FUGITIVE IS SLAIN BY BULLET

Suspected Robber Shot Dead Attempting to Escape Bank Watchman

An unidentified man, carrying skeleton keys and well dressed, was shot and instantly killed early today by Frederick Schilling, night watchman for the Hayward bank, at Hayward. The man fled and refused to halt when ordered to.

Schilling, brother of Constable Charles Schilling of Hayward, found the man acting suspiciously in an alley back of the bank.

Schilling surrendered himself to District Attorney Hynes in Oakland, who turned him over to Sheriff Barnet. In custody of Deputy Joseph Soares and a posse, Schilling was taken to Hayward and went over the scene of the shooting, under examination.

Schilling said that when he asked the loiterer what he wanted, the latter ran. Three orders to stop only made him run faster. Then Schilling fired one shot, the bullet hitting the fugitive in the back and passing through the heart.

Sheriff Barnet of Oakland sent deputies to Hayward to investigate soon after word of the shooting reached him.

The dead man appeared to be about 40 years old and had German features. Six skeleton keys and desk rings were found on him, besides eastern racetrack tickets, a dollar watch, a razor and a shaving brush. He carried no pistol.

His clothes bore the label of Charles Lyons, San Francisco.

His left hand lacked the little finger and on his right forehead was a scar an inch long.

Sheriff Barnet is making an effort to identify the man by means of a card found on the body, which read as follows:

"This is to certify that J. Plant is a member of the Southside club, 120 Third street; No. 208 (signed).

"A. D. PORTER, President."

World Market Opened By New Naval Policy

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Taking advantage of reductions under the Underwood tariff law, the navy has adopted the general policy of purchasing supplies in the markets of the world, instead of only in the American market. The latest call for bids put out by the navy bureau of supplies and accounts is for 100,000 yards of dark blue cloth for trousers, jackets and caps for enlisted men.

Turkey vs. Liberty Prison Preferred

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 17.—Christmas day will dawn cold and gray for nine of the 17 prisoners in the Marin county jail, despite the perennial sunshine of California.

That is the import of a petition received from them yesterday by Sheriff John Keating. The letter says:

"Dear Sheriff: A canvass of the population 'inside' discloses that nine of us will be liberated on December 24, the day before Christmas. Old timers here tell us that on Christmas day each year you feed the prisoners a turkey dinner. Up to date we have no special invitations, and it will not discommode us in the least to remain with you until December 26.

"Hoping for an early and favorable reply.

"Yours truly."

HARRY CUTHBERT DIVORCED BY WIFE

A final decree of divorce was granted this morning by Judge Graham to Mrs. Emma W. Cuthbert from Harry E. Cuthbert.

This was a complete surprise to practically all the friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Cuthbert, as it was not known before that the interlocutory decree had been granted, or even that Mrs. Cuthbert had brought a suit.

Mrs. Cuthbert is the star witness in the homestead contest between Arthur W. Forbes, former husband of the California actress, Sarah Hinckley, and George W. Roundey, son of Sarah Hinckley by her first husband. She was on the witness stand in Judge Graham's court yesterday, testifying in the case.

Mrs. Cuthbert's complaint alleged desertion.

The contest of Roundey to prevent his stepfather, Forbes, from homesteading property left to him by his mother, Mrs. Sarah Hinckley Roundey Forbes, was set for continuance this afternoon before Judge Graham.

Roundey is a real estate man and Forbes is connected with the ship chandlery firm of J. S. Josselyn company.

FIFTY FOOT FALL KILLS EXPOSITION EMPLOYE

Plunging 50 feet from one of the exposition palaces in construction at the fair grounds, Joseph Young, a structural iron worker, residing at 1406 McAllister street, was killed yesterday.

NO FEDERAL LAWYER TO FIGHT SUIT OF ELSIE DE WOLFE

Elsie de Wolfe, who has returned from Europe, where she bought furnishings for Templeton Crocker mansion

Law Discriminates in Favor of the Very Rich, Says Artist, Who Furnished Hillsborough Mansion

Figures don't lie—at least, they don't lie to Miss Elsie de Wolfe, the actress, who calls San Francisco home, for if they do she catches them at it.

