NEAR ELITE FLAYED IN RING CASE

Attorney for Firm Suing Dr. R. J. McAdory, Says "Predatory Class" Exists

ARE these contentions correct? Is there a class of people of "near aristocracy" in our midst?

Does this "predatory class" make tradesmen their legitimate and recognized prey?

Is a man liable for his wife's purchases?

Judge Graham has been asked to decide these questions. What do you think?

When pretty Josephine McAdory bought a $750 diamond ring at a Los Angeles jewelry store while her husband, Dr. R. J. McAdory, was losing $50,000 in Wall street operations, she did not dream that her little purchase—a birthday surprise—would raise the question with Judge Graham as to whether there exists a "predatory class."

Attorney H. W. Glensor, representing the Los Angeles firm in their attempt to collect from the society physician and his wife, today filed a brief in the superior court, in which he declares that there has grown up a class of "near aristocracy" which "makes tradesmen their legitimate and recognized prey."

PHEW! HOT STUFF!

Here is what Attorney Glensor says in his attempt to convince Judge Graham that Doctor McAdory is liable for his wife's purchase:

'There has grown up and attached itself to the body politic a class that, as a class, is just receiving recognition. I refer to the 'near aristocracy,' an increasing group with tastes running to monkey dinners or equivalent assininities, who, lacking the wherewithal to be what is commonly termed 'the 400,' indulge in a mad scramble to be near enough the higher circles of that indefinite group to at least enjoy the rarified atmosphere in which they are supposed to have their being.

"The true sycophant to which we refer golfs at Del Monte, polos at Burlingame, plays tennis at Coronado, lives on the best the land affords and pays—well, proceedings supplementary to execution may bring something on account.

"TRADESMEN ARE PREY"

"Tradesmen are their legitimate pray. It is not the plumbers, bricklayers, carpenters, stevedores, practicing doctors, lawyers and other people who really work, who fill our courts. It is this same 'would be aristocracy' rushing from one field of credit to another.

"The idea of a mechanic, laborer, doctor or lawyer coming into court in an action of this kind and trying to hide behind the skirts of his wife to evade an obligation incurred by her for his benefit and of which he has admittedly received the benefit, is inconceivable."

Glensor charges that Mrs. McAdory had her husband's consent to pledge his credit and the court should make him pay.

Nurses to Get Their Diplomas Monday Eve

This program will be presented at the graduation exercises of the German hospital at Fourteenth and Noe streets Monday night:

Potpourri .....Orchestra
Introductory remarks.....Max Schmidt
President German Benevolent Society.
Address .....Fritz Hagemann
Director German General Benevolent society.
Vocal solo, "In the Garden of My Heart"
Mrs. C. Dohrmann, accompanied by Mr. Werner Roehl.
Recitation .....Miss Caroline Day
Gipsy duet from "Il Trovatore".....
Mrs. Emilie Neubert-Aehnlich and Mrs. Henry Hagemann.
Address.....Dr. Frank Dray
Vocal solo, "If I should Plant a Tiny Seed of Love".....
Mrs. C. Dohrmann, accompanied by Mr. Werner Roehl.
Class Will .....Miss Frieda Fisher
Vocal solo, "Kennst du das land aus Mignon".....
Mrs. Emilie Neubert-Aehnlich.
Class prophecy.....Miss Loretta Kiernan
Musical selection, ending in a visit from Santa Claus, and distribution of presents by Miss M. Gallagher and George Schwarz.

Hose Too Short, Fire Destroys Two Homes

Two houses and a barn were destroyed, two cottages were badly damaged and two firemen severely injured in a fire at Lakeview and San Jose avenues last night. The blaze was caused by a candle left lighted following a religious service.

The fire was 2,500 feet from a hydrant, and the crew of engine No. 38 had to return to their firehouse and obtain 900 feet of additional hose. The loss of time made it impossible to save the burning structures.

Fireman Arthur Wormuth stepped on a nail and Fireman Arthur Sutter fell from one of the buildings upon a spike.

