

# THEFT CHARGE FOR R. MORRIS

California Officer Comes and Gets Young Motorcyclist Who Entertained Phoenix With Weird Tale of Abduction

Knocking out the theories advanced here for the dereliction of Robert Morris, the Chico, Cal., motorcyclist, who told such a weird tale of abduction after his arrest by Phoenix officers, Constable W. J. Tebo of Los Angeles county arrived here yesterday with a felony warrant for the young man, Aphana, wife desertion, just cussedness and several other reasons were advanced to account for Morris' peculiar trip to Yuma with his motorcycle, and the abandonment of his mount on the desert near Dome.

It was reported by a motorcycle salesman who knew the Morris family that several generations of them had suffered from those temporary lapses of memory that cause men to forget their names and identities. But Tebo's theory is that Morris is color-blind; that he can't tell the color of one of his own motorcycles from that of another man's machine.

Tebo slipped into town very quietly yesterday morning, collected some signatures to his papers, and his prisoner, and left for Los Angeles, almost before anyone had time to say seat. He took with him a short, husky young gentleman of 22, left arm deformed, rather sandy of complexion, and charged with having abducted another man's motorcycle in Chico, Cal., on March 8.

Morris' narrative of his trip was one of the sensations of the day. He related to a Republican reporter the story of abduction and enforced two-wheeler chauffeurship that would have made a fitting subject for a movie film or a dime novel. No account has been heard of the abandoned motorcycle, supposedly somewhere on the desert between Yuma and Dome. No one has seen or heard of the mysterious stranger who, at the point of a gun, compelled Morris to ride him a-tandem from Pomona nearly to Dome, chaining his unwilling driver to the machine each night and forcing him to pass by on the outskirts of the towns they approached on their peculiar journey.

### HEDONISM

Young Bride (to waiter)—Waiter, my husband has been here a lot lately; I hope he's all right, eh?  
Waiter—Oh, yes; he never has more than three glasses of beer. If he were not happy he'd surely drink six.—Flegende Blatter.



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# BOGUS CHECK ARTIST CAUGHT

Pete Dispenzo Passed a Few of Them and is "Copped" by Special Officer Bradley—Admits His Guilt

After cashing three bogus checks, Pete Dispenzo, a painter who has been working in Phoenix for some time, was caught yesterday afternoon by Night Officer Billy Bradley and Mike O'Leary, just as he was making his sneak from his rooming house to the train on which he was to leave for Albuquerque. He already had his trunks at the depot, and according to his story had sent a kili chasing after a ticket when he was apprehended and placed under arrest.

It was wholly an accident that he was detected. He was known at each of the places where he cashed the false papers, and thereby got past in the first steps of his game. But after he had left the Casino saloon, where Doc Jones took one check for \$41, it was noted that the writing on the check was the same as that signature which Dispenzo had signed in endorsement. Jones called the attention of O'Leary to the fact and the latter set out on the trail of the artist.

The trail led to the Boston store, where there was found a check for \$35 for which he had received change and a pair of shoes. Again a track was found at the Vic Hanny emporium where another \$35 worth of paper had been left in place of change and a hat and underwear. Then the officers were notified and a hunt for the fellow was instituted.

While Sheriff Jeff Adams was at the bank with one of the clerks looking through the books to ascertain if either of the signatures on the paper were responsible, the others of the sheriff's force and several of the city police were looking for the man. The sheriff found that neither of the names on the checks were in the books at the bank.

In the meantime, Deputy Johnny Connors had gone to the Holland House at the corner of First avenue and Van Buren, where Dispenzo was known to room. He did not find him and left. Three minutes after Connors' departure, Bradley and O'Leary came to the rooming house, looked in the man's room, and found him ready to leave, his hat on and his suitcase in his hands.

He was arrested and taken to the county jail, where he was lodged on a charge of issuing false checks.

When he was searched he was found to have \$75 of the whole amount received on his person. The rest he said he had given to a "red-headed fellow," with which to purchase his ticket, which the stranger was to bring to the Holland House to him. Justice Johnstone was called to the sheriff's office and Dispenzo was examined. He admitted his guilt, and said that he had all the plans for his escape laid. Had the officers been a little slower in the trail he would have made good his getaway, he declared. He was going from here to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

No other bad checks were found in his effects or in his pockets when the officers made their search at the jail.

