

LOSS OF WORKS OF ART DESTROYED AS RESULT OF BLAZE IN THE STORE OF S. & G. GUMP

Paintings and Statuary Are Destroyed as Result of Blaze in the Store of S. & G. Gump

LOSS WILL RUN INTO THOUSANDS

Upper Stories of Building Deluged to Prevent the Spread of Flames

Valuable art works, including statuary and paintings, were destroyed early yesterday morning in a fire which broke out in the art store of S. & G. Gump, in Post street.

What the fire didn't destroy was ruined by the powerful streams of water which were directed into the store. The blaze started in a waste paper basket in the rear of the store and was not discovered by the night watchman, F. Miller, until it had gained considerable headway.

After 30 minutes of hard work by the firemen the flames were checked, but the intense heat generated within the confines of the store was sufficient to crumble to dust some of the friar statues and the delicate china were broken by the streams of water.

All the books and records in the office were destroyed, as were goods stacked up in the shipping room ready to be sent to purchasers. The building itself is of brick and stone, but the elevator shaft will have to be reconstructed, for the fire warped and twisted the steel work.

In their effort to prevent the flames spreading to the floors above the firemen deluged the upper stories of the building and as a result paintings which hung on the walls of the gallery over the store were ruined.

"The loss will run into thousands of dollars," said Alfred Gump last night, "but just how much only can be learned after a careful examination of pieces which appear at a glance to be ruined, but which may be restored."

WEALTHY BETTORS PROFFER EVIDENCE

D. A. Raybould and Edward Levy of Hillsborough Make Marshal Stake Holder—But Never Again

HILLSBOROUGH, Feb. 16.—Small bets for the men who bet the races that millions are being about for their exclusive amusement has Marshal Canine of this distinctive community.

For this reason D. A. Raybould and Edward Levy each wired \$1,000 into the hands of the marshal as stake holder for a bet on the Hastings-Elkins pony race today and must face the risk Mr. H. T. Bowie, recorder of the town, thinks no money.

Harold Elkins and Saton Elkins yesterday raced ponies. They were sleek, thoroughbred animals, and looked the part of record trimmers.

"Bet you a thousand that pony wins," said Raybould, designating his choice. "Call you," said Levy, unrolling a wad as green as the Hillsborough award.

Turning to the nearest bystander, Levy handed over his thousand and said: "You hold it, me boy."

"Yes, old wop; hold mine, please you," said Raybould, who appeared to be a man of means.

At its finish Raybould reached for his "long green" and the astute marshal said that he had no money.

Raybould and Levy were each released on \$100 bail.

GOFF'S DANDER IS UP

Says He Wants to Remain With Chinatown Squad

Corporal Charles Goff has withdrawn his application to be relieved from duty in Chinatown, and has announced his determination to continue in charge of the Chinatown squad.

Tonight Corporal Goff will appear before the police commission to answer charges preferred against him by Wong Quong, who alleged that Goff placed his residence, 137 Waverly place, without written consent, and frightening Quong's wife. Quong will appear before the police commission in person and will have the moral support of the Chinese consul during the investigation into the charges.

Corporal Goff said that he would have insisted upon being relieved from duty in Chinatown had not Chinese gamblers brought suit against him for \$50,000. Wong Quong charged him with disturbing the peace.

CLOVERDALE IS WINNER

Santa Rosa High School Debating Team Is Defeated

(Special Dispatch to the Call) CLOVERDALE, Feb. 16.—The Cloverdale high school debating team defeated the team from Santa Rosa high school in a debate held here. The winning team consists of the following: John Cooley, Charles Grant and Nettie Wheeler. They supported the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved that the Sherman anti-trust law should be repealed."

The Santa Rosa high school team was represented by Douglas Cameron, Grace Titus and Francis A. Hill. All of the debaters handled the question in a masterly manner, but Francis A. Hill, who secured credit, owing to his able speech. The judges consisted of C. L. Sedgley, Rev. W. G. White and Prof. H. R. Pull.

HISTORIAN WILL LECTURE ON JEWISH PROBLEMS ARE SUBJECT



Prof. Gotthard Deutsch, who will lecture here on problems of his race.

STOCKTON MAN GOES ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Case Against W. A. Dorr, Accused of Murder, Opens Today in Salem, Mass.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 16.—A diary, alleged to contain a record of the death of George E. Marsh, written, some hours before the body of the wealthy soap manufacturer of Lynn was found in the West Lynn marshes, April 12, 1912, will figure in the trial of William A. Dorr, charged with murder.

