

BIG RUSH TO GET CALL TREES

5,000 Christmas Cedars Put on Market for Record Price of 50 Cents

They're going with a push—the 5,000 Christmas trees bought by The Call and Post, to be sold at the lowest price on record in order that every home in San Francisco may know, this year what the holiday really is. Decker's big store has been turned into a forest. A thousand of the prettiest trees that ever made a child wiggle its nose with delight have been distributed over the store. Each of them is rehearsing for gift carrying by bearing a sign that reads: "San Francisco Call and Post Special Christmas Tree, Only 50 Cents."

And 4,000 more are stored in the big lot of the Boos Bros. Cafeteria company, opposite Pragers, where they were taken by the Emmons Draying company as fast as they could be unloaded from the trains that brought them from the Sierras. These three companies are helping The Call and Post make 1913's Christmas memorabilia for the poor children of the city.

RUSH ON BEFORE NOON

The rush started early, and before noon the trees were going faster than had been expected. Did the children like it all? You should have seen them. You should see them, for the sale will continue right up until Santa Claus' sleigh bells are almost audible.

The big children liked it, too. Crown ups and youngsters crowded the store, each with 50 cents in hand, to buy the trees. The little forest will remain in the store or the lot until the deliveries start, and that will not be before December 20.

Never before has such an opportunity been offered, and San Francisco is making the most of it.

HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS HERE

Many children bought their own trees, just to help Santa Claus out. Others bought a tree that they may be his vicars, giving the trees to the less fortunate. It's certain that right around the world, and from Santa Claus' headquarters to the south pole, there won't be any happier homes toward the end of this month than the 5,000 that have these fir and pine.

Eloping Pair Held On Larceny Charges

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Blaming each other for the trouble that finally resulted in their arrest, Thomas Corcoran, 43 years old, of Rialto, Cal., and Daphne Holmes of San Francisco, who are charged with larceny, both recognized each other when they were taken to the rogues' gallery late yesterday. Daphne declared that she would not have remained with Corcoran for a minute but for the fact that he told her that he owned orange groves miles long. Daphne is 29 years old and her father is a postal official at San Francisco.

Bill to Abolish Options On All Food Products

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Representative Harrison of Mississippi has prepared a bill, which he will introduce next Tuesday, to declare illegal options and futures on wheat, wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, wheat-flour, pork, lard, bacon or other agricultural or food products. The bill embodies drastic provisions to abolish all such transactions and to penalize buyers or sellers of options and futures.

"Too Busy to Marry," Says Yankee Peeress

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Countess Spottiswood-Mackin has arrived on the steamship France from Havre, laughingly denying that she was to marry the Duke de la Torre. "I haven't time to marry," she said. "Besides, I am too much of an American to think of changing my nationality through marriage."

Historic Ft. McHenry Threatened by Fire

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 13.—A fire, fanned by a high wind, for a time yesterday afternoon threatened to devastate historic Fort McHenry, the birthplace of "The Star Spangled Banner." Burning grass ignited the administration building and the officers' quarters and barracks were endangered.

S. P. ORE LAND CASE IS FINISHED BY U. S.

Taking of testimony has ended in the Elk Hills land cases, in which the government seeks to recover possession of \$18,000,000 worth of oil lands from the Southern Pacific company. All the government's rebuttal testimony is in.

PRESIDIO DAUGHTERS NAME NEW OFFICERS

At the last meeting of Presidio Park No. 148, N. D. G. W., these officers were elected: Past president Hattie Gaughman; president, Mae Kane; vice presidents, Emma Miller, Nellie Kane and Argentine Koopman; recording secretary, Annie C. Henley; financial secretary, Agnes Dougherty; treasurer, Minnie Hinfelnd; marshal, Mollie Murphy; organist, Edith Belden; outside sentinel, Mae Keating; inside sentinel, Emille Clifford; physicians, E. C. Lafontaine and M. Bertola; trustees, Mary Otten, Claire Clarke and Emma Kaiser.

Only one "BOMO QUININE" but is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. For the signature of E. W. GROVE, a C. O. P. of the U. S. Once try it is too late. Advertisement.

GABY DESLYS AND FAMOUS HEN TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN SAN FRANCISCO

When the present American tour of Gaby Deslys was planned the little Parisienne asked that her itinerary be so arranged that she might spend Christmas in San Francisco. Her explanation was almost child-like. "Being in San Francisco on Christmas



Three new pictures of Gaby Deslys

day will remind me of home." That is all she said.

It was sufficient, and her managers have booked her tour with this city as a hub.

This also accounts for the fact that Gaby, her numerous retinue, her associate players, her 200 gowns, prize laying Victorian leghorn hen and what not will be compelled to "jump" from Lake City to San Francisco. It must be done to please the child, Gaby, who wants to spend her Christmas in our American Paris.

