

YEGGMEN TUNNEL INTO BANK; SECURE \$3,700

Flames Sweeping Montreal During Water Famine

R. R. BOARD FIXES SEA RATE

BIG CITY IS HELPLESS IN BLAZE

"TANGO DANGEROUS"
SAYS BISHOP
"Dissolvent of Morality"
BAR LE DUC, France, Dec. 29.—The bishop of Verdun today issued a pastoral letter forbidding the dancing of the tango in his diocese. "The tango is intensely dangerous," he says. "It is one of the greatest dissolvents of the morality of France."

ROBBERS DIG 150 FEET TO VAULT

Drive Tunnel Under First National Bank in Oroville and Escape With Total of \$3,700

Yeggmen dug a tunnel 150 feet long under the First National bank of Oroville, chiseled through two feet of solid masonry into the vault, robbed the trays of \$3,700 in silver and escaped. The robbery was discovered this morning.

After spending weeks digging to reach the plunder the robbers tore out the wall and finished their work some time between the closing hour of the bank Saturday afternoon and the opening hour today.

News of the robbery reached San Francisco through W. W. Gingles, cashier of the First National bank, who notified the offices of the California Bankers' association so the organization could take up the hunt for the criminals.

The Bankers' association posted a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of each man concerned in the robbery, and dispatched Burns detectives to Oroville to aid the city and county officials.

The skill with which the tunnel was run to the bank vault and the finished method of work indicated the work of skilled cracksmen. For some reason the robbers were not able to use their nitroglycerin on the coin safe inside the vault.

The money the men secured was divided as follows: Two hundred dollars in silver dollars, \$1,500 in silver quarters and \$2,300 in half dollars. It weighed 142 pounds and was not sacked.

The building under which the long tunnel was dug is a lodge hall and generally is unoccupied during the daytime.

The tools used in digging were left at the work.

There is a lodging house adjacent to the lodge hall. Detectives believe the robbers lived at this lodging house and worked in the tunnel at night.

How much time was required to dig the tunnel is a question. Officers estimate the chiseling of the brick wall and the drilling of the vault was the work of a dozen hours.

Millionaire Defends Alleged White Slaver

Contractors and builders, one a millionaire, appeared this morning in Judge Lawlor's court as character witnesses for Walter M. Rogers, a foreman, accused by the police of white slaving. Miss Hazel Roberts is the witness against him.

Rogers is accused of living off the earnings of the Roberts woman, L. H. Sly, a millionaire, who owns apartment houses everywhere in the city; Arthur Barry, E. L. Melburg and J. Pontalis, all former employers, testified that he was known to them as an honest, upright and good foreman.

BARE NAME OF BANDIT'S AFFINITY

Father Aids in Fight to Save "Bostick" From Gallows on Technicality

BULLETIN
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Lola Statter, wife of a San Pedro butcher, was revealed this afternoon as the affinity of John Bostick, the Southern Pacific train bandit, sentenced to be hanged. It was learned here that the woman is now in San Francisco and is suing for divorce.

REWARD STILL TANGLED

The disposition of the \$7,000 offered in rewards for the arrest of the El Monte and Richmond train robbers by the Southern Pacific company, today remained no nearer solution than when it first shaped itself as a difficulty.

NEW YORK EX-CONTROLLER IN BANK PERJURY NET

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Edward M. Groot, former controller of New York city, was indicted today on a charge of having made a false report on resources of the Union bank of Brooklyn, of which he was president. James P. Ashley, cashier, also was indicted.

Lane Plans to Halt Speculation in Radium

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lane proposes to withdraw all lands of the public domain suspected of containing radium, but these precious deposits may be obtained for the general good and not become the subject of private speculation. Lane outlined his plan today in a letter to Chairman Foster of the house mines committee.

14 Hurt, 1 Killed, in L. A. Motor Accidents

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Fourteen persons were in hospitals today suffering injuries incurred in a series of automobile and motorcycle accidents. One cost the life of Florence Parsons, 6 years old. Mrs. Charles Hamburg of Whittier was probably fatally injured.

Flames Sweep City and Thousands Are Homeless

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Dec. 29.—A fire which threatened to wipe out most of the city started at midnight in the tenement house district and still was raging unchecked at noon. Thousands of the inhabitants spent the morning in the streets.

Supply Mains Broken; Explosive Last Resort to Halt Flames

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 29.—Fire started here this afternoon in a block of stores and houses at St. Hubert and Ontario streets. On account of the water famine the fire department was unable to check it.