### HALL IS COMMISSIONER

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, March 21.—H. C. Hall, of Colorado, took the oath of office as a member of the interstate commerce commission and entered upon his duties. He was named to fill the unexpired term of Judge Charles Prouty, of Vermont, which would have expired on December 31 next, and who was appointed director of the work on the physical valuation of railroads.

### TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Wife—John, I must have a new hat and gown!  
Husband—That's good!  
Wife—And gloves, shoes, and silk stockings!  
Husband—That's good!  
Wife—And an opera cloak!  
Husband—That's good!  
Wife—Wake up, you wretch! You're dreaming you're in a poker game!—Puck.

### DRINK AND DESTITUTION

The county agent of Cook county, Illinois, in which Chicago is located, reports that 65 per cent of the people receiving help during the past year were made destitute because of the drink evil. Many county officials report much larger percentages. And yet at this season of the year the liquor papers are wont to remind the public of their generous gifts to charity!

### DISQUALIFIED

The discovery that the eminent American selected to manage an English railroad is "an undesirable citizen" shows how the American idea is spreading throughout Europe. The gentleman in question stands convicted of undoubted competency and business ability.—Public Ledger.

### A DIFFICULT TASK

Mistress—Idiot! What on earth are you doing?  
Servant—Madame asked me to take the spots off her ermine stole and I was just doing it.

### TRUTH AND FICTION

Major Schnapps—I want a rug for the bar of the golf club.  
Assistant—Yes, sir; you want some thing for hard wear.—The Tatler.

# CELEBRITIES TO VISIT PHOENIX

Thomas Drier, Editor of "Advertising," and Geo. A. Bellamy, Playground Expert, Guests of Board of Trade

George A. Bellamy, who is perhaps the greatest of all the authorities on child welfare, will address the Phoenix Board of Trade, either Monday or Tuesday. The date was arranged by wire between Harry Welch and the traveling representative of the Playgrounds Recreation Association of America yesterday.

The subject to which Mr. Bellamy will devote his attention is city planning, with special reference to child welfare and playgrounds. Phoenix has become noted for its efforts in behalf of the city planning idea, and this is one of the things that has induced the famous man to make a visit. The exhibition that the Phoenix Board of Trade put into the New York City beautiful show last year is bringing much favorable comment.

The directors will hold a special meeting for Mr. Bellamy on Monday. It may be possible that the date will have to be changed to Tuesday on account of the rush of business in Los Angeles that is now engaging the attention of the expert.

### Advertising Editor

Another well known man who will be the guest of the board on Monday, is Thomas Drier, editor of "Associated Advertising," who is now in Tucson. Mr. Drier is making a study of conditions in the southwest for a series of special articles in a western magazine. He will probably be brought by automobile from Tucson to Phoenix.

The directors will make a special effort to entertain Mr. Drier, and it may be that they will arrange something for the two visiting celebrities, at the same time.

### THE CHANGE COURTEOUS

Client—Good gracious! What a caricature!

Painter—Excuse me; that's a portrait of myself.

Client—Oh, life-like, very life-like, I'm sure.—Flegende Blatter.

### HOME RULE AGITATION

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a crisis without a parallel in the history of the British army.

Rather than be placed in a position where they might be called upon to act against the Ulster covenanters, numbers of officers resigned from the commission. While the war office refused to say how many resigned, popular belief, based upon reports from different regiments, is that the number withdrawn has crippled the whole military organization of Ireland, and prevented carrying out the order for moving several bodies of troops. Marquis Londonderry, one of the Ulster leaders, said nothing of the sort had occurred in the British army since the American revolution.

Public curiosity is at a feverish over the question of how the government is to deal with the resignations. The liberal sentiment is that the succeeding officers should be court-martialed. Many conservatives argue the situation amounts to civil war, and officers should have the liberty to choose which faction to ally themselves with. The movement of troops continues toward Ireland.

