ADVENTURER RETURNS IN PIECES

Leaves Portions of His Body in Different Parts of the World and Comes Back Broke

Unluckiest Man Alive

He Partly Came Back

Here is what fate dealt to James Ellison:

Took the sight of his right eye in a street fight in Hongkong.
Took his leg through the agency of a shark in Papeete.
Mangled his hand through an animal in the jungles of South America.
Gave him an incurable jungle fever.
"Broke" him after he had found wealth.

This is the story of James Henry Ellison, adventurer and victim of fate. He told it in the lobby of the Palace hotel this morning while waiting for a train to take him to the little home and the father and mother he left in the cotton belt of Alabama eight years ago. Barely 28 years old, Ellison looks to be 50, hair sprinkled with white and face lined with suffering. He came in on the Chiyo Maru yesterday afternoon, and he begrudged the hours that kept him from his train and home. Not a word of complaint did Ellison utter, and he smiled while talking.

"UNLUCKIEST MAN ALIVE"

"I guess I'm the unluckiest man alive," he said. "I started out for South America New Year day, 1906. Went to Rio Janeiro and then back into the jungle country. Spent months and months prospecting and fighting fever, animals and hostile natives. I struck gold time and again, and as many times I spent it in the seductive native cabarets—that is, when I found time to trip back to civilization.

"Going through the forest one day, 100 miles from a white man or a native village, I was attacked by an animal on the order of a jaguar, or wild cat. He fought like a demon and he got my hand in his mouth. Here is what he left me. It is practically useless, but in time I learned to do without it very well.

SHARK GOT HIS LEG

"I left the jungles and went to Tahiti, and in my first dip into the waters of that smiling land my devil luck returned. A shark, not the regulation man eater, but a fierce demon, got my leg and he speared the flesh off. It was necessary to undergo an amputation. All I could get in Papeete was a wooden pin and I hobbled on that until I got to Hongkong.

"A street fight, not of my seeking, cost me my eye. A cooly lunged at me with a bamboo cane, and when I pulled it out the sight went with it. And then came the ague and long delayed fever, and here I am, a wreck of my former manhood and in not a nickel. Of my adventures and misadventures of the last two years following the Hongkong trouble I need not tell. But I have this to say to the lads who are growing up and who believe that beyond the horizon lies wealth untold—leave it there. Stay at home, and when your days are closing you'll probably go beyond with all your body, not with a remnant."

Ellison left for the east this morning, and he smiled when the train pulled out of the station.

STATE SENATOR OWENS FACING RECALL ACTION

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 31.—A petition was filed with the county clerk yesterday asking the recall of State Senator James Owens, representing Marin and Contra Costa counties. The petition, signed by 1,200 Marin county voters, alleges as a reason for the recall that Owens voted against the water conservation bill and the mining inspection bill; that he spoke in committee against the eight hour law for woman, and was absent at 113 roll calls.

JAILED AS FOOTPADS

An extra soft hat and a pistol were responsible for the arrest of Nick Conte and Angelo Gilio, held today on suspicion of being footpads. Joseph McCarte and William Dalton are also under arrest on suspicion. They had chisels and pistols.

Call-Post wants pay.

SHE IS SURE SOME CHICKEN $2,000 HEN WEARS DIAMOND

PHOTO BY JOE MARRON

Grace Allen and $2,000 hen exhibited at poultry show.

Birds of a feather,
The poets say,
May flock together;
But on display,
We've often heard,
A difference lies
Twixt bird and bird.
So give the prize
As your fancy wills
To the one that sings,
Or the one with quills—
For birds are lovable things.

Lady Alice Orpington, With Royalty of Poultry Yard, Feature at Dreamland

Ha! ha! The secret is out!

The mystery of hicostliving and the high price of eggs has been solved.

The hens have taken to wearing diamond rings.

The grit that went to make the shell which covered the egg that made your breakfast omelette was probably scratched up with the help of a $100 sparkler by a $2,000 dowager of the poultry yard.