At 2:30 o'clock 20 buildings had been destroyed and the firemen were preparing to use dynamite.

The water famine that has prevailed here since the breaking of a main several days ago compelled the firemen to fight the blaze with only one stream and their chemical extinguisher.

In half an hour the fire had swept through a block. All the apparatus in the city was summoned and every chemical extinguisher available was placed in the hands of firemen.

EXPLOSIONS IN PROGRESS
From the block where it started the fire leaped across the street to a large automobile garage, where a series of gasoline explosions threw jets of flame in all directions.

At this point Chief Tremblay held a consultation with his lieutenants and decided to use dynamite.

A mile of hose finally was stretched to the St. Lawrence river and saved the city. The fire caused \$500,000 damage before it was checked.

"Investment" of Fire Chief Proves a Bride

Friends of Fire Chief Steinmetz of Alameda, who have looked at his new cottage that he said he was building for an investment in Webb avenue, were surprised to learn that the "investment" was Miss Lillie Lewis, who this morning became his bride in San Jose.

Chief Steinmetz, accompanied by his bride to be and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, 1316 Retest street, Alameda, motored to San Jose for the ceremony. Steinmetz has been a member of the Alameda fire department for 12 years, having worked his way up from the ranks.

"Passive Resistance" To Tax Means Trouble

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Women who follow the advice of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, to offer "passive resistance" to the income tax law, lay themselves open to serious trouble with the government, in the opinion of officials of the treasury department.

Treasury officials point out that a fine of \$20 to \$1,000 is provided, and declare they propose to enforce the law.

MRS. STOCKER AND GEMS HERE

Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker and her diamonds, her maids and her husband arrived this morning in her private car "California" to partake of San Francisco's New Year cheer. In a big touring car the party went to the St. Francis.

Meanwhile Stocker wanders about the lobby of the hotel. He never goes far away from the suite on the seventh floor. Why? Because he is really afraid to. He says so himself. He is fearful lest some bold bandit knocks him down and takes that great sparkling diamond that he wears on his little finger.

But Mrs. Stocker says she feels perfectly safe and perfectly comfortable in San Francisco. She says that Arcadia—that's her home town—is much too primitive and quiet for a New Year celebration.

U. S. Consul Out \$250 Surety Given for Widow

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The surety of \$250 given by the American consul general in London was forfeited today when Mrs. Sheridan Pitt Read, widow of a former American consul at Tientsin, failed to appear at the police court to answer the charge of obtaining credit on false pretenses. The charge arose out of a bill for \$40 presented by a London hotel.

TO PROBE KILLING OF CONVICT PROVES AN HEIR OF RICHES



Miss Valerie Warfield, of Auburn, sweetheart of Edward Hughes, who was shot and killed near her home after his escape from San Francisco county jail

S. F. MADE TRADE CENTER BUREAU

The department of commerce at Washington has decided on San Francisco as one of the trade centers in which to establish a bureau for the giving out of information of foreign commerce, by means of which the government will seek to bring American business men into closer touch with markets abroad and thus help to build up foreign trade. Other bureau centers decided on are New York, Chicago and New Orleans.

Earl Rogers' Sister Files Divorce Suit

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The second matrimonial storm in the family of Earl Rogers, noted criminal lawyer, came today, when Mrs. Madge Rogers Thompson, youngest sister of the attorney, filed suit for divorce against Thomas Henry Thompson on the ground of desertion.

THIEF SMASHES DOORS WITH AX; GETS \$140 LOOT

After stealing an ax from the cellar of A. Apel, 2870 Grove street, Oakland, last night, a thief smashed the doors of his home and stole \$140 in jewelry.

Mother of Edward Hughes Retains Attorney to Investigate Shooting by S. F. Deputy

Edward Hughes, alias David E. Allison, killed by Deputy Sheriff Frederick H. Classen near Auburn Saturday, was revealed today as the scapegrace son of a rich Spokane family. His wealthy mother and brother have started an investigation into his death, retaining Attorney John A. Hogan of San Francisco to probe the killing.

Hughes, unarmed but belligerent, was shot on the way to his sweetheart's home. He resisted arrest, declaring he would not be brought back alive to the San Francisco county jail, from which he escaped Christmas eve.

At the same time that Hughes was shown to be the black sheep of a rich family, there were bared details of the love story. The girl is Miss Valerie Warfield, daughter of a well-to-do rancher near Auburn.

WILL GO TO AUBURN
Hogan was retained by telegraph by Hughes' mother, Mrs. Alice Hughes of Spokane, and his brother, William E. Hughes. He will go to Auburn tomorrow.