The center of interest is shifted to Curragh, twenty miles from Dublin, where the third cavalry brigade, under General Gough, and the fourteenth infantry brigade, under Colonel Rolt, are stationed. General Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the forces of Ireland, passed the day in camp. They had a conference with 50 officers of Curragh, Dublin, Kildare and New Bridge garrisons. It is said order arrived for the dispatch of the third brigade to Ulster, but these could not be carried into execution because practically all officers resigned. Orders for the dispatch of the sixteenth lanciers also failed of execution for the reason of the same wholesale retirement of officers.

According to some reports, the military men unanimously refused information, but the Dublin dispatch says the resignations from the Curragh forces number forty. Other advices place the number at 100. The government is embarrassed by a disaffection which exists even among the officers who remain on duty, for an army of officers from aristocratic families and a great majority of the aristocratic classes sympathize with the covenanters.

Many rumors were afloat throughout the day. Among those published are denied reports that the government issued an ultimatum to officers, giving them twelve hours to decide whether to obey orders and that two companies of the Dorsetshire regiment at Belfast have thrown down their arms. The Dublin message to the press association in London says all officers who refuse to obey orders will be arrested and many of those who have undertaken to go to Ulster have done so on condition they would not carry arms against unionists.

Throughout the two days of the crisis, Ireland has not witnessed a breach of peace anywhere. If Sunday passes without rioting officials will draw a sigh of relief. Nationalists, acting on John Redmond's advice, have abandoned the parade in Londonderry which would have been certain to result in fighting with the orangemen.

Ireland has striven for home rule without a moment's cessation ever since the Irish Parliament abolished the legislative union which Great Britain

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and Ireland proclaimed on January 1, 1801. In the 113 years that have passed, since the agitation has gone on under various forms, pacific and violent, led by such patriots as Daniel O'Connell, William Smith O'Brien, Charles Stewart Parnell, O'Donovan Rossa and Mitchell Davitt, to mention only a few of the more prominent. These were succeeded by Redmond Healey, who is in the fore-front of the movement today.

The patriotic movement was suppressed time after time by coercion acts passed by the British Parliament, only to take another form. The Molly Maguires, the Young Ireland party, the Land League, and the National League, were all Irish political societies which had their day.

Thousands of Irish nationalists served terms of imprisonment for participation in the fight for independence from Great Britain. Hundreds were

exiled, many proceeding to the United States. The agitation sometimes took on the aspect of extreme violence as when Lord Frederick Cavendish, chief secretary for Ireland, and T. H. Burke, permanent secretary, were assassinated by the "invincibles" on May 6, 1882, in Phoenix Park, Dublin.

The parliamentary fight for home rule waged for many decades, gave rise to extraordinary scenes in the usually staid British Parliament, often bringing about the expulsion of members and the stoppage of business.

The first member of the British government to meet the demand for Irish home rule, was the late William Ewart Gladstone, when he was Premier, in 1886. His bill was rejected after its introduction, brought a great split in the liberal party, which caused the cessation of Joseph Chamberlain and other liberal leaders who have since, on Irish questions, acted with the conser-

vative party. Since then, several Irish home rule bills have been introduced by the liberal government, the last one being passed by the House of Commons but rejected by the House of Lords. This led to the passage three years ago of a parliament act, under the provision that any bill not an appropriation bill rejected by the House of Lords, becomes automatically law on passing the House of Commons in three successive sessions. The present agitation has been mainly brought about by this practical certainty.

Premier Asquith's Irish home rule bill is becoming law without the consent of the House of Lords. Sir Edward Carson is at the head of the agitation against home rule among the Unionists in Ulster. He and several other leading men took the initiative in organizing the army of Ulster volunteers to resist the introduction of home rule for Ireland in its entirety.

There is considerable difference between the people of the eastern part of Ulster and those of the rest of Ireland. Many Ulsterites are descendants of English settlers sent there by Cromwell to foster the agriculture industries of Ireland after he subdued the country. Other descendants are Scottish Covenanters. Not all the Protestants in Ireland are against home rule. Parnell himself was a Protestant.



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