"The mere suggestion of visiting San Francisco," says Gaby Deslys, "thrilled me. And now one of the joys of my life is to be realized—a glimpse of the Golden Gate. I hope, too, that it will not be foggy. My train will arrive just before sunrise, so that I may see the Golden Gate flooded with light and then, during my engagement, I can see it at sunset, which I am told is the prettier."

"I am afraid that we Parisiennes still have a hazy idea of the far west, and by that I mean the long stretches of prairie, which we think are principally inhabited by Indians. When my mother heard that I was going so far away, she told me to be careful and never leave the train nor put my head out of the window."

"Every day I am in San Francisco I have planned to go somewhere, and I am sure that by the time we finish our engagement at the Cort theater—for we play five matinees in one week—I shall be a wreck."

"New York I love dearly, but it is all tall buildings, straight streets and level ones. Life for me there means only the theater and my hotel. What I should dearly love to do in San Francisco is to live in a little home set high above the bay. Then I would be in the atmosphere of the city, because one never really gets an insight into a strange city unless it is through the home."

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Gunmen's Appeal to Be Argued Dec. 17

Shortly after the first of the year the documents will be filed in the United States district court at Los Angeles.

J. C. Crawford and W. N. Mills, special prosecutors, will return to Washington soon.

The Southern Pacific may still introduce surrebuttal testimony.

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THIS Coupon, when presented at the BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, entitles the bearer to ONE CARD admitting to the TANGO and MODERN DANCING classes which MISS ALICE LLOYD will conduct every afternoon, after the matinee performance, at the CORT THEATER.

For particulars see news columns.

SAILOR STABBED IN GOLD BLOOD

Slayer Pleads Self-Defense, but Five Witnesses Deny His Story

"Murder" was written against the name of Henry Breuschulte, a machinist, on the police blotter this morning, after five men had declared they saw him stab, without provocation, a man believed to be H. Amburg, a sailor, at Third and Folsom streets early this morning.

Breuschulte was caught while running away from the body by Corporal Collins and Policeman Hottinger. A bloody pocketknife was found on him. He admits the stabbing, but says it was in self-defense.

The sailor was unconscious when found, but died at the central emergency hospital before Breuschulte could be taken before him for identification.

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Skelly Loses in Vote of Police Fund Society

The results of the election in the Widows and Orphans' association of the police department were announced today. In the chief contest, Charles F. Skelly, secretary of the police commission, was beaten for vice president by one vote, the winner being Lieutenant John H. Lockmann.

Corporal Charles J. Ward, unopposed, was elected president, and Detective Sergeant David Murphy, unopposed, treasurer. Patrolmen George F. Kopman and James W. Boyle succeed themselves as recording secretary and financial secretary. The trustees elected are Detective Sergeant William R. Froll and Patrolmen Frank E. O'Brien, Thomas P. Gibbons, Edward F. Leonard and James A. Neely, Chief White's chauffeur.

HOTEL GUEST VANISHES

Albert Howard 24, staying at the Winchester hotel, disappeared a week ago. His wife, who lives at the Panama hotel, today asked the police to find him.

GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND CONCERT FOR TOMORROW

The Golden Gate park band, under leadership of Charles H. Cassady, will furnish the following program in Golden Gate park tomorrow afternoon:

- Anthem, "Star Spangled Banner"
- March, "Resurrection" (new; first time)
- Waltz, "An Schöner Blau" (Kela Bela overture)
- Polka, "Stradella" (Flotow Suite)
- Polka, "Sapporo" (Lacoste)
- (b) "La Reta"
- (c) "La Naxos"
- Mosaic, "Les Cloches de Genesette" (Gaetano Donizetti opera)
- Reminiscences of Gounod (Godfrey Vocal selections)
- (a) "Play Along River Tennessee" (by request)
- (b) "The Always the Same Old Girl" (by request)
- (c) "La Reta" (Glick Howard)
- Excerpt, "Miss Antia Heymans" (by request)
- Descriptive piece, "A Hunt in the Black Forest" (by request)
- March, "Manhattan Beach" (by request)
- "America" (Joia)

Navajos 1900 Years Old, According to Writings of Tribe

History Penned in Human Blood Sent University of Pennsylvania Savant

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Records which, it is asserted, upset all theories of government experts regarding the origin of the Navajo Indians and include a complete diary of the leading events in that tribe for 1,900 years, are on the way from Arizona to the University of Pennsylvania museum, according to an announcement just made.

The records are carved on stone, burned on bark, molded in pottery and drawn on skins and parchments with human blood, Indian inks and charcoal.

One of the records tells of three distinct races in North America 1,000 years or more ago.

Would Call Powers Into Currency Talk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A proposal that the United States call a conference of the powers to consider a worldwide basis of parity between gold and silver was brought up in the consideration of the administration currency bill today, when Senator Thomas, democrat, introduced a resolution proposing that President Wilson be authorized to invite England, France and Germany, whose monetary system is based on the gold standard, to participate, and that five delegates be appointed from the United States when any two European nations had accepted the invitation.