The owners and occupants of the houses were:

J. Mahler, 24 Lakeview; J. D. Johnson, 28 Lakeview; P. L. Rogers, 30 Lakeview; M. Gikos, 2596 San Jose avenue; M. Merideth, owner of barn at 2598 San Jose avenue.

Christmas Day Opening For Vallejo Church

The parishioners of St. Francis church in Vallejo street will worship in the temporary edifice, built after 1906, for the last time tomorrow. The new church will be used for the first time Christmas day, and will be dedicated later. It is one of the largest in the city.

Tomorrow evening the Rev. T. Caraher will preach on the late Cardinal Rampolla.

SCOTS' MEMORIAL

Clan Fraser No. 78, Order of Scottish Clans, will hold its memorial service Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Knights of Pythias auditorium. The committee in charge of the celebration is composed of Donald H. Sim, James Sinclair and J. A. L. MacKinnon.

ENTERTAIN LONELY GIRLS

Open house for lonely girls will be kept Christmas afternoon at the Y. W. C. A., 1249 O'Farrell street. There will be music and holiday festivities.

MISSION SERVICES

A Christmas cantata, "The New Born King," will be given by the chorus choir of the Mission Baptist church at tomorrow night's services.

337 of 380 Applicants In Civil Service Test For 1 Lonesome Job

Five Extra Clerks Help Keep Would Be Wharfingers, One With Long Whiskers, in Line

Jobs open, one.
Salary, $150 a month.
Number of applicants, 380.
Number taking examination, 337.

That is the record of an examination held today in Lowell high school by the state civil service board to pick out one wharfinger. It was the biggest examination yet held by the state.

Fifteen applicants came more than 200 miles for the tests. One came from Humboldt county and another from Siskiyou county. One applicant, 80 years old, had whiskers 18 inches long.

The applicants included half a dozen policemen, sea captains, marine engineers, politicians and former politicians and a sprinkling from nearly all the typical occupations.

The harbor commission had to lend five clerks to help keep order in the classrooms.

Santa Fe Takes Over San Joaquin Line

By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Local Santa Fe officials announced today that beginning on January 1 the operating department of the Santa Fe will take over the Little Minkler and Southern railway, which taps the San Joaquin valley citrus belt.

SIERRA ENGINEER GUEST AT DINNER

Frank G. Baum, Who Built P. G. & E. Co.'s Great Dam Honored by Officials

California today has hydro-electric power plants valued at $150,000,000, according to John A. Britton, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Gas and Electric company, who presided at a dinner last night in honor of Frank G. Baum. It celebrated the completion of the Lake Spaulding dam and Beaver river power plant under Baum's supervision.

The dinner, given at the St. Francis, was attended by 200, including many of Baum's assistants in the Sierran work.

The speakers included E. C. Jones, chief gas engineer for the company; Eugene de Sabla and John Martin. The latter two, directors, were the world's first experimenters with long distance power transmission.

Baum delivered an illustrated lecture on the development of power in California.

FORM NEW ORCHESTRA

A new orchestra of 40 amateur musicians, under the leadership of Camillo d'Andrea, has been organized and will give its first concert in January.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There will be special Christmas services at St. Charles church tomorrow. The sermon at the 10:30 mass will be preached by Rev. T. P. Moynihan.

BETHANY CHURCH SERVICE

Henry Van Dyke's story, "The First Christmas Tree," will be read by Miss Blanche Brookes at tomorrow evening's services at the Bethany Congregational church.

METEORIC CAREER OF VIRGINIA BEAUTY IS CLOSING IN SORROW

Florence Schenck (upper), as she appeared at 17 and as she looks today. Seven years ago she decided she wanted to see life. She ran away with C. S. Wilson, trainer of the Vanderbilt stable of thoroughbreds and went to New York. In seven years she has seen all there is in life, both the gilded and the seamy sides. Now she is dying in a sanatorium.

Florence Schenck on Death Bed After Seven Years of Tragic Living

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Florence Schenck is dying. The life of the Virginia beauty, whose meteoric career startled Broadway, is ebbing fast as the season of peace and good will spreads over the land.