Certainly! If you are skeptical, go to Dreamland rink today or any day before January 4 and be convinced. The $2,000 hen is there; and she is wearing her jewelry just as nochalantly as any chicken has a right to do.

$2,000 HEN WEARS GEM

But Lady Alice Orpington, who wears the diamond on her—well, it has to be said, there is no other name for it—leg, is not the only aristocrat of the poultry yard proudly displaying her superior charms and value to the curious public. In a coop just across is Golden Gate, born in San Francisco, a member of the Golden Campine family that flutters a $1,000 price mark on his proud breast; and there is King Alois I, a young Sicilian Buttercup who holds himself so high in cost that to think of putting him into a chicken broth is sacrilege.

In another aisle is a whole family of Black Orpingtons, very distant relatives of Lady Alice. The hens are worth about $200 apiece, while the roosters range between $250 and $1,000 apiece.

The show was opened today by the San Francisco Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association, of which E. J. Talbot of San Mateo is president, and W. H. Ingram, the owner of Lady Alice, is secretary.

ALL VARIETIES ON DISPLAY

A good many new varieties of chickens are on display. Coming from somewhere in France, chic and dainty in shape and color, just as one would expect a Parisian hen to be, are the silver and golden Campines.

The Sicilian Buttercups are cracked away up by their boosters as egg layers. They come from Sicily direct and look pretty much like a brown Leghorn that forgot to put on enough of her brown.

The English Faveroles are quite new, too, only they don't look English half as much as they do Russian.

Golden and silver pheasants, with tails six feet long, are the special delight of the women.

The pigeon display is unusually large and fine, and the same may be said of the Belgian hares.

Altogether there are about 3,000 specimens on display.

FILE SUIT TO GET LAND FOR CAR BARN

Legal Work Started to Condemn Block for Municipal Railway Sheds

For the purpose of erecting shops and barns for the municipal street railway, the city, through City Attorney Percy V. Long, today filed a condemnation suit against the block bounded by York, Hampshire, Mariposa and Seventeenth streets. The defendants are the O'Neil Estate company, August Eggert, Myer Reuf, Ida M. Cruikshank, Mary A. Baumgartner and the Ocean Shore railway.

The condemnation resolution was passed December 8 of this year by the board of supervisors.

SHIPPING MAN ENDS LIFE

W. R. Matteson, Shanghai agent of the Pacific Mail, is dead, a suicide, according to cable advices. Well known in San Francisco, he was 60 years old.

MRS. CHRISTMAN IN U. S. COURT

Oakland Letter Writer to Be Arraigned Before Judge Van Fleet Today

Mrs. Minnie L. Christman, indicted by the federal grand jury last night for sending defamatory letters to Oakland society folks, will be brought before Federal Judge Van Fleet for arraignment this afternoon. United States Deputy Marshal Warner was sent to Oakland this morning to bring the woman here.

Last night without knowing it Mrs. Christman saw Mrs. Arthur P. Holland, the woman she is accused of libeling in the letters that caused her arrest. Chief of Police Petersen of Oakland brought the two women together in his office. Mrs. Christman did not know that Mrs. Holland was to be present. She made the statement that Mrs. Holland came to her house and offered to give up Mrs. Christman's husband for $2,000.

"Do you know Mrs. Holland?" asked Chief Petersen.

"Yes, I know her," replied Mrs. Holland, adding a vile epithet.

During the interview Arthur Holland came in. Mrs. Christman told him that she did not mean to injure him and must have been crazy if she did so.

Thirteen Year Old Girl Is Claimed as Bride

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 31.—After saying goodby to her dolls and school books today, Ethel Taylor, 13 years old, was married to Roy Skaggse, 31 years old, a laborer. The girl was in the seventh grade at school. The girl is a daughter of Samuel Taylor, proprietor of the Sherman hotel, and gave her age as 18 when procuring a license. School records, however, prove that she is but 13. Her parents consented to her marriage.