Hogan today wired the district attorney of Placer county that Hughes' family demanded an investigation. He wired the coroner to delay the inquest. The latter replied that it was held Saturday, within a few hours of the shooting.

Classen had been sent to Auburn
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Mother Ends Her Life Because Daughter Fled To Spread Socialism

Oakland Parent, Despondent Over Woman's Disappearance, Commits Suicide

Despondent over the disappearance of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Carstens, a socialist leader, Mrs. Annette Chalmers, a widow in comfortable circumstances, committed suicide last night in her apartments at 4045 Piedmont avenue, Oakland, by inhaling gas.

Mrs. Carsten left her home several months ago to preach socialism. She was heard of in Stockton selling socialist literature. Her husband followed her through the state, gaining information of her activities, but always a day behind.

Mrs. Chalmers formerly lived in Marshville and has two sons in the east who are said to be wealthy. She was 51 years old.

State Prohibition Goes on 1914 Ballot

By Associated Press.
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 29.—With the filing today of petitions from 10 counties, aggregating 25,693 names, the proposed law providing for total prohibition in the state of California will go on the general election ballot in 1914.

Aged Woman Victim of Auto Dies From Injury

Mrs. W. T. Smith, an elderly woman of Oakland, who November 8 was run down by an automobile driven by Donald Prendelle, died this morning of her injuries. The chauffeur was arrested on a charge of manslaughter. Prendelle faces a second charge for the running down of George Atherton, an elderly man of 757 Fourth street, Saturday night. The driver is employed by A. Schleuter.

King Congratulates Wilson on Birthday

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 29.—Congratulations poured in upon President Wilson yesterday in observance of his fifty-eighth birthday. From George V of England came the following dispatch: "I wish to offer you my sincere congratulations on the anniversary of your birthday and trust that your health has not suffered from your arduous duties of the year."

U. S. Army to Grow Own Forage in Islands

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The army promises to be relieved of heavy expense in transporting hay from the Pacific coast to the Philippines owing to the successful experiments of Brigadier General John J. Pershing in raising "guinea grass" in Mindanao. General Pershing has 40 acres under cultivation in "guinea grass," which costs 62 cents per hundred weight, as against 25 cents charged by contractors, and it is proposed to start the cultivation of this grass in other parts of the Philippines.

Trunk Murder Mystery Puzzled N. Y. Police

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A trunk containing the body of a man, who had been bound hand and foot and murdered, was dumped out of a push cart in the heart of the east side today and left in the gutter. The body was still warm.

Rampolla's Residence To Be Opened by Sister

By Associated Press.
ROME, Dec. 29.—The removal of the seals from the residence of the late Cardinal Rampolla was requested today by his sister, Baroness Carolina Rampolla-Pazzana. She presented to the court the late prelate's testament, dated 1889, according to which she is the only heir, her brother having died in the meantime. If no opposition is raised by interested parties, the removal of the seals probably will take place tomorrow.

REGULATION OF BOATS UPHELD

Supreme Court Confirms the Commission's Authority Between State Ports

The state railroad commission won today its test case in the supreme court on which hinged the right of the commission to regulate the rates of steamship lines doing business between different ports of this state.

The big feature of the supreme court decision, which was rendered against the Wilmington Transportation company, is that the power of the commission covers vessels which leave the jurisdiction of the state and go to high sea in passing from port to port. The court held that this did not constitute foreign commerce.

OVERURNS INJUNCTIONS

This decision removes injunctions which steamship companies have had in force since 1883 to prevent commissions from regulating the rates of steamship lines doing business between ports in the same state.

The court says that no foreign commerce takes place unless a vessel touches at a foreign port or exchanges passengers or freight with a foreign vessel on the high seas.

The Wilmington company runs a line of ships between San Pedro and Avalon, on Catalina island. Both ports are in California, but the company argued that because it ships went to the high seas without the jurisdiction of the state, the railroad commission had no control.

The decision was written by Justice Angellotti and concurred in by Justices Henshaw and Melvin. The ruling will bring all California coast ships under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

Rain Will Continue Tomorrow, Willson Says

The rain that started this morning will last all day and night and all day tomorrow, according to Forecaster Willson. Today it will be confined to the northern part of the state, but tomorrow it will be general all over California.

The rain, the forecaster says, will be accompanied by high winds. At 7 o'clock this morning a 40 mile gale was blowing at Point Reyes. Southeast storm signals are displayed all the way north to Eureka.

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