She was operated upon for a tumor under her heart, and the end of a career that was so rapid that even the great white way had to breathe in short gasps in order to keep up with it is expected at any moment.

Miss Schenck is now just 24 years old. Her career began when she was 17.

BEAUTY OF VIRGINIA

In Norfolk she lived in the house of her father, Dr. Powhatan S. Schenck, formerly a surgeon in the United States navy and one of the foremost medical men in the Virginia city. Her grandfather was a governor of Virginia, and she had many admirers among the social set of Norfolk. She was then a perfect blonde, slender of figure, with clear cut features, big, blue eyes and a wealth of beautiful golden hair. She was talked of as "the most beautiful girl in Virginia," and she was.

Then Alfred Vanderbilt's private car, the Wayfarer, arrived in Norfolk for the horse show. With it came Charles S. Wilson, trainer for the Vanderbilt stable of equine aristocrats. The pair met.

WANTED TO SEE LIFE

When the Wayfarer left Norfolk, according to the story told by the beauty at the time, she went with it. She wanted to see life, and she said Wilson promised to show it to her. Whether he did or not is another question. At any rate, she has seen it now, and, having seen it all, she is about to give it up.

After her arrival in New York the news of the day began to sizzle with the doings of the little Virginia beauty. The reports of her extravagances, her late suppers and her entertainments were sensational reading.

Then she and Wilson went abroad The reports from London of the beauty's doings also created a stir in New York. Then Wilson and the girl came back on the same boat, and the city was treated to a fresh sensation every hour for several days.

DISOWNED BY PARENTS

About the same time the father and mother of the girl disowned her and refused positively to come to her aid. Then Wilson went to Newport and the woman who said she was his wife entered the chorus of a Broadway musical comedy.

She was next heard of in Paris, where her excesses brough her into the limelight once more. Friends tried to make her reform and sent her to sanitariums, but she did not appreciate the attention, escaping from each of the hospitals where she was sent. She always reverted to her old ways and when asked why she didn't behave she would reply:

"What's the use, anyway? My family doesn't want me, though God knows I would crawl back to my mother and father on my hands and knees if they would receive me. Nobody cares for me. I'll just go on the best I can, and the finish—well, it'll be the finish, that's all."

MYSTERIOUS EDNA IS DISPOSSESSED

Mrs. Marks to Take Possession of House Where Divorce Letters Were Written

Mrs. Mildred Marks will take possession Christmas eve of the house from which "Mysterious Edna" wrote the letters read at her suit for divorce from Alfred Marks, proprietor of the Mercantile Guide. Judge Graham today granted the wife an interlocutory decree, which, however, will not be signed till after the holidays, when it will be presented by Attorney Ernest Pagnuelo.

The house is at 1751 Page street. According to the testimony, Marks lived there, having for housekeeper Mrs. Burris, the latter's daughter, also occupying the house, being the "Mysterious Edna."

Mrs. Marks also gets $1,000 worth of furniture and $40 a month alimony.

Marks' cross complaint was stricken from the record. In that he charged his wife with visiting cafes and denied throwing her downstairs.

Thousands of Trees Moved to Fair Site

The transplanting of thousands of trees from India, Africa, the Philippines and tropic America to the grounds of the Panama-Pacific exposition has been one of the gigantic tasks which confronted the landscape gardeners. Most of the trees are scores of years old and all well matured, but the number that have died as the result of the transplanting has been so small as to be negligible. The plan of "fevering" the trees for six months before taking them up, by cutting first the side roots and later the bottom roots, has been used almost entirely by John McLaren, the landscape engineer. This method is known as "the six months sidebox" system, invented by McLaren.

Buy Road Bonds to Put Idle Men to Work

By Associated Press.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—To assist King county and Seattle in providing work for idle men during the winter, the state finance board yesterday decided to take up within 10 days $50,000 worth of King county road bonds recently contracted for by the state, and withing a short time thereafter $50,000 more.