Owns So Much Land She Can Not Pay Taxes

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Grace A. Leathe, generally known as St. Louis' richest unmarried woman, is so land poor that she is unable to pay her city taxes. Records at the tax collector's office show that Mrs. eLathe is $12,000 in arrears on her 1912 taxes and $33,000 behind on her 1913 taxes. Her name will go on the delinquent list if the amounts are not paid by tomorrow night.

Extra Ferry and Electric Train Service New Year's Eve.

Regular 20 minute service will be maintained from Ferry Station via Oakland Pier up to and including 11:40 p. m., then 12:20 a. m., 1:20 a. m. and 2:15 a. m. Connection with 2:15 a. m. ferry boat will not be made at Sixteenth street station for Fourteenth and Franklin streets, Oakland.

Regular service will be maintained from Ferry Station via Alameda Pier, with the addition that boat leaving at 1 a. m. will connect with train for Fourteenth and Franklin streets, Oakland. Southern Pacific.—Advertisement.

Police Seek Leader Of Boy Thieves' Gang

The police are today working to find the leader of the 15 boy thieves who operated as one gang in the Park district, and were rounded up yesterday with a van load of their stolen plunder by Policemen W. E. Rice and J. H. Hiett of the Park station. All the lads are from well to do families living in this district, their ages varying between 13 and 17 years.

The plunder was found in their homes and in a large vault that occupied a vacant lot on Scott street between Oak and Fell. The lads have been turned over to the juvenile court. The stolen goods consisted largely of bicycles, automobile accessories and motorcycle parts, the whole valued at several thousand dollars.

CRADLE OF INCA EMPIRE FOUND

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—What probably will prove to be the largest and most important ruin discovered in South America since the days of the Spanish conquest—the discovery of the ruins of the city of Machu Picchu, the cradle of the Inca empire on the top of the Peruvian Andes—was brought about by the chance meeting of an expedition under the auspices of the National Geographic society and Yale university with a Peruvian Indian. Details of the discovery became known today, when the society made public the preliminary report of Prof. Hiram Bingham of Yale, director of the expedition.

"Machu Picchu," says Professor Bingham, "is essentially a city of refuge. It is perched on a mountain top in the most inaccessible corner of the most inaccessible section of the Urubamba river. So far as I know, there is no part of the Andes that has been better defended by nature. Here on a narrow ridge, flanked on all sides by precipitous slopes, a highly civilized people—artistic, inventive and capable of sustained endeavor—at some time in the remote past built themselves a city of refuge. Since they had no iron or steel tools—only stone hammers—its construction must have cost many generations, if not centuries, of effort."

Women Read Civics; Taboo Love Stories

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Books on civics and social problems are taking the place of love stories and other fiction on the reading lists of the clubwomen of Chicago, according to Henry E. Legler, librarian of the Chicago public library.

APPEAL STAMP SALE CASE

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—After years of labor to prevent the swelling of the receipts at postoffices where the salary of the postmaster depends upon the sale of stamps, the postoffice department has appealed a suit to the supreme court of the United States to decide whether it is a criminal offense to exploit the stamp business.

DOUBT CONFESSION OF L. A. MURDER

Story of Pendell Killing Does Not Tally With Records, Police Say

By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—The possibility that the alleged confession made yesterday by Burr L. Harris, the negro condemned to be hanged for the murder of Mrs. Rebecca Gay, a Christian Science practitioner, to the murder of Charles E. Pendell, wealthy diamond merchant, is false, developed here today when a search of the police records failed to disclose the theft of an automobile from the vicinity of the Temple block at that time.

Harris, in his alleged confession, declared that after killing Pendell he stole an automobile and attempted to drive to San Diego with the loot he secured. The police declare that the theft of a machine of the type named by Harris has never been reported to them.

Mrs. Pendell said she believed Harris did kill her husband. She pointed out the similarity of methods employed in the killing of her husband and Mrs. Gay, particularly in regard to the weapons used. Harris says he killed both his victims with lead pipes around which he had wrapped rags and paper.

The police are making every effort to find the owner of the supposedly stolen automobile.