The case will be opened in the superior court here tomorrow. The state will attempt to show that Dorr mailed this journal to an aunt in California, and that through this action the police obtained the first clue to the alleged perpetrator of the crime.

Other circumstances, including a legacy of \$100,000, which was to go to this aunt in 1914, or earlier, in the event of Marsh's death, lend a peculiar interest to the mysterious affair.

More than 100 witnesses have been summoned and the prosecution's case, built largely on circumstantial evidence, will be contested stoutly.

Dorr's mother, Mrs. L. C. Dorr, will attend the trial. As she is advanced in years and in feeble health, it was decided only at the last moment to permit her to undertake this ordeal.

Marsh was 76 years of age and a widower. His only immediate relatives were Caleb, a brother, and James M. Marsh, a son. He was not known to have an enemy, and when his body, bearing four bullet wounds, was discovered, the police were at a loss for a motive for his death.

A reward of \$2,500 was offered for the detection of the murderer and a wide search was begun. For several days this was without result.

Then came a message from the chief of police of Stockton, Cal. It read: "Has a low built man, about 35 years of age, been seen in company with Marsh?"

This description fitted fairly well a stranger who had attracted attention in Lynn and was known there as Willis A. Dow. About the time of Marsh's death Dow disappeared.

Investigation developed that Marsh was the trustee of a fund of \$100,000 left by a brother, James Marsh, for the latter's adopted daughter, Miss Orpha Marsh of Stockton, Cal.

She was to receive the money at the death of George E. Marsh, or in 1914, if the trustee survived in that year.

NEPHEW OF MARSH HEIRSES Dorr is a nephew of Miss Marsh, and made his home with her. The state will attempt to prove that Dorr and Dow are identical and that the defendant left Stockton a short time before Marsh was killed, and was in Lynn masquerading when the murder was committed.

Later, it will be asserted, he returned to California, stopping in New York, where he mailed a diary in which the demise of Marsh was set down.

Miss Marsh notified the authorities of the return of her nephew, and he was arrested in Stockton April 18 last.

PAINTINGS FOR MUSEUM

Collection of Narjot's Presented by His Widow

The collection of paintings in Golden Gate Park museum was increased the last week by 18 pictures from the brush of the late E. Narjot, who in the early eighties was celebrated in this city and the coast for his work, left a substantial collection, which his widow has donated to the museum.

PROFESSOR DEUTSCH IS QUALIFIED TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS PERSECUTED RACE

SAVANT'S INTERESTING DISCOURSE AT EMANU-EL SCHOOL WILL BE ILLUSTRATED

Prof. Gotthard Deutsch, head of the department of Jewish history of the Hebrew Union colleges of Cincinnati, will speak on "The Development of Modern Judaism Since the French Revolution" tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 at Emanu-El school house, 1237 Sutter street.

As one of the leading Jewish historians of the present day, Professor Deutsch is well qualified to speak on this subject. Prospective immigration of Jewish people from Russia as the result of intolerance is a problem calling for close attention and study in this country.

The lecture will be illustrated.

PALO ALTO GIRL WEDDED IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Miss Mary Gertrude Herdman Became Bride of Robert Bruce Scott on January 17

(Special Dispatch to the Call) PALO ALTO, Feb. 16.—Word was received here today of the marriage of Miss Mary Gertrude Herdman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Herdman of Palo Alto, to Robert Bruce Scott of Toronto, Canada.

The ceremony took place in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John at Manila, January 17, at the residence of the local friends of the bride heard of the wedding until today.

The bride was given away by her brother, Charles E. Herdman. Miss Mary Spencer of this city was maid of honor. Ray Hartigan of Manila attended as best man. The Misses Edith Sherman and Florence Beach of Manila were bridesmaids. The wedding was followed by a reception at the home of Captain and Mrs. W. E. Sherman.

The bride entered Stanford in 1908 and took a prominent part in college dramatics, filling leading roles in several plays. She is a member of the Schubert club and Pi Beta Phi.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott sailed for Australia January 18. After a sojourn in that country they will continue their tour in this city in the future, stopping in Palo Alto en route.

SAN FRANCISCO LADS START "FATHER'S DAY"

Bishop Hughes Warns Parents to Make Chums and Confidants of Sons

"Fathers, if you fail to exchange secrets with your sons, you are laying the foundation for future tragedies," said Bishop Edwin H. Hughes yesterday, when Mayor Rolph and a room full of lads of the boys' division of the Young Men's Christian association inaugurated "Father's Day" here in San Francisco.

The mayor, in a talk, emphasizing the obligations of sons toward fathers, expressed the hope that this unique celebration, which will be annual in this city in the future, would become a national event, just as "Mother's day" has.