THEOSOPHIST TO LECTURE

Mrs. Marie B. Russack of the Theosophical society will lecture tomorrow evening in Native Sons' building on "Life as Seen by the Dead."

WEATHER FORECAST

For San Francisco — Unsettled weather tonight and Sunday; probably rain; light southeast winds.

GHOST POET IS SEEN ON "HIGHTS"?

Come here when I am far away,
Fond lovers of this lovely land,
And sit quite still and do not say,
Turn right or left or lift a hand,
But sit beneath my kindly trees
And gaze far out beyond yon sea of seas;
These trees, these very stones could tell
How long I loved them and how well—
And maybe I shall come and sit
Beside you, sit so silently you will not reck of it.
—JOAQUIN MILLER.

Has the ghost of the poet of the Sierras returned to his home on "The Hights"?

"Yes," declare those who say they have seen the unmistakable figure of the tall poet walking for a moment about the cairn, which he erected and where, in compliance with his wishes, his ashes were scattered to the winds. At other times his form is said to have been discerned in the shadows, pausing beside the monument which he built to Fremont, and gazing as if in meditation at the distant Golden gate.

Mrs. Abbey Miller, widow of the poet, who is living at "The Hights" with their daughter, Juanita, says that she has many times felt the presence of the great man, although she has not yet seen his apparition. To Mrs. Miller there is nothing unusual in this phenomenon. Between the rugged soul of the warrior poet and his wife she said there existed a perfect understanding and to them death is not an impassable barrier.

$400 A MONTH TO PICKARD'S WIDOW

Mrs. Clara E. Pickard of Burlingame, widow of Orson L. Pickard, inventor of the detachable auto tire rim, got a Christmas present from Judge Graham today when he granted her $400 a month from her husband's estate.

The other heirs had opposed her application, former Congressman William Gordon of Ohio, an old friend of the family, saying $50 was all Pickard gave while alive. Mrs. Pickard said he used to give her $600 a month.

She was also granted title to an apartment house at Pine and Leavenworth streets, where she lives. This was recently declared a homestead, though the other heirs held it was 13 dwellings, as it contained that many flats.

Judge Promises to Aid Wayward Boys

There are two boys in this city who are convinced that Christmas is already here. Although charged with having broken into the postoffice at Klamathon, they have been invited to dine with Federal Judge Maurice T. Dooling if they fail to get work and are hungry.

The lads are John Davis and John O'Connor of Portland.

"Boys, you should never have committed this crime," said the judge. "I want you both to turn over a new leaf. Try to secure honest employment in this city. If you fail and get hungry, look me up and we will have a few meals together. I want you both to promise that if you can't get work you will come right back and tell me."

The boys filed out of the courtroom with appreciative backward glances at the judge.

Sells Boy Morphine And Gets Six Months

To make a profit of 5 cents from the sale of 25 cents worth of morphine to an 18 year old boy, Fred Smith got himself a job at hard labor in the county jail for six months, given him today by Police Judge Sullivan. In passing sentence Sullivan scored Smith.

"I have more respect for a thief and robber than for a man, who for 5 cents will help to murder a young life and soul."

The judge told Smith he would personally see to it that hard work was given him in jail. The boy's name was Joseph Moonlight.

Junior Exposition Approved by Board

The board of education has approved the plan of holding a junior exposition in June of next year similar to that held last summer. Circulars have been sent to teachers and principals informing them of the scope of the exhibits, which will include all sorts of arts and crafts work, model aviation apparatus, specimens of literary and musical skill and anything else that a San Francisco boy or girl can do or make in the way of educational and industrial training.

Mission Arch Will Be Dedicated Tonight

The $2,000 electric arch at Twenty-fifth and Mission streets will be dedicated tonight by the Arch Light Improvement club of Mission and Twenty-fifth streets. There will be an auto parade, a band concert and speeches by Supervisor-elect Fred Suhr, F. R. Webb, William Stelling and Thomas E. Curran.