Miss de Wolfe, who has just completed her shopping trip for the Templeton Crockers, buying the complete furnishings for the beautiful mansion at Hillsborough, has performed another mathematical feat. With her pencil and pad of scratch paper she has figured out for Uncle Sam that his new income tax law is discriminatory, in favor of the very rich, and to the detriment of persons with only moderate incomes. She classes herself in the latter class.

To prove her figures, she brought suit against a Chicago bank, where she had 30 bonds of the Appalachian Powder company, to restrain the bank from deducting the income tax. She attacked the constitutionality of the law. The government refused to put in a defense, but had the suit dismissed from the Chicago federal district court.

Now Miss de Wolfe is on her way to the coast to employ her artistic talents in decorating the Crocker mansion. She won her fame as a decorator of the homes of the millionaires, having decorated several of the Hillsborough mansions, as well as others.

TEVIS AND GRANGE HANFORD SURETIES

"Borax King" Loses Point in Fight Over Liabilities for United Properties

The first victory for R. G. Hanford was won today in his fight with F. M. Smith over the United Properties company when Judge Crothers accepted as sureties and bond William S. Tevis and Clarence Grange to protect Hanford's liabilities on attachments levied by him against $600,000 worth of Smith's properties.

The argument of counsel over a motion by Smith to dismiss the attachment opened after A. E. Shaw, for Hanford, objected to the appearance of James F. Peck, who, he declared, represented Hanford and others of the United Properties company and therefore could not appear as a personal attorney for Smith.

Judge Crothers overruled the objections.

Peck having been permitted to speak read into evidence the famous "trustees' agreement," whereby each of the parties thereto—Hanford, Tevis and Smith—agree that no suit should be commenced pending the result of negotiations, financial and otherwise.

The Smith interests claim that the attachment suits of Hanford were a violation of this agreement and therefore they ask the court to dismiss the suit.

Rancher Swindled By Card Sharpers

The Oakland police are today investigating the story of Alec Williams ,a ranch hand, that he lost $175 in a gambling house in Seventh street between Broadway and Washington. Williams was found, walking back to Martinez, by Special Policeman Hill, who got him a bed in the city prison.

Williams lost $4 the first night, he said, and the rest of his $150 the second. Then he pawned his watch and other jewels and lost the proceeds.

Paymaster Dismissed; No Comment, Says Secy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Passed Assistant Paymaster Edward Little, U. S. N., on duty for the last three years with the president's yacht, Mayflower, is no longer in the service of the navy.

Secretary Daniels said he did not care to comment on the case.

How to Get Three Meals a Day Sans Eggs

EGGLESS menus for the three daily meals are being given this week, the series having been prepared for The Call and Post by Dr. Caroline Cook Coffin, state secretary of the Housewives' league. This for Thursday:

BREAKFAST
Stewed Prunes
Broiled Lamp Chops,
Hashed Brown Potatoes
Baking Powder Biscuits
Apricot Marmalade
Coffee
LUNCHEON
Broiled Sardines on Toast,
Maitre d'Hotel Butter
Bread Sticks
Tea
DINNER
Rice Tomato Soup
Toasted Cracker
Braised Beef Heart With
Dressing, Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots and Turnips
Romaine Lettuce
Cheese Straws
Apple Farci and Cream
Black Coffee

Sproule Confirms S. P. Retrenchment Plans

"When we are not earning money, we can not distribute it," said President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific company yesterday, in verification of the rumor that the railroad company has determined to follow out a retrenchment plan that will mean a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly.

President Sproule, who returned late in the afternoon from a three weeks' trip through the east, added that "when the company's earnings are shrinking and expenses increasing we have to readjust ourselves to that condition."

The company's disbursements in San Francisco alone amount to about $1,000,000 year, he said.

Phone Co. Wants to Buy Telegraph Line

Officials of the Nevada, California and Oregon Telephone and Telegraph company appeared before the railroad commission this morning and presented arguments as to why they should be permitted to issue bonds and to purchase property of the California and Oregon Telegraph company.