Boys were in charge of the exercises. Lester Owen presided. Irving Morse read a few verses of scripture and Alfred Chapuis and Ralph Strohmeyer led in prayer. A solo was given by Percy Elliott.

Bishop Hughes warned fathers against "the fatal error of being so exclusive and so busy that they ceased to enjoy their sons as companions and close friends, so that they could not exchange secrets." In turn, he made an appeal that sons hold reverence for their fathers and care for them in their declining years.

PACKERS HOPE TO SHIP FILIPINOS FOR SEASON

Steamer Yucatan Has Been Chartered to Bring Shipload of Islanders From Honolulu

Whether or not there will be trouble in obtaining men for the Alaska salmon season is a question agitating the water front.

The steamer Yucatan has been chartered from the Alaska Steamship company by labor contractors to bring a shipload of Filipinos from Honolulu for the season.

The salmon packers are being overhauled and it is expected the fleet will be ready to depart for the north about March 15.

The Peterson Launch and Towboat company yesterday conveyed a five and a half ton water tank from the front to the barkentine St. Catherine which is moored in Oakland creek. The tank for the Red Salmon company. The St. Catherine will be one of the first packers to go north.

CHILDREN CONTEST WILL

Late Captain Martin Was Unsound in Mind, Say Allegations

Contest of the will of the late Captain Michael Martin has been instituted in the superior court by Ellen Taylor of Santa Clara, Ann Lowmyer of San Francisco and H. H. Martin of San Rafael, children of the decedent, who alleged their father for 10 years preceding his death was of unsound mind. The estate is valued at \$35,000, consisting of \$23,000 in stocks and money and \$10,000 in realty and interests in certain ships. Mrs. Mary Martin, the widow, 74 years old, was left the entire estate, except the children receiving small bequests. Captain Martin died January 18 at the age of 78.

COAST ARTILLERY DANCE

Sixth Company Will Give Party at Palace Hotel

The Sixth company of the coast artillery corps is completing arrangements for the fourth annual ball in honor of the other companies, to be held Saturday evening, February 22, in the large ball room of the Palace hotel.

SALVAGE OF WRECKED OAKLAND MONUMENT IS UNVEILED WITH IMPRESSIVE MILITARY SERVICES

ARMY AND GUARD AID WAR VETERANS IN OAKLAND CEREMONY

Captain R. J. Faneuf, past commander of E. H. Liscum camp, who turned the relic over to the city, and it was accepted by Mayor Mott. At the conclusion of the ceremony the monument was strewn with flowers by the members of Julia A. Martin auxiliary No. 20, U. S. W. V., and a salute of 20 guns was fired by Battery D, first battalion, Field artillery of the N. G. C., under Captain H. F. Huber.

The services were preceded by a parade through the principal streets, forming at 11 o'clock at Fourteenth and Franklin streets and marching to the park. Commander C. J. Hogan acted as marshal of the day, his aids being James Moynagh and Louis Hines.

ARMY BANDS IN PARADE In the parade were the marine band of 60 pieces from the naval training station at Yerba Buena island; the United States Sixth Infantry band from the Presidio; Hayden Y. Grubbs camp, U. S. W. V., in service at the Presidio; Kelly camp, U. S. W. V., in service at the Presidio; and the U. S. W. V. drum and bugle corps and members of the camp, the last in line being Camp Liscum.

Following the dedication by Rev. Father McQuaid, Commander Foster told something of the war and its meaning and consequences and the meaning of the monument.

"The great consequences of the Spanish war," he said, "were the spirit of comradeship engendered by a common cause between the soldiers of the north and south, standing shoulder to shoulder on the field of battle, and the opening of a vast commercial empire. All the old prejudices of north and south were swept aside.

MONUMENT TO SHOW REVERENCE "When the Maine was raised it was considered proper that Oakland should possess some relic of the tragedy and the brave men lost. This monument is not meant as a constant reminder of the North and South, but as a testimony of our reverence for those lost on the Maine and our gratitude for their loyalty, patriotism and devotion to their country."

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THREE CHILDREN SHOT BECAUSE OF MISTAKES

ONE GIRL MAY DIE AS RESULT OF INDISCREET MANIPULATION OF WEAPON

ALAMEDA, Feb. 16.—The old excuse that "didn't know the gun was loaded" today wounded Eva Pessi, 15 years old, Hazel, 8, and Joseph Gomez, 14, at the hands of Alfred Littlewood, 14 years old.