Hillsborough to Be Healthiest City

Hillsborough's new board of health is working today to make it the most healthful municipality in the world. Dr. W. C. Chidester has been elected president.

4 MASTER, DISABLED, IN ARGENTINE PORT

The four masted ship Edward Sewell, bound from Philadelphia to Seattle, Captain Quick, commander, put into Bahia Blanca, on the Argentine coast, with its masts and rigging gone. The report was received by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce today.

PSYCHOLOGICAL CLINIC WILL AID CALIFORNIA CHILDREN WITHOUT FEE

Is Your Child Exceptional?

Give Youngster These Tests

HERE are some of the tests used by experts of the California Society for Exceptional Children in the exhaustive examinations to determine in what the patients are above or below the line of normality:

The A test: Give the child ten lines of large print and have him strike out all a's. See how many he misses.

The picture interpretation test: Give a black or colored picture and see how long he takes to describe it and how accurately he does it.

The motor co-ordination test: Show the child for 10 seconds (longer for a young subject) a drawing of a simple geometrical figure. Have him copy it from memory and note the accuracy.

The repetition of numerals test: Recite numbers at varying speed and check the child's accuracy in repeating them.

The color test: Show the child colors and test his recognition and memory of them.

The discrimination test: Name two common things, such as paper and cloth or wood and glass, and have the child describe the difference between then as well as he can.

In these and the many other tests the age of the child must be given due consideration.

The unexpressed and even formulated thoughts of the children of California are being read by ingenuous scientific methods in the clinic of the California Society for Exceptional Children. Leaders in the society today outlined its aims to produce a generation 100 per cent efficient—an end similar to that sought by the eugenists.

In the clinical laboratory in room 1067 of the Phelan building studies are going on daily under direction of a European trained psychologist, Arthur Ritter, to pick out the children of these types:

The misfit.
The badly fed.
The physically or mentally defective.
The genius.
The child whose class studies are too severe or too easy.

Each child is different from all others. It is to find his specialty, to discover how he can be made of the greatest value to the community and the race that this work is being undertaken by some of the foremost residents of San Francisco and of California, including many doctors.

Ultimately vocational advice will be given and the children influenced toward the careers for which they are best adapted.

According to Dr. Arnold Gessell of the National Bureau of Education at Washington, 12 per cent of the public school children of the country are "mentally unusual." It is to find these, to make the most of the supernormal and correct or alleviate the subnormal that the California society was founded last summer. Its clinic has been open since September.

CASES TREATED FREE

All cases are welcomed for free treatment. Several societies are now sending all their unusual cases to the clinic.

On the results of the investigations, which are made in conjunction with those of the National association, legislation will eventually be sought, the chief end now being the establishment of psychological clinics and hospitals in connection with the public schools, thus solving the problem of retardation and reducing the percentage of delinquents.

The California society—the only one in the west—was founded through the efforts of Dr. Maximilian P. E. Groszmann, head of the national organization, and prominent in the international movement. His classifications were recognized as long ago he 1903 by Cesare Lombroso and other world famous psychologists.

The national society has been indorsed by William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Helen Keller, Dr. C. W. Eliot and others. Its vice presidents include Dr. A. A. d'Ancona and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of San Francisco, and one of the trustees is Jesse W. Lilienthal, who is president of the state society.

Mr. Ritter (who came from New York to direct the local clinic, with the collaboration of the interested San Francisco doctors) said today:

"Strict co-operation by medical pedagogical and psychological workers is imperative in this movement.

SAVE CHILD FROM ASYLUM

"I received a case the other day," he said. "A school teacher had declared the child an idiot. It was examined here and found normal, except for neurasthenia. There is only one case in which our work prevented the probable waste of a life.

"This research work was found necessary in California and has been taken up independently along similar lines by Stanford and the state university.

"The main object is to save the exceptional child by treatment and suggestion until proper schools can be provided."