CHARGE OF GRAFT AGAINST CANAL COMMISSARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Charges of irregular dealings between John Burke, commissary manager for the Panama canal work, and contractors who have been furnishing supplies, are being investigated by the government.

So far as the investigation has gone no loss to the government has been revealed and the amount of money involved has not been determined. Broadly, the department is investigating to determine whether Burke received commissions from contractors.

SUBORDINATE MAKES CHARGE

It was admitted officially today that for the last six months the inquiry has been in progress, based on charges preferred by Charles R. Watter, a former subordinate of Burke in the commissary department, alleging that his superior officer was demanding and receiving commissions from persons with whom he had placed contracts for food and other supplies for the canal workers. Also, it is alleged, that Burke awarded contracts to the Colon Import and Export company, in which he is a stock holder, and that he had profited at least $50,000 from his operations.

His salary was $4,500 a year. Several important contracts were placed in Europe.

Hall Is Not a Room When Heating House; He Loses 43 Cents

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A hall is not a room when it comes to heating a house, in the opinion of George E. Downey, comptroller of the treasury, interpreting the law governing the allowance to revenue cutter officers for heating their living quarters. As a result Lieutenant Satterlee loses 43 cents. The disbursing officer had allowed him $3.90 for heating his rooms, one a private hall, last June.

Billboard Men Offered Compromise Agreement

The supervisors' public welfare committee has agreed to allow J. Charles Green and Schroeder & Herzog to erect more 20 foot billboards in Market street and maintain those already up provided Green puts in writing his promise to remove all four by seven poster boards, take down the 20 foot boards in Sutter and certain other streets, dismiss his injunction suit and gradually eliminate the double decked signs from the residential districts. Adolph Uhl and W. D. Fennimore of the Downtown association told the committee that Green had agreed to do these things in exchange for the special Market street privileges.

Woman Awarded Furs In Lively Legal Row

Judge Graham today restored to Mrs. Rachael Max furs and other goods which she declared were taken from thes tore by Samuel Max, her nephew, with the assistance of Attorneys Albert Michelson and Helm Gildman and a policeman. The goods were the property of the late Aaron Max, 1955 Mission street, and whose property Rachael, the widow, and Sam, his nephew, now claim. The goods are valued at $750. Mrs. Max tild the court Max had removed them forcibly under special letters of administration.

356 Coiners Jailed In Last Fiscal Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There were 356 persons arrested for counterfeiting in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, according to the annual report of W. J. Flynn, chief of the secret service division of the Treasury department.

In the number of counterfeiters arrested, New York leads all other states with forty-four; Pennsylvania came second with forty-two, and California thirty-six.

Republican Club to Become Bull Moose

Members of the Young Men's Republican Club of Oakland will register as progressives and the club name will be changed to the Young Men's Progressive club January 1. The club will hold its semimonthly athletic night tomorrow night. The committee of arrangements, consisting of Jack Griffin, Pete Lefever and Ed Forrest, announces that the club will give a grand ball in Magnolia hall about the middle of January.

Free Lunch Served At Sunday Services

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 17.—Free lunch will be served in the First Methodist church of Aurora next Sunday to encourage attendance at religious services of people living at distances. The day has been set apart as "go to church Sunday" in Aurora. Every church and Sunday school member has been instructed to ask 10 persons to attend some church, and each of these 10 is to invite 10 others, and so on.

Nobel Prize Awarded To British Author

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Nobel prize for literature for 1914 is to be awarded, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, to Thomas Hardy, the English author.

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.

WARSHIP TAKEN IN TOW AT SEA

Battleship Vermont Disabled and Is Being Hauled to Port by Delaware

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Wireless messages received early today at Sandy hook from the battleship Vermont, which was disabled last week when she broke a shaft, state that on the morning of December 14 she was forced to reduce speed to eight knots because of additional trouble.

Some of the holding rivets of the port truss bearings were carried away, the message stated, and on the following day she was forced to stop and request aid from the battleship Delaware, which had been detailed to accompany the disabled vessel to Norfolk, Va.