Heart Is Kept Beating With Blood Removed

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Three doctors from Johns Hopkins university by actual demonstrations on a living animal showed to scientists of America in convention here today that it is possible to remove every drop of blood from a living animal, clean the blood of its impurities and return it to the animal without interrupting the heart beat.

Donor of Arch Must Pay for Plans Made

Mrs. Paul Breon, who has announced that she will erect a $20,000 memorial arch in Golden Gate park, must pay Architect E. J. Vogel $300 for plans furnished by him, according to the decision by Judge Cerf today.

Vogel sued Mrs. Breon after she had refused to pay, upon the plea that the park commissioners had not approved the design.

FORGER PLEADS GUILTY

A. R. Beechard of Oakland pleaded guilty to forgery yesterday before Judge Donahue and asked for probation. He is accused by C. O. Cappell of Sausalito of signing his name to an agreement whereby Cappell was to be held responsible for an automobile borrowed by Beechard from A. R. McCarl, a motorman. The auto burned up and Beechard's alleged perfidy came to light.

WILL BALLOT ON TORRENS LAW IN 1914

Initiative Petition Filed Insures Property Title Plan Place on Ticket

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—California electors will be given an opportunity at the 1914 election to determine whether the state shall adopt the Australian method of transferring and establishing property titles. An initiative petition proposing a law similar to the Torrens land law of Ausralia was filed today with Secretary of State Jordan containing 36,758 signatures, which assures the proposition going on the ballot at the next state election.

The proposed Torrens act would have the effect of eliminating the necessity of abstracts of title and, its proponents claim, would simplify the transfer and title of all real estaet and land.

Bills proposing the enactment of the Torrens law have been introduced at every session of the legislature for more than 20 years. At the 1913 session a bill passed both houses, but was refused approval by Governor Johnson.

MORE AID FOR JOBLESS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—An additional fund of $3,500, to be known as the "labor test" fund and used in putting the unemployed to work in the city parks, will be recommended to the city council at once by Acting Mayor Whiffen and the finance committee of the council. If this decision is carried out the amount which will have been provided to take care of the unemployed in Los Angeles will total $13,000.

COST OF FREE TEXTBOOKS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—California's free textbooks during the first year the state has furnished them free to pupils cost $316,043.49. The cost of printing was $220,671.97, royalties $87,371.52 and freight $8,000. A total of 1,461,623 books were distributed.

MILLIONAIRE TAKES BRIDE

STOCKTON, Dec. 31.—Max Clotz, millionaire of Rockford, Ill., and Miss Caroline Fiedderman of New Orleans were married here yesterday. Immediately following the ceremony the bride left for home and Clotz will follow next week, at which time they will break the news to the bride's parents.

MAY FIGHT OVER CLAIMS

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 31.—According to advices from Searles Lake, trouble is expected today over the potash claims in that vicinity. The American Trona company is said to be ruling the district with an iron hand to prevent others jumping its claims. Two automobiles carrying armed men left San Bernardino for the district yesterday.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS GALORE

PETALUMA, Dec. 31.—J. C. and Mrs. Scott and J. L. and Mrs. Winans will celebrate their golden weddings tomorrow. The first named two were married here. C. A. and Mrs. Bodwell of Lakeville will celebrate their golden anniversary Monday at the home of their daughter in Berkeley.

THINK ROBBERS CACHED MONEY

OROVILLE, Dec. 31.—Detectives working on the robbery of the First National bank of Oroville believe the $2,000 or more taken by the thieves has been cached somewhere in this vicinity. Fifty dollars in nickels, $700 in dimes, more than $500 in quarters, $700 in halves and $200 in silver dollars made up a part of the loot.

KILLED ON WAY TO JAIL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—While being taken to the city jail in a patrol wagon last night David R. Carr, arrested for disorderly conduct, shot Patrolman Fulton through the jaw and tried to fire on the driver, but was killed by Fulton.

GRASS VALLEY WEDDING

GRASS VALLEY, Dec. 31.—Miss Mabel Clinch, well known society yong woman, and Roy Tramoureux, manager of the Champion mine at Nevada City, were married here last night.

