERS REVEALED

Squad of Police Arrive in Nick of Time to Settle Identity of Bulky Object

OAKLAND, Oct. 29.—In response to a telephone message at 3 o'clock this morning to the central police station that robbers were carting away a safe from a store at Seventh and Campbell streets, Captain J. F. Lynch hurried to the scene with a squad of police in the police automobile.

Arriving at the scene Lynch and his men saw Patrolman J. G. Wallman talking with four excited men grouped about a wheelbarrow containing a large square object, which was cautiously done.

Lynch called to them to throw up their hands, and discovered that what was supposed to be a safe was a wirepress which, they explained, they were moving to the home of a friend.

The police returned to the station and Lynch is trying to learn who telephoned to him.

CHANGES IN PASTORATES—Alameda, Oct. 29. Rev. Hugh Boman, a newly ordained priest, is to succeed Rev. J. J. Hennessy as second assistant to Rev. P. A. Foley, pastor of St. Joseph's church. Rev. Father Hennessy has been assigned to be parish priest of Danville and Walnut Creek.

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Pleasant Valley Court
scored a hit and buyers are enthusiastic

You'd better think quickly and act quicker! You'll have to decide in a hurry whether you want one of the residence sites in Pleasant Valley Court, for they are going just as fast as we predicted. Sunday's sale was a tremendous success—in point of attendance—in volume of business—and in gauging the sentiment of our clients. We made score after score of new friends and met many of our old ones. Some were purchasers when our very first subdivision was marketed.

Between them they kept our sales force busy and by 5:30 in the afternoon many of the most desirable lots were gone. Others who did not buy, but expect to, went home to tell the rest of the folks about their "Find" in the Piedmont district. They intend buying some time this week, but we fear delay will lose them their choice. New buyers are coming in daily until it seems that by the end of the week by far the greater portion of the tract will be out of our hands.

In announcing the sale of the property we expected to strike a responsive chord and anticipated a ready sale. We knew buyers would appreciate fully improved lots three blocks from the Key Route for \$17.50 per foot, and looked for enthusiasm, though nothing like that which we found Sunday.

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