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U. S. WARSHIPS RESCUE 500 AMERICANS

Sweetheart Lures Boy Bandits to Police Net

BLOW MENLO SAFE; GET $2,000

2 CONFESS CRIMES TO BUY GIRL GIFTS

Held in detinue in Oakland as a witness against the boy bandits, Gertrude Crawford, today told of her love for Eastland Brittonn thus:

"I love him dearly. I am ready to marry him as soon as they let us go.

"He has done nothing to make them keep him. My faith in him is unshaken.

"We were planning our marriage when Eastland was arrested.

"He gave me a diamond engagement ring and a gold locket. I don't think they were stolen.

"He gave me other things, too."

Trapped in the home of a girl on whom they had showered stolen gifts, Eastland Britton, 17 years old, and Millard Cooke, 18 years old, are held in the Oakland city prison as bandits today. To them is laid a wave of crime. They have confessed three offenses.

The girl, Gertrude Crawford, 17 years old and pretty, was secretly arrested two days ago. The boys were caught from ambush when they called to take her out in a stolen automobile.

Britton is a nephew of John A. Britton, president of the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

DESERTED BY FATHER

For a year Miss Crawford's eldest brother, William, has been the head of the family since the mother left, a year ago, after being deserted by the father.

Fresh clews to the bandit's career were given the police by George Crawford, a bedridden cripple of five years, who was left alone all night on his cot in the attic of the house, 463 Thirty-eight street, Oakland, at which young Britton and his companion were caught. The elder brother left after the arrest, and shortly before midnight all the furniture was removed in vans, the sick child being left unattended.

Miss Crawford, after her secret arrest two days ago as a witness, waited, under the direction of the police, for the boys till they came in the stolen automobile to take her out for a ride.

WALK INTO AMBUSH

Britton and Cook were caught as they were entering the house by Detectives Richard McSorley and Thomas Wood, who waited in ambush.

They took their arrest as a joke,

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CALL-POST WILL REPLY TO QUESTIONS
Concerning State Insurance

BECAUSE of the great interest throughout San Francisco and California in the new workmen's compensation, insurance and safety act, commonly known as the workmen's compensation act, and the general desire for enlightenment on various phases of the law, The Call and Post will answer questions through its columns daily on anything relating to the proposition.

Send your written questions to The Call and Post. They will be answered by Colonel Harris Weinstock, Will J. French and A. J. Pillsbury, composing the state industrial accident board, and both employer and employe will have an opportunity to obtain a good idea of what the law is.

The act goes into effect January 1, and its sponsers say it will be one of the greatest legislative benefits ever given to the workingmen and women of California.

Write your questions plainly and make them concise. Watch the columns of this paper closely, as the question you intended to ask may be propounded in the query of your neighbor.

THROWN OUT OF WINDOW, IS DYING

Hurled from the window in the second story of a lodging house at 76 Clary street, William Rein, 19, a machinist, lies dying at the Central emergency hospital. He was flung to the stone paving after a desperate battle with two men who overpowered the lad and deliberately threw him out.

Six of the people who were in the house at the time, including one woman and the two men accused by Rein in his dying statement to the police, are held at the city prison, awaiting the outcome of Rein's injuries. The six are John Trecanis, proprietor of the lodging house; his wife, Belle Trecanis; John Apospolou, his brother, Andy Apospolou; John Zavos and James Jews.

Rein, who lives at the Sterling hotel, 377 Third street, in his story to the police said that he went to the lodging house last night to discuss money matters with John Apospolou. They quarreled. At 2:30 o'clock Rein returned to the house and the argument over the money was renewed.

To make peace, Apospolou invited Rein to have a drink, but Rein was suspicious of some trick and refused, whereupon the quarrel blazed up again. Rein says that, after knocking him down, John Apospolou, assisted by Trecanis, picked him up bodily and hurled him through a window. He fell on the pavement, partially fracturing his skull, breaking several bones and sustaining internal injuries.

His condition is believed hopeless. Officers Earle and O'Connell arrested the six people, all of whom are believed to have been either accessories or witnesses to the crime.

Peanut Concession At Fair Is Sublet

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Richard Emerzian of Fresno, who received the concession for the sale of peanuts at both the San Francisco and San Diego expositions in 1915, has turned over his rights to Charles E. Trezona of the North American Mercantile company of San Francisco. All the peanuts sold at the two expositions will be grown in Kings county, California, by a company recently formed there. Emerzian will have charge of the production of the peanuts needed.