The Delaware has taken the Vermont in tow and is proceeding at a three knot speed. The messages stated that repairs can not be made before arrival at Norfolk.

At noon yesterday the Vermont reported her position as 507 miles east of Cape Henry, Va.

"Reds" and "Blues" Capture Insurgents

Today the entire insurgent army was captured by the combined forces of the red and the blue in the Oakland Commercial club membership campaign, and all new members secured by the insurgents were taken by the regulars as the spoils of war.

After the capture of the rebels, it was found that they were composed entirely of deserters from the regular armies, and had been tempted by officers' commissions to desert their colors. This band taken was composed of the following:

Brigadier General Charles J. Heeseman, Adjutant General Max Horwinski, Major Lynne Stanley, General William Macdonald, Colonel Louis Aber, Lieutenant Colonel Lee Bertillion, Colonel J. C. Ady, Major Pasqual Klsich, Major A. G. Taft, General Leslie F. Rice, Major Ben F. Woolner, Lieutenant Colonel G. C. Barnhart, General Fred E. Reed, Major P. T. Emigh, Colonel Frank J. Woodward, Field Major M. J. Laymance, Major Dave Aronson, General Charles F. Gorman, Colonel C. L. Hogue, Colonel Theodore Gier, General W. T. Bridges, Lieutenant Colonel de Ver McLaren, Colonel J. F. King, Major F. A. Bridges, Colonel Rud Horst, Colonel W. O. Lawrence, Colonel M. J. Mayhew, Major James H. Park, Colonel Byron Rutley, Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Rogers and Major Norman Peart

215 Tons Daily Is Chicago's Yule Mail

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Since the Christmas rush began last Saturday a new record has been established in the Chicago postoffice by the handling of an average of 215 tons of parcel post mail matter a day. Another local record was established the first 10 days of December, when $1,200,000 worth of stamps were sold.

Young Morgan Named Harvard Club Head

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Junius S. Morgan Jr. of New York, son of the financier, has been chosen to head the Delphic club of Harvard. The organization, better known as the "Gas House Gang," is the most exclusive at Harvard. Morgan is also a member of the D. K. E. and Hasty Pudding clubs.

WATERWAYS CONGRESS TO MEET JANUARY 15

The internal waterways congress, a call for which has been issued by the Commonwealth club of California, will be held in this city January 15-17. Its purpose will be to aruse public sentiment to the importance of getting water transportation from the interior valleys to salt water and of devising means to secure that end.

LODGES INSTALL OFFICERS

Mission chapter No. 155, Order of the Eastern Star, has installed new officers as follows:

Worthy matron, Emma J. Stevens; worthy patron, Ray L. Harst; associate worthy matron, Johanna Lange; conductress, Emma R. Lutley; associate conductress, Lottie Emmons; secretary, Josephine C. Backus; treasurer, Mathilda Matthai; marshal, Emma Spengelman; chaplain, Angie M. Ayers; warder, Priscilla Daggett; sentinel, James F. Parmalee; Adah, Margaret Drum; Ruth, Agnes Stephens; Esther, Maude J. Thompson; Martha, Harriet Janes; Electa, Nettie Craig; organist, Ernestine Altvater.

Amity chapter No. 262 has installed the following:

Worthy matron, Belle McDonald; worthy patron, Fred C. Struven; associate matron, Mary E. Bell; secretary, Jessie E. Burnett; treasurer, Helen M. Robinson; conductress, Edith F. Billings; associate conductress, Viola S Gentle; Adah, Charlotte M. Brockhoff; Ruth, Wilhelmina Hofmeister; Esther, Ruby M. Berdahl; Martha, Lillie L. Lange; Electa, Gladys H. McKnew; warder, Elfrida M. Oftedahl; sentinel, William D. Moller; chaplain, Retiring Matron Anna Wood; chaplain pro tem., Martha Church; marshal, Ellen Wood; organist, Bertha M. Lightner.

Offerings of all kinds in The Call-Post Want Ads.

