

# DESERTED SHIP PLIES PACIFIC; 31 MISSING

## Plunges To Death in Million Dollar Transbay Fire

### ONE LIFE IS LOST IN RAGING FLAMES

Loss by fire that may reach \$1,000,000 and the death of Henry C. Graves, foreman of the asphalt plant of the Union Oil company at Oleum, are reports which have reached the officers of the company in this city today.

Graves was seen to enter the asphalt plant just after the fire broke out yesterday afternoon. He has not been seen since and the officers now believe he met his death in the flames, which completely destroyed the coopers shops of the big concern.

While the fire has been under control since early last night, the debris and large pools of oil are still blazing. Early estimates of the loss of \$100,000 have steadily gone up until late today it is believed \$1,000,000 is nearer to the actual figure.

The fire fighting department of the asphalt works, numbering 300, has been working for hours, but so far their efforts to find the remains of Graves have been unavailing.

The origin of the fire is still undetermined, although the blaze has been attributed to the bursting of a pipe near the fire boxes under the still.

### Rev. Father Ricard Finds Great Sunspot

By Associated Press.  
SAN JOSE, Dec. 10.—Father Ricard of Santa Clara university today discovered a sun spot, the largest seen in two years. The sun spot is in longitude 9-17-24 east of central meridian. It is due to a heliocentric conjunction of the earth with Saturn on December 7. The new sun spot has an area of 409,536,709,189 square miles. It is 32,913.15 miles long and 12,805.25 miles wide.

### Class Votes to Go on Honor at U. C. Exams

Prof. George M. Stratton, head of the department of psychology of the University of California, was voted out of his classroom at the semi-annual examinations by his students today. After leaving the examination papers he allowed the class to take its tests alone. There was only one dissenting vote when he asked the students if they desired his presence.

### Blacksmith Selected As Royal Opera Singer

By Associated Press.  
CASSEL, Germany, Dec. 10.—Franz Bachmann, a blacksmith, who still works at his forge in the locomotive works here, has been chosen to fill the leading bass role in "The Magic Flute," to be given at the opera house on December 18.

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### NOVELIST WHITAKER RENOUNCES KING SO HIS WIFE MAY VOTE

"I Can't Remain Alien and Be Just to Her," Writer Says

In order that his wife, who is a San Francisco girl, may exercise her right of suffrage, Herman J. Whitaker, novelist, who is a subject of King George, came into court in Oakland this morning and took out his final naturalization papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker were married three years ago, before woman's suffrage became a law in California. When she married him she became a subject of the British crown, and forfeited her right to the ballot. This has been established in the courts,



through the case of Mrs. Mackenzie Gordon, who went to law in order to vote.

Whitaker said this morning that it was unjust to her for him to remain an alien any longer.

Whitaker's witnesses were Burdette Sanders, a newspaper man, and A. A. Denison, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. They declared, so far as they knew, Whitaker was not an anarchist.

Whitaker came to this country 15 years ago. Two months later he took out his first papers, but a sentiment for the mother country prevented him from carrying the matter to conclusion. He has made several other attempts at naturalization, but has always dropped it just before the issuance of the final papers.

He is 46 years old, and was born in Huddersfield, Eng. On his petition for naturalization he gives his occupation as author and journalist.

He wrote "The Plasters," one of the most successful of modern novels. He lives in a house constructed by his wife and himself.

While novelist Whitaker has chosen the simple solution to the puzzling problem which woman's suffrage has created in this state, Mrs. Gordon, who is incidentally the same position as Mrs. Whitaker, prefers to win the fight by means of the courts. She said today that Mr. Gordon would not seek naturalization in order that she might vote, but that the case will be carried through the United States supreme court, and, if it fails there, finally, to congress.

Judge Griffin is trying to decide today whether it is extreme cruelty to prevent a suffragist from voting. Mrs. Midge C. Swanson, through Attorney Gilbert D. Boalt, wants a decree from Gustav Swanson. She says he won't take out his second naturalization papers so she and he can vote.