Assisting in the work are the following physicians, surgeons and dentists:

Doctors Max Magnus, A. J. Gottlieb, Mariana Bertola, Ernest B. Hoag, R. L. Wilbur, Walter F. Schaller, E. C. Fleischner, F. W. d'Evelyn, Milton B. Lennon, Annie G. Lyle, Joseph H. Adams, Julian Mast Wolfsohn, H. C. McClenahan, Langley Porter, C. S. Nagle, M. Cosgrove, Edith Lamoree, Roger W. Wilson, Philip Rahtjen and Byron W. Haines.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The officers, besides Lilienthal and Dr. d'Ancona, include Doctor Bertola, second vice president; Henry Sinsheimer, treasurer; Mrs. Mary C. Bell, secretary, and these trustees:

Professor R. G. Boone, F. W. D'Evelyn, Mrs. Ernest K. Foster, Los Angeles; Dean J. Wilmer Gresham, Miss Ruth Haber, Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, Mrs. Louis Hertz, Adolph Koshland, Walter Macarthur, Dr. H. C. McClenahan, Dr. Max Magnus, Rabbi Martin A. Meyer, Judge F. J. Murasky, Dr. Langley Porter, Rev. Charles Ramm, Arthur I. Ritter, Dr. Walter F. Schaller, Mrs. Bert Schlesinger; Judge Fred H. Taft, Los Angeles; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL DIPLOMAS ISSUED

Fall Graduating Exercises Held in Local Institutions

The graduating exercises of the Adams grammar school were held on Friday, a literary and musical program by the pupils preceding the distribution of the diplomas. Walter Mayrhofer and Myrtle Bush were the medalists. Miss H. F. McFarland is principal and Miss E. Levison vice principal.

Those having special numbers on her program were Grayson Rogers, Myrtle Bush, Louise Graner, Wilbur Zeigler, Joel Nelson, Amaurie Mars, Helen Cherakian, Elsie Ruiffs, David Citron and Walter Mayrhofer.

The graduation exercises of the Lincoln evening school were held on Thursday. J. F. Fenton is principal. The address to the class was made by Judge Cabaniss. Charles Weyrauch was valedictorian.

Thirty-five pupils received diplomas at the graduating exercises of the Hancock school Friday. Dr. Mariana Bertola and Miss Gallagher, the principal, made addresses. The medalists were:

Bridge, George Cohen; Denman, Norma Semenza; Hancock, Antoinette Pecarich, Ida Perazzo, Norma T. Bacigalupi, Mary Marra, Dora Garibaldi, Teresa Figone, John Schlaffino, William Schweitzer, Frank Vitale and William Leisner.

Receiving diplomas were:

George Benero, Victor D'Acquisto, Antone Ferrari, Harold Gallatin, David Goger, George Goheen, William Leisner, Harold Maggio, Albert Oliva, John Schlaffino, Herbert Schuler, William Schweitzer, Frank Vitale, Ernest Welter, Norma K. Bacigalupi, Norma T. Bacigalupi, June Bianchi, Evelyn Cavaglia, Mildred Coppellotti, Margaret Farrell, Amelia Ferretti, Teresa Figone, Amelia Gallo, Dora Garibaldi, Theresa Libonati, Mary Marra, Julia Martignone, Hilda Miehle, Antoinette Pecarich, Ida Perazzo, Margaret Pfeffermann, Edna Rittore, Albina Salvarezza, Norma Semenza, Jennie Valenza.

Following are the graduates of the Pacific Heights grammar school who were given their diplomas Thursday night by Miss A. M. Stincen, principal, and her assistant, Miss F. M. Bliven:

Arthur Boericke, Henry Delaney, George Frutiger, Edgar Goldstein, Thomas Jennings, Arthur Kahn, Henry Mulryan, Hamilton Nolan, Harold Raphael, Joseph Brandenstein, Joseph Figueiredo, Ormond Flood, Arthur Hoppe, Irwin Kaufmann, Samuel Lehrberger, Martin Militau, Lester Nicholson, William Swain.