SANTA ROSA GIRL BETROTHED

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 31.—The engagement of Miss Ada Cline, a talented society girl of this city, to Frederick Ellsworth Palmer of San Francisco, has been announced.

NAT GOODWIN BRINGS SUIT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Nat Goodwin has filed an action against Leibler & Co., a large theatrical firm of New York, claiming $15,000 damages by reason of alleged failure on the part of the defendant in carrying out a contract during the season of 1911-12.

Captured by Woman, Flees; Slips on Peel; She Nabs Him Again

Fair Bakery Owner Spurns Police Aid; Takes Prisoner to Jail Single Handed

By Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Mrs. L. W. Heinley, proprietor of a bakery, did not call the police when she recognized in the street today a young man who, she alleges, passed a worthless check on her six weeks ago. Instead she seized him, compelled him to board a streetcar and started with him to the police station.

As the two alighted from the car near police headquarters the young man slipped out of his coat and fled. A banana peeling then came to Mrs. Heinley's aid. It slipped under the man's foot and sent him sprawling. Before he could arise he was once more a prisoner of the woman, who had followed him closely in his dash.

Naval Paymaster to Be Courtmartialed

By Associated Press.

VALLEJO, Dec. 31.—Charged with conduct unbecoming an officer of the navy and a gentleman, Assistant Paymaster Russell V. de W. Bleecker, formerly of the gunboat Yorktown, is to face a court martial, orders to this effect having been received at the Mare island navy yard from the navy department in Washington. Four charges have been preferred against Paymaster Bleecker, all based on his conduct in New Orleans 19 months ago.

It was announced at Mare island today that Civil Engineer Adolfo J. Menocal, U. S. N., public works officer at Olongapo, P. I., who recently arrived here, is to be court martialed. Menocal has wired to Washington to learn the nature of the charges.

$80,000 in Rare Skins Gift for Pope Pius

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rev. Adolfe Vattuone, a Catholic priest, who arrived from Ecuador recently, has sailed for Italy with 200 Vicuna skins, said to be worth $80,000. The skins will be presented to Pope Pius with the idea that they will be sold for charity.

TRUNK VICTIM LABORER

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The body of the trunk victim has been identified as "Laborer No. 102," employed by J. F. Donovan, a contractor at Cornwall, N. Y. A foreman for Donovan could not say who the man was.

REPLY TO ENGLAND IS TO RUSH FORTS

War Department Forces Work on Canal Fortifications to Beat Formal Protest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Under the cover of diplomatic secrecy, England has been quietly urging the repeal of the free Panama canal toll charge of the canal act on the present administration, it was admitted today.

"There have been talks on the subject," admitted Acting Secretary of State John Bassett Moore.

Denials at the state department have been frequent that any discussion of the toll subject was going forward since the Bryce note of 1912.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Stirred by the renewed restlessness of Great Britain concerning the Panama canal fortifications, the war department is straining its energies to complete its work in advance of a formal protest from England.

It has leaked out that the board, composed of the highest officials and fortification experts in the army, named last Saturday by Secretary Garrison to put the final touches on the canal fortifications, is the result of the hint from England that the fortification controversy might be renewed.

EXPERTS ON BOARD

The chairman of the board is Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, with Major General Witherspoon, assistant chief of staff and recently head of the war college, next in line. The other members of the board are Brigadier General Crozier, chief of ordnance; General Erasmus M. Weaver, chief of coast artillery; Captain Harry S. Knapp, U. S. N.; Colonel George W. Goethals, corps of engineers; Captain William R. Shoemaker, U. S. N.; Colonel Edward Burr, corps of engineers; Lieutenant Colonel William G. Haan, coast artillery corps, and Major William Chamberlain, coast artillery corps.

From the beginning the war officials have maintained secrecy concerning the defense plans. Neither Americans nor foreigners are permitted to visit the fortification sites at the canal.

At the state department there is scarcely any further attempt to conceal the fact that this government is making a close inquiry, not only concerning the pact of Germany and Great Britain not to exhibit at the San Francisco exposition, but to get at the bottom of the whole German-English commercial combine against this country.

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