BAY BRIDGE NOW IN SENATE

Works Introduces Bill Asking Permission to Build Span From S. F. to Oakland

Permission to construct the gigantic suspension bridge which he has planned to span San Francisco bay and to unite this city with Oakland may be granted by congress to Allan C. Rush, the Los Angeles engineer, by a bill which was introduced today in the senate by Senator John Works.

The Works bill would grant Rush right to sell one-third interest in the bridge to the city of San Francisco and another third to the cities on the east shore of the bay.

Rush's plans call for an expenditure of about $26,000,000.

The bridge would reach from Telegraph hill to a point on the Oakland shore and would have Goat island as its center support. There would be five piers and four spans, with a length of 4,560 feet in each span. The height of the bridge above water would be 150 feet. Eight cables, each one 20 inches in diameter, would support the structure. The total length would be over four and a half miles. It is proposed to have six car tracks and two driveways. If the terminals are not included in the cost, Rush says, the bridge will pay 4½ per cent on $16,000,000 bonds.

YEGGS FLEE WITH P. O. LOOT

Posses in Autos Baffled in Search for Peninsula Robbers

Deputy sheriffs in automobiles are scouring San Mateo county in search of a gang of safe crackers which broke into the post office at Menlo Park early this morning, blew the safe wit htwo heavy charges of explosives and made off with coin and registered mail, said to be worth $2,000.

The robbery was committed shortly after theater train left Menlo Park at 12:43 o'clock.

The noise of the explosion was heard by Tom Higgins, a gateman employed by the Southern Pacific company, who immediately sounded the alarm.

Constable Martin Walsh hurried to the scene, but the robbers had fled with the loot.

A window of the postoffice had been forced with a jimmy. Postage stamps were scattered over the floor.

Word was sent to Redwood City, whence deputy sheriffs were sent in different directions, as there were no early morning trains on which the robbers could have escaped.

The authorities admit they are completely baffled.

BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD

ROME, Dec. 13.—Franklin Simmons, the famous American sculptor, who died in the Hotel d'Italie Wednesday, was buried in the potter's field, it was learned today.

Going Deaf? Then Wiggle Your Ears And Make Grimaces

French Physician Says Imitating Jackass and Monkey Keeps Eustachian Tubes Clear

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—If you want to ward off deafness, wag your ears and make faces.

This is the advice given by the French physician Fernet in an article in the current number of the Journal of the Medical association.

According to the article, the making of faces and the wagging of ears exercises the eustachian tubes and helps to prevent a loss of the hearing.

President's Cold Keeps Him From Club Feast

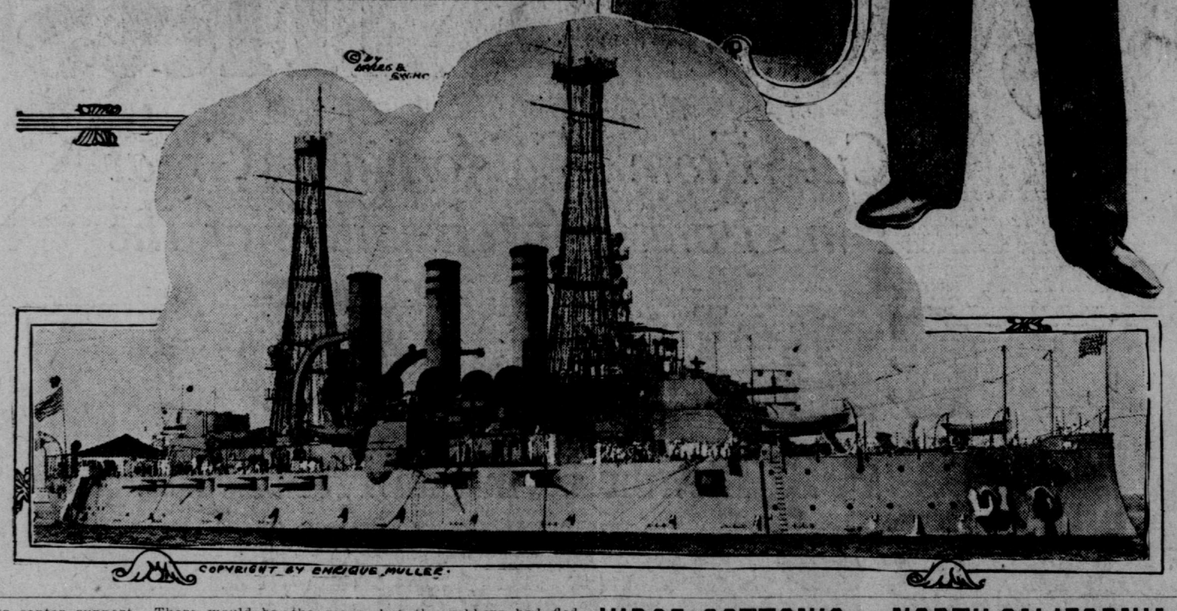
By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's cold was much better today, and, though the weather was mild and tempting, Dr. Grayson ordered him to remain in his room and to cancel his engagement to attend the dinner of the Gridiron club tonight. The president wrote a letter of regret.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MINT?