GERMAN OPERA TOMORROW

Johann Strauss' opera, "Wiener Blut," will be given by the German Opera company at the German House tomorrow night.

WALKER TRIED TO TO RUSH TRIAL OF 'GET ME'—CORBIN WESTERN FUEL CO.

With William H. Corbin, secretary of the Continental Building and Loan association, on the witness stand in his own defense to refute, if possible, the charge of having made a false report to Building and Loan Commissioner George Walker, Judge Lawlor yesterday afternoon adjourned court with Attorneys Schlesinger and Henrich making vigorous but futile objections to the ruling of the judge that the lawyers for the prosecution might begin their cross examination of the defendant before he had finished giving his direct testimony.

Corbin was not permitted to give a great deal of testimony on direct examination yesterday, but while on the stand he bitterly scored Building and Loan Commissioner Walker, whom he accused of having said he would "get" him.

The defendant stoutly insisted that the accusation of Walker was without foundation, and reiterated his statement that he had supplemented the report of the Continental by a private report dealing with the \$12,000 which Walker claims should have been listed as a liability of the corporation.

At the end of the day's session the case was continued until Monday morning, when the defense will resume its testimony. It is expected that the trial will end some time Monday.

GOING TO FAR EAST

A. C. Rulofson, president of the Home Industry league of California, has accepted the place offered him on the commission of three Californians which is to leave soon to investigate trade conditions in Japan, China and the Philippine islands.

Boy of 76 and Girl Of 67 Are Fanciest For Years at Cort

One of the highly diverting features of the dancing at the Cort this week because of the grace shown by the actors as well as because of the age of the couple, is given by Colonel Marc Diamond, a youth of 76 summers, and Mme. Arma Delaware, who confesses to 67. They appear in all the latest rag dances, not excepting the tango and the turkey trot. In fact, tangoing and turkey trotting are the particular forte of Colonel Diamond and Mme. Delaware.

WAGNERIAN BILL THRILLS LOVERS OF MUSIC

The San Francisco Symphony orchestra gave us yesterday a transplanted Bayreuth feast in honor of the Teutonic tonemaster, who came into being 100 years ago at Leipzig. It was a comprehensive Wagnerian program that was offered to a goodly audience at the Cort theater; a program ranging from the master's early "Lohengrin" to his culminating "Parsifal."

The two numbers of the program that seemed to please the audience most were the "Tristan" prelude and the Siegfried "Forest Murmur." Indeed, in the latter composition, which, by the way, was whipped together by Wagner for concert use from the second act of "Siegfried," Hadley was in his happiest mood, and got excellent results from his flutes and clarinets.

The "Tristan Prelude and Love Death," filled us in with the greatest intensity of passion and the pathos of unutterable longing, was played in a manner hardly capable of being improved upon. Hadley built up one climax after another in the prelude, brought his themes clearly out of the tonal structure and gave the audience a bewildering thrill when he turned his brasses loose in the mighty passages of one of the greatest love duets that has ever been penned.

The "Lohengrin" Vorspiel was played with a nice sense of tone values in the ethereal string passages—the brass was a bit heavy in rhythm, but richly blended. The "Parsifal" selection disclosed a fine sonority in the string body.

The program closed with the immortal "Tannhauser" overture, marked by especially clean cut work in the Venus music and a really fine handling of the trombones in the magnificent finale.

Modifies Divorce Decree of Sepulveda

The decree handed down in Oakland two years ago separating Antonio Sepulveda, cousin of Conchita Sepulveda, queen of the last Portola, from his wife, now Mrs. Clara Hellman, was modified by Judge Harris in Oakland yesterday so that Sepulveda will have to pay Mrs. Hellman \$10 a month and will be allowed to see his son more frequently. Sepulveda was willing to help support the child, but balked at giving money to his former wife after her second marriage. She is now the wife of R. Hellman.

Steeplejack to Do Tango While Perched On Building Derrick

Frank E. Steinbacher, the daredevil steeplejack, will dance a tango and do other hair raising stunts for the amusement of passersby at the topmost peak of the huge derrick on the Federal Realty building being constructed at the corner of Broadway and Telegraph avenue, Oakland, at noon Sunday.

U. R. R. to Raise Pay Of Platform Men

President Jesse W. Lillenthal of the United Railroads has announced the future policy of the company, including an increase in the wages of the employees and a plan for their insurance. There are three innovations, all to become effective the first of the year. The first is an offer to give motormen and conductors all the money they can save the company by the avoidance of accidents. The second is a voluntary increase of 2 cents an hour, according to length of service, in the wages of the platform men. The third provides for life insurance of all the older men of the company for the benefit of their families.

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