TAKES TWO POISONS  
Out of work, Albert Donald, 30 years old, tried to make doubly sure of death today. At 850 Harrison street, he took two poison tablets and swallowed ether. He was taken to the central emergency hospital in a serious condition.

### CITY ADDS UNION ST. ROAD TO SYSTEM

Sharp at midnight the Union street line becomes a municipal road. The transfer of the railway to the city will be attended by simple but somewhat dramatic ceremonies. At the expiration of the 25 years franchise city officials and representatives of the Presidio and Ferries railway will assemble at the car barn of the road.

There will be no formal speeches or band music to mark the epoch in the progress of municipal ownership. Crowds can hardly be expected to gather at that mystic hour. Superintendent Thomas A. Cashin of the municipal railways will be master of ceremonies. President George Newhall of the Union street line will step forward at the stroke of 12 with the bill of sale. Acting Mayor Thomas Jennings will receive the precious document and in return will hand Newhall a warrant on the city treasury for \$50,000 as a first payment. Then Cashin will get busy and run the road as usual.

This afternoon the board of supervisors will pass the measure appropriating the \$50,000 out of the Geary street railway earnings.

With the work in connection with the appraisal of the Union street line out of the way Assistant City Engineer Ranson has now begun preliminary surveys for the continuation of the Tenth avenue branch of the Geary road across the park.

### Boy Bandits' Gang Broken Up by Police

The career of a gang of boy bandits was cut short this morning when two of them were arrested at the Cole school, Ninth and Poplar streets, Oakland, by the police. The lads are Raymond Howard, aged 12, and Charles Cook, 13. A third member of the gang, Ralph Cassero, is being sought by the police.

The three boys robbed the home of Frank B. Leonard, 564 Linden street, at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Leaving Cassero on watch, the other boys climbed the back porch of the Leonard's home and broke through a rear door into the house. They secured three watches, two chains, a revolver holster and a number of cartridges.

### 3 CASES—AND 3 SOLUTIONS

No. 1—Prefers peaceful method of gaining ballot.  
Herman Whitaker Says:  
When my wife married me she lost her right to vote. In order that she may enjoy the privilege, granted to all women of California, I shall lay aside the sentimental reasons which have held me to the British crown during 18 years of residence in this country, and become a naturalized American citizen.

No. 2—Would fight.  
Mrs. Gordon Says:  
My case and fight for the right to vote is essentially a public one, and not personal. If Mr. Gordon, my husband, were to become an American citizen, and so solve this particular case, it would still avail nothing to the other women who married.

No. 3—Wow! She DOES fight.  
Mrs. Swanson Says:  
It is extreme cruelty to prevent a woman from voting. I am suing for a divorce because my husband will not take out his second citizenship papers. Without them neither he nor I can vote.

### THE SAN FRANCISCO POST PURCHASED BY THE CALL PUBLISHING COMPANY

The San Francisco Post, its name, good will, circulation and subscription list and Associated Press membership have been purchased by The Call Publishing Company. Its name has been changed to The San Francisco Call and Post, and under this name it will be delivered hereafter to its subscribers.

### QUACKS ARE ON RUN Big Fakers Frightened

Developments of today in campaign against quacks: Dr. George Morton announces under oath that the museum at 745 Market street is closed forever.

Charles K. Holsman and Dr. Fred A. Steele of the Cook Medical company museum, 83 Third street, frightened, ask jury trial, which is set for December 18.

Louis Ward, attorney for state medical board, says felony warrants against Cook Medical company men will be issued tomorrow.

Board in session at Sacramento announces details of statewide campaign.

### Steward Who Leaped Into Sea to Elude Foe Is Officially Dead

Court's Move in Estate Settlement Hints at Violence From Smuggling Ring

Henry Donohoe, chief steward on the liner *Monrovia*, was today declared officially dead by Judge Graham. Behind this is a hint of violence by the smuggling ring the federal authorities have been fighting for months.

Donohoe, who had been melancholy, disappeared June 28, while the *Monrovia* was homeward bound from China.