Harriet Allison, Glyneth Boatman, Vera Eisner, Rosa Isaac, Eleanor Livingston, Agnes O'Neill, Grace Rising, Daisy Burhaupt, Olive Brooking, Eleanor Jackson, Mignon Locke, Elsie Leicester, Margaret Perkins, Carmen Sprague.

SERMON FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

"A Little Sermon for Little People" will precede the regular sermon of Pastor Burlingame at tomorrow's services at the First Baptist church. In the evening the choir will sing the hallelujah chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

PHONE STOCKS IN EXCITED JUMP

Voluntary Trust Dissolution Announcement Causes Rise in N. Y. Markets

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The announcement from Washington that the American Telephone and Telegraph company had reached an agreement with the department of justice whereby it would relinquish control of the Western Union and avoid a suit under the anti-trust law caused excited advance in the stock of the telephone company at the opening of the stock market today.

The first transaction in the stock was a block of 2,000 shares, one of the largest blocks of that stock which has been handled on the exchange for years. Prices ranged from $120.50 to $124, a gain of 6¾ points. Later the advance was run up to 7 points.

Western Union stock, while less active, was bid up 2 points and Pacific Telephone rose 3 points.

PHONE BILL IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representative Lewis of Maryland, author of the parcel post law and active in the movement for government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, introduced a resolution today to direct the house postoffice committee to go ahead and report a bill for government ownership of telephone lines, to be operated by the postoffice department.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Rev. John R. Braeuer will preach on "The Eastern Star" at the Christmas morning services of the First English Luthern church.

The Best of Christmas Gifts

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Particular Attention to Orders from the Interior

FLAMES ARE FOUGHT BY NURSES

Nine girl nurses, calming panic stricken patients, formed a fire brigade and helped fight a blaze at the isolation hospital—the pesthouse—early today. The new cottage of Dr. Arthur A. O'Neill, medical superintendent, was partly destroyed, and the flames aroused the 40 patients in the main building, 15 yards away.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. O'Neill, who helped the nurses' brigade pass buckets of water and save the cottage's contents.

Here are the nurses who proved heroines:

Miss E. Demange.
Miss A. Perron.
Miss Ellen Murphy.
Miss L. Meeter,
Miss I. Lee.
Miss G. Levy.
Miss M. McEwen.
Miss G. Christiansen.
Miss Rose Kenny.

Before the firemen reached the hospital, at Army and De Haro streets, Joseph Ryan, a male nurse, and J. J. King, watchman, had got a hose into the cottage.

The building, of four rooms, finished two weeks ago, was badly damaged, the loss being $1,000. A defective flue started the fire.

It had gained headway when discovered, a falling timber's crash awakening Mrs. O'Neill.

The alarm was turned in at 1:11 a. m., and the fire was not put out for an hour and a half, smoldering between the walls.

Finds Jail Fugitive Eating in Tracy Cafe

Four days of freedom, after his mysterious escape from the county jail last Wednesday, were all that fate allotted to John Riensecker, who was recognized and caught yesterday in the railroad eating house at Tracy by Deputy Sheriff Fred H. Classen. The deputy was on his way to Ione with a prisoner when he saw the fugitive calmly eating at a nearby table. Riensecker was a trusty. He disappeared under the eyes of six deputies by hiding in the coal bunkers of a motor truck which had unloaded coal for the jail.

Funeral of Crocker Sec'y Fixed for Monday

The funeral of Duane Hopkins, who died yesterday at Adler's sanitarium at the age of 48, will be held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock from St. Luke's church.

Hopkins was associated for 14 years with Charles Templeton Crocker as confidential secretary and business manager, having before that been private coach to Crocker while the latter was at Harvard. He was a bachelor and leaves one sister, Miss Fannie F. Hopkins of Somerville, Mass.

No Cut in Rates for Amador Central Line

The railroad commission today dismissed the complaint against the Amador Central Railroad company in which the commission was asked to reduce all rates on the line, extending from Ione to Jackson, a distance of 12 miles. The commission found that the rates have been merely sufficient to yield the company between 5 and 6 per cent on its investment.

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See Regular Ad on Page 3

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