Lots of boys are coining pennies every afternoon selling Calls. The demand is so great that they have no trouble disposing of them. Every time you sell 100 you make 50 cents. Many of our young salesmen sell 400 and 500 a day. You can see how soon the pennies turn into dollars. Ask the circulation department about it.

BATTLESHIP RHODE ISLAND, now in Tampico, on board which scores of refugees are seeking safety from the shell riddled town. Rear Admiral Fletcher (upper right) is in command of the American forces. By his side is Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, in command of the British fleet.



JUDGE COTTON'S DAUGHTER FREED

Mrs. Charles Warren Granted Divorce and Custody of Their 2 Children

Testimony whispered into the ear of Judge Cabaniss today won an interlocutory decree of divorce for Mrs. Charles Warren, daughter of the late Judge Aylett R. Cotton.

The court order is the last act in the woes of the Warrens and of the Charles Bakers. The two couples were arrested while slumming on the Barbary coast two years ago, and that escapade was soon followed by two divorce suits. The Bakers were recently divorced.

The property of the Warrens, estimated to be worth from $500,000 to $750,000, will be divided when the final decree is issued.

Mrs. Warren alleged cruelty. Her mother, Mrs. Hattie E. Cotton, corroborated her.

The wife was given $150 a month alimony and custody of their two children, whom the father may see when convenient.

Van Loads of Holly For Xmas Decorations

Mrs. William H. Crocker is going to help Santa Claus at Burlingame this year. Because no holly has been stolen from New Place, she will distribute five van loads of it December 22 for Christmas decorations.

NORTH CALIFORNIA GETS A DOUSING

Nearly Half Inch Found in U. S. Rain Gauge This Morning; Wet Clear to Eureka

A heavy rain began falling in San Francisco late yesterday afternoon and continued far into the night.

When the weather bureau took the measurements of the rain gauge this morning it was found that the precipitation for the storm amounted to .48 of an inch.

The total rain for the season is 7.29 inches, against 5.34 at this date last year.

Forecaster Willson says we will probably get more rain tomorrow.

The storm extended from Eureka to Fresno, where a light sprinkle fell.

Eureka got .82 of an inch of rain, Red Bluff .12, Sacramento .26, San Jose .54 and San Luis Obispo .18.

Southern California will get rain today, according to the weather bureau.

Revenue Cutter Rushed To Flooded District

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The revenue cutter Windom is being rushed to Velasco, the town nearest the inundated section in Texas. Harry A. Black, chairman of the Galveston relief commtitee, today telegraphed Secretary McAdoo that two counties are almost entirely under water.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS OF TAMPICO SAVED BY YANKEE FLEET

Men, Women and Children Transferred to Warships While Rebels and Federals Battle for Possession of Strategically Important Mexican Port

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Rear Admiral Fletcher cabled from Tampico under date of 1 a. m. today that at 4 p. m. yesterday he had ordered all Americans out of the city, and that before midnight he had transferred about five hundred, who were aboard the Wheeling and Tacoma, to the battleships Virginia, Rhode Island and New Jersey, outside.

The admiral reported that all foreign women and children were out of the city at 1 o'clock this morning, but that some men preferred to remain. He also stated that the situation was "getting worse," and that skirmishing continued, with the Mexican gunboat Bravo shelling the position of the constitutionalists.