1,500 MARK IN CALL'S SALE OF XMAS TREES

The 1,500 mark was reached today in the whirlwind sale of the 5,000 Christmas trees bought by The Call and being disposed of with the cooperation of Pragers at 50 cents apiece. Fifteen hundred homes are already sure of having a real holiday, thanks to the astonishingly low price of the trees, which, sold at what is virtually cost, are put within the reach of all.

It's going to be a Christmas worth while, this year!

The distribution of these trees is an immense task. Just how big it is these figures help you to realize:

Total number of trees..... 5,000
Number already sold..... 1,500
Number carried away by purchasers 700
Height of trees, 5 to 10 feet.
Total length if placed end to end, more than 35,000 feet.
Length, end to end, of those carried away by purchasers, nearly 1 mile.
Weight of trees carried away by buyers (approximately), 10,000 pounds, or 5 tons.
Probable number of children's chuckles these trees will cause December 25, 1,000,000.

How many Santa Clauses the sale has made already there's no telling with any accuracy, but certain it is that the total is not insignificant. For the trees are going not only to the homes of the buyers, but to other homes—homes that might have none at all if this remarkable sale didn't remind people that they can play Santa Claus at slight cost to themselves.

And how many homes there are which will have trees, but wouldn't but for this sale at cost price, there's no telling, either.

You ought to see those trees. It will do any one's heart good, with Christmas coming mighty soon and the bustle of the holidays in the air.

There are 1,000 of them distributed over Pragers, and the big store is as bracing as a forest.

It's no small task, either, to keep a thousand trees in the store, for many of the buyers prefer to carry their own away rather than leave them for the beginning of wagon deliveries, set to start not before December 21.

In a big loft over Boos Brothers' cafeteria, opposite Pragers, are the trees of the main stock. This is drawn upon constantly to keep the ranks filled in the department store.

The sale is the biggest thing of the kind San Francisco has ever seen—and it is setting a record for enthusiasm and good cheer that will stand for many a day.

Wilson to Plant Big Tree at White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"The Wilson elm," which will be planted on the White House lawn Thursday by the president, if his health permits, arrived from the horticultural gardens this afternoon. The tree is 25 years old and has attained a height of 40 feet. It will be planted on the site occupied by the famous "Cleveland elm," razed to the ground by a last summer's storm.

Negroes Barred From White Resident Section

By Associated Press.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 17.—A bill has been introduced in the city council prohibiting negroes from moving into dwellings in a square in which the majority of residents are white, and white families would be forbidden to take possession of homes in a square inhabited principally by negroes.

Liabilities $800,000 And Assets 93 Cents

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Ninety-three cents in cash and liabilities in excess of $800,000, some secured by collateral of doubtful value, were found today by the agent of the receiver of the Trowbridge & Nover company when he delved into the affairs of the once prosperous bond house.

That furnished room can be rented through The Call-Post Want Ads.

The Truth Will Out

Taking the Baby Bear for a Ride

In the picture here you see exactly the way the mother bear looks when she's taking the baby for a ride in the wheel-barrow. She and the baby sell for $2.00 and up.

The little Union Ferry Boats that will dash over the water when they're wound up are exact imitations of the big ferry boats daddy comes over to work on in the morning. All the boys are asking for one. They are $3.75 and up.

The Monkeys on bicycles are $1.25.

The $1.75 Pansy Dolls are now $1.25.

City of Paris
UNION SQUARE

Kahn Scores Wilson For Carabao Criticism

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"The action of a peeved college president," is what Congressman Julius Kahn of California calls President Wilson's order for an investigation of the recent dinner given by the Order of the Carabao. Representative Kahn, who is a member of the house committee on military affairs, was one of the speakers at the dinner.

Six Suffer Smallpox On Battleship Ohio

By Associated Press.

GUANTANAMO, Dec. 17.—The United States battleship Ohio has arrived at Caimanera from her Mediterranean voyage with six cases of smallpox on board and 20 men suffering from fever. Two are in a critical condition. One man died from smallpox on the voyage.

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