Donohoe left \$6,000. His sister, Johanna Casutt of Napa, has been named administratrix.

### Germany's 1915 Bill Referred; No Debate

By Associated Press.  
BERLIN, Dec. 10.—A bill for the appropriation of \$125,000 for German representation at the Panama-Pacific exposition came up in the imperial parliament today.

It was strongly opposed by Otto Arendt.

On motion of Ernest Bassermann the bill was referred to the budget committee without debate.

The government members gave no indication of their attitude toward the bill.

In the course of the debate Count Friedrich von Westerp opposed the appropriation.

### Robber Suspect Is Trapped in Window

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 10.—Edward Curran was caught early today, stuck in the window of Von Husen's grocery. He was robbing the store, it is charged, and mistook a patent scale for a cash register. He tried to get it through the window and failed. His cries brought Policeman Edward Cerf.

### Passengers Injured in Electric Train Crash

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 10.—Two Northern Electric trains met in a head-on collision at Richland yesterday and several passengers were cut and bruised. The accident occurred in a fog. Doctor Barr of Marysville was badly bruised.

### Many Shot in Clash Of Striking Miners

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 10.—Union and nonunion men clashed at the Quincy mine, ear Hancock, according to reports reaching here late today. Several men were reported shot.

### Jailed as Slayer Of Bank Cashier

By Associated Press.  
WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 10.—John Krafchenko, charged by the police with holding up the Bank of Montreal branch at Plum Coulee, Man., and killing Bank Manager Arnold, was arrested in a rooming house here today.

### Elihu Root Awarded Nobel Peace Prize

By Associated Press.  
CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 10.—The Nobel peace prize for 1913 was conferred today on Senator Elihu Root of New York and that for 1912 on Senator Henri La Fontaine of Brussels, Belgium, who was formerly president of the permanent international peace bureau of Bern, Switzerland.

### DISMAYED QUACKS IN PLEA FOR DELAYS

Another great victory was won by the state board of medical examiners in the police court, before Judge Shortall today, when Dr. George Morton, owner of the museum of anatomy at 745 Market street, on the witness stand, announced that the Market street museum is closed for good.

"We will not attempt to fight the board of medical examiners in this crusade. They have the goods on us," he said.

Upon the announcement of Attorney John Greeley that the owner of the property had authorized him to say that the museum would never be opened again, and with the consent of Louis Ward, attorney for the board, the case against Morton was dismissed.

Attorneys for Charles K. Holsman and Dr. Fred A. Steele of the Cook Medical company, 83 Third street, were nonplussed at the defeat of Morton.

Yesterday Nate Coghlan and Judge Charles Fairall were imperative in their demands for an immediate trial of their clients and waived a jury trial, but today, after seeing Morton give up the ghost, they begged for a long continuance, and the case was set for jury trial in Judge Shortall's court at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 18.

"The action of Doctor Morton means the elimination of the Jordan museum and the Cook museum in a very short time," says Louis Ward, attorney for the state board of medical examiners.

"Holsman and his partners know they can not fight this."

Doctor Ray of the Modern Specialists, 51 Third street, said that he is attempting to make his office respectable, when asked why the gaudy specialist's sign was being taken down today.

### STATEWIDE WAR ON QUACKERY

Elated over the success of its first skirmishes in the declared war against quackery, the state board of medical examiners at its meeting in Sacramento yesterday voted unanimously to extend its battle lines immediately from Modoc to San Diego and to annihilate the enemy by a series of rapid fire mass attacks.

Dr. Charles B. Pinkham, secretary to the board, returned to San Francisco today with Dr. W. W. Vandenberg and Dr. Harry E. Alderson, members of the board, all three jubilant over the plan of campaign.

QUACK COMPLETES TERM  
After serving 10 months in the Alameda county jail, Dr. A. Peabody, alias Dr. H. B. Hart, was released today, having completed his term. He was found guilty of performing an illegal operation on testimony furnished by Mrs. Mina Casaway of Oroville. His office was in the Westbank building in this city. By taking the pauper's oath before Assistant United States Attorney Hethman this morning he escaped payment of a \$3,000 fine.