Eva Pessi received more than 100 fine shot in her body and her recovery is considered doubtful. Her face, chest and abdomen were punctured by the lead pellets. Hazel Pessi was struck in the head by a number of shot and Joseph Gomez received several punctures, but injuries to neither of them are believed to be serious. Littlewood was taken into custody by the police and after telling his story of the shooting, was turned over to the detention home in Oakland.

The Pessi children are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Pessi of 1803 Sherman street. With young Gomez, they were playing this morning at 10 o'clock near the north end of Benton street, when Littlewood, whose home is 1517 Benton street, with a companion, was going hunting, and both carried guns.

When within 20 yards of the Pessi girls and Gomez, Littlewood, in a spirit of mischief, pointed his gun at them and pulled the trigger. The unexpected report was followed by piercing screams of the wounded children. Perceiving in the neighborhood hurried to their aid, Eva Pessi was in a state of collapse. She was taken into a nearby house, from where she was conveyed to the emergency hospital. After being treated by Dr. Arthur Hieronymus the girl was moved to the Alameda sanatorium. The injured children, with Littlewood and his companion, are all pupils at the Mastick school.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH WILL GIVE IRISH PLAY

"In Old Kinsale" to Be Produced for Benefit of Church-Building Fund

For the purpose of securing funds to assist in building a new church for St. Elizabeth's parish, the parishioners of Father John McNaboe are preparing to present "In Old Kinsale" in Knights of Columbus hall the evening of March 27.

The play is an episode of the rebellion of '98 and illustrates the life and spirit of the time, when Irishmen were fighting for their liberty. Irish national songs and dances will be introduced to supplement the dramatic play.

A chorus of 60 voices from St. Elizabeth's parish will assist the cast. The characters are as follows: The Rev. James Brinkley, Thomas Christy, The O'Neil, Henry Huling; Brian O'Callaghan the rebel, K. R. Dinnigan; Sergeant Snider, Captain Wilson, J. Wilson; Nora, Miss Jewel Dinnigan; Ellen, Miss Lorraine Wise; Lady Sheila, Miss Lorraine Wise; Honora O'Callaghan, Mrs. Thomas Christy.

OBEDIENCE OF RUSSIAN GIRL SHOWN IN FILM

Grauman's Imperial Feature Reveals Respect of Daughter for Father's Wish

"Chains of an Oath," the headline photoplay at Grauman's Imperial theater this week, illustrates Russian filial obedience, showing how Denia, a peasant girl, stood firm to her father's wish to her father to marry one suitor, even though she meets another in her later life in America. At the critical moment to her father to marry one suitor, even though she meets another in her later life in America. At the critical moment to her father to marry one suitor, even though she meets another in her later life in America.

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COAST WILL HAVE OWN FEDERATION

WESTERN MOTORCYCLISTS PLAN TO WITHDRAW FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

"Taxation Without Adequate Representation" Given as Cause

By LEON J. PINKSON Grieved at what they term "taxation without adequate representation," the motorcyclists of the Pacific coast are planning to withdraw from the American Federation of Motorcyclists and organize what they expect to call the Western Motorcycle federation. The new association is to be formally launched on March 1, at which time a full set of officers and district representatives are to be appointed.

H. G. Hodges and Volney Davis, both well known local riders, have been selected to do the preliminary work of organization, and from the answers received from various clubs asking for support they feel assured of the success of the association. According to Mr. Davis, the western association is not desirous of becoming an "outlaw organization," if a suitable agreement can be reached with the officials of the American federation, although at present, as is natural, the latter body is not looking with favor on the project.

"Every club of note from San Francisco to Vancouver has endorsed the new western federation plan," said Mr. Davis yesterday, in talking of the project, "and we expect the club in the south to fall in line. The southerners, however, are awaiting the visit of Leo F. Sauter, chairman of the legal action committee of the American federation, who is now on the way to the coast to endeavor to settle existing disputes.

"We feel that the tax the coast motorcyclists have been paying in the national federation has not been put to a use that has benefited this region to any extent, notwithstanding that we have more motorcycles per capita than in any other part of the country. We firmly believe that with a guiding body here much can be accomplished that will increase the popularity of motorcycling in the west."

Yesterday all the motorcyclists in San Francisco and vicinity interested in the new federation plans held a big boosters' parade throughout the city, and on next Saturday a run to Colfax will start from here. It is planned to take the 2:15 a. m. boat and reach the snow line at Colfax early in the afternoon, staying there for the night and returning on Sunday. Riders in Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento and other valley towns will join the boosters as they pass along, and it is expected that close to 200 motorcyclists will participate in the tour.

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