Admiral Fletcher asked the navy department to make public announcement that all foreigners were safe and that it was impossible to send personal messages to all who have relatives on the ships. The Navy department has engaged the Ward liner Morro Castle, which will arrive at Tampico early tomorrow, to receive such refugees as may wish to leave.

FIGHTING RESUMED

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—Fighting was resumed at Tampico this morning in defiance of the orders issued yesterday by Rear Admiral Fletcher, in command of the American forces.

News of the resumption of the battle was given out here today at Mexican military headquarters. There is much speculation as to what action Admiral Fletcher will take.

A troop train arrived here early today from Mexico City, carrying soldiers to be rushed aboard a transport bound for Tampico.

Reports are persistent that the rebels have divided their forces, and an attack has either been made or is about to be made on Tuxpam.

MONTEREY EXPECTS ASSAULT

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—There is every indication that the city of Monterey may be attacked by the rebels at any moment, according to a dispatch from Philip C. Hanna, the American consul general there. The telegram was filed this morning by way of Tampico, and was sent from that seaport to Vera Cruz by wireless.

A considerable federal army is believed to be concentrated at Monterey.

REBELS SURROUND OJINAGA

By Associated Press.

OJINAGA, Mex., Dec. 13.—Perched on the high hill of Ojinaga, which commands a sweeping view of the nearby desert and canyons, the federal army today had its guns trained in anticipation of an attack by rebels, said to number between 4,000 and 5,000, who are rapidly surrounding the town.

The commanding position of the federals with trenches and forts prepared for resistance will make it impossible for the rebels to storm the place without great loss of life. Such an attack would mean that the rebels would be constantly exposed to a heavy fire while climbing the precipitous approaches, except for the slight shelter afforded by thick mesquite bushes. The 4,000 federals garrisoned here, after their retreat from Chihuahua, have resigned themselves to the idea of an attack. The rebels, under General Herrera, have announced their intention of attacking from three sides to force the surrender or to drive the enemy across the river into the United States.

Four more troops of cavalry reinforced the United States border patrol at Presidio, Tex., today. The American military authorities have notified both sides that no shots must be fired across the river.

BATTLESHIP REACHES TAMPICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The American fleet at Tampico today was aug-

SON HOME FROM ALASKA, IS RICH

The mother of William Wise, one of the new proprietors of the Hotel Normandie, is a happy woman today. She is reunited with the son who, though today only 32 years old, has spent nearly half his life in the frozen wilds of Alaska, amassing the fortune with which he expects to make her happy for the rest of her days.

Mrs. Wise, a little, gray haired woman, who lost her fortune in the 1906 fire, has since been living in comparative poverty in a little cottage at Hermosa Beach, near Los Angeles. She arrived today from the south and was met by her stalwart son. She was put into a taxicab and whirled away to the hotel.

Wise, who has made and lost several fortunes in Alaska, went to the frozen north when he was a boy of thirteen. He had been working in the Mohave desert for "Borax" Smith before that, but had heard marvelous tales that excited his boyish imagination.

"I thought," he said this morning, smiling at the recollection, "that all I had to do was to land in Alaska and begin picking up nuggets off the beach. The reality was somewhat different."

Young Wise was one of the three men who discovered the Iditarod mining district, and was one of the four locators of the Otter association that owned some of the richest claims of that district. He was the first recorder of Iditarod.

UTAH DESPERADO CORNERED IN MINE

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 13.—Stimulus was given to the man hunt in the Utah-Apex mine for Ralph Lopez by a story told to the sheriffs early today by Sam Rogers, shift boss, who said he had seen and talked with the desperado yesterday and the day before.

Rogers said he had agreed to meet and talk with Lopez again today. The shift boss said the fugitive had declared he would die fighting.

"I know they me cornered in this mine," Lopez is quoted by Rogers as saying.

"This is my grave. I've made up my mind to that.

"I am not going to commit suicide. I am going to wait here for the end, and I shall fight whenever I have to.

"I could have killed more men than I have. Time and again I have followed posses in here and heard their plans for killing me. I easily could have killed every one of them.

"Nobody would have known I was in here if it had not been for Julie Corrello and Mike Stefano, whom I thought were my friends. If I could kill them both I would die happy."