### Blinded by Flash She Phones Doctor

Miss Flora Randolph, principal of the fashionable girl's school in Berkeley bearing her name, showed remarkable pluck and presence of mind when a gas heater exploded in her home at 262 Derby street and temporarily blinded her yesterday.

Alone in the house she groped to the telephone. She called a physician and collapsed. The doctor took her to a sanatorium, where it is said her sight will be saved.

The gas flame burned Miss Randolph's face.

### Mendell Beilis Out Of Danger of Courts

By Associated Press.  
KIEV, Russia, Dec. 10.—The time limit expired today for an appeal against the verdict of acquittal in the trial of Mendell Beilis on a charge of murdering Andrew Yushinsky for purposes of "blood ritual." As the public prosecutor did not take advantage of the 15 day period allowed for an appeal the judgment became absolute automatically.

### Father Sues Children To Compel Support

Old and decrepit, J. E. Wells, who says he is unable to work, today filed suit for maintenance in the Superior court against his three children, Walter, Clarence and Genevieve. He says Clarence is an electrician, Walter a teamster and Genevieve a stenographer; that each one is able to contribute \$10 a month toward his support, and that he can subsist on that amount.

### Rolph in New York In Hunt for Data on Great Opera Houses

Oscar Hammerstein's Metropolitan Inspected by Mayor; Says There Will Be No Diamond Horseshoe

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Oscar Hammerstein's complicated opera plans, his suits with singers here and abroad and his rivalry with the Metropolitan opera house, today entered into the San Francisco municipal opera house project.

Mayor Rolph of San Francisco, investigating the New York opera situation in preparation for San Francisco's music fight, has held conferences with New York leaders to secure copies of court papers in the anti-trust legislation between Hammerstein and the Metropolitan.

"There'll be no diamond horseshoe in San Francisco, such as the Metropolitan has, Mayor Rolph said before announcing that Boston is his next destination. There he will go further into opera.

He has obtained copies of the articles of incorporation of the Metropolitan and Conried companies, to use on his return to San Francisco, when that city's opera mixup comes up before the supervisors.

Mayor Rolph ad District Attorney Whitman carefully compared the situations in San Francisco and here.

### Teacher So Tired of Life He Forgets to Turn on Death Gas

W. F. Ringmaide, a school teacher, 53 years old, was so tired of life that he forgot to turn on the gas when he tried to end his life. He is now in the detention hospital.

He told his landlady, Mrs. W. J. Gill, 615 Steiner street, he would end it all. She summoned Patrolman Truitt, who broke into the room. Ringmaide, undressed, was on the bed, a gas tube in his mouth, waiting for death. But the gas wasn't turned on.

### Anti-Liquor Plea Made to Congress

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Under the dome of the capital 2,000 men and women representing the Anti-Saloon League of America and the Women's Christian Temperance union, assembled today for a demonstration against the liquor traffic.

The men and women marched in separate lines from the downtown district to the east front of the capitol. Each bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment.

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The nearest land to the scene where the *Dalgonair* was sighted is a bleak island 900 miles distant.

Captain Blister of the *Dalgonair* is well known in San Francisco. He formerly commanded the British bark *Centaur*.

The *Dalgonair* herself has been known in San Francisco almost from the time she was built, in 1892, at Southampton.

She is a large steel vessel, being 294 feet long and having a tonnage of 2,565. She is owned by Grace, Beasley & Co. of Liverpool. For a long time she was in the wheat trade, but of late years has been seen here infrequently.

### SALVAGE HINGES ON CAT

A fine point in marine law is raised in the possibility of the *Dalgonair's* being taken in tow by a passing craft, should she have remained afloat. The salvage would be heavy, it is declared, along the water front, unless the living cat were aboard when the salvagers arrived. This point, it is said, is usually solved by the disappearance of the cat.

### Suitable Christmas Gifts

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