

COLLAPSES AT END OF COURT'S FIERCE GRILLING

**Accused Murderess of Husband
Led Fainting Away From
French Trial Chamber**

**Presiding Judge, After Forcing
Damaging Admissions, Calls
Tale Tissues of Lies**

**Woman Admits She Falsified
Story of Jewel Theft to
Shield Her Daughter**

PARIS, Nov. 5.—After having with- stood for nearly three days a merciless examination at the hands of the presiding judge of the court of assizes, where she is being tried on a charge of murdering her husband and stepmother, the iron nerves of Mme. Marguerite Steinhilf gave way late today and she was led out of the courtroom in a state of utter collapse.

Several times before the climax came restoratives were administered when it seemed as though Mme. Steinhilf was about to faint, and each time she recovered quickly and replied to the interrogations of Judge M. de Valles.

Insists She Is Well

When today's session began M. de Valles was fearful lest the strain was proving too much for Mme. Steinhilf, but his solicitude evoked from Mme. Steinhilf the unhesitating statement that she was not at all fatigued.

M. de Valles thereupon led her through a labyrinth of questions surrounding the case with his wonted relentlessness, and Mme. Steinhilf, with her ever ready wit, answered them quickly to the point, or, when they seemed unduly compromising, pleaded for justice and not vindictiveness.

Once she made a plea direct to the jury that they believe her innocent, declaring that in the hour of her adversity erstwhile friends who had partaken of her hospitality had utterly forsaken her.

Again, when questioned closely by Judge de Valles as to why she had declared certain jewels had been stolen at the time of the murder, when in reality she had concealed them, Mme. Steinhilf, her eyes burning brightly and moistureless behind the pallor that the walls of St. Nazaire prison have lent to her cheeks, cried out that it was to save her daughter from the knowledge that her mother had a lover.

Admits False Statements

As to her accusation against Bar- ingtonham, an American newspaperman, and others whom she had charged with complicity in the crime, Mme. Steinhilf said in her frenzy she had taken recourse in anything that seemed to give promise of clearing herself of the charge.

It was just after a savage attack had been made upon her veracity by the judge that the climax came. Mme. Steinhilf's attorneys protested, but the judge retorted hotly that the accused woman had lied throughout—that her story was a tissue of lies.

Shows Effects of Strain

Mme. Steinhilf plainly showed the effects of the trying ordeal she had passed through during the last two days. Great black rings were under her eyes and her face had the color of putty. Nevertheless, she rose to her feet when the inquiry began, and responded bravely to the examination.

In opening the proceedings Judge de Valles dealt with the appearance yesterday of Rene Collard, an actor, who caused a momentary sensation by asserting he was the real assassin. Judge de Valles disposed of this incident as pure invention.

Judge de Valles then turned his attention to Mme. Steinhilf. He confronted her with various conflicting statements she had made regarding the occurrences on the night of the crime. He also questioned her closely on the involved financial condition of the Steinhilf household at the time of the murders.

Composure Gives Way

Mme. Steinhilf's composure gradually gave way before the succession of sharp interrogatories. Her feeling at last found expression in an agonized flood of words in which she appealed to the jury to believe in her innocence, complaining bitterly that in the hour of her misfortune she had been deserted by high placed friends, asserting also that society women who had frequented her home had now deserted her.

Notwithstanding this passionate appeal Judge de Valles pursued his inter-rogatories relentlessly. When he pinned her down with proof that she had concealed jewels that she afterward said had been stolen she turned her back on him and with crossed arms and flashing eyes admitted that she had done so, justifying her action by the motherly instinct of shielding her daughter from the knowledge that the jewels had come from her lover.

The prisoner indignantly denied that her sensational attempt to revive the case last fall by an accusation against young Wolf, the son of the cook in the Steinhilf household, was due to the insistencies of her sweetheart.

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RICH MAN GIVES \$25,000,000 TO HELP CHURCHES

**John Stuart Kennedy's Will
Provides for Largest Single
Contribution of Kind**

**Widow, Friends and Employees
Will Receive Shares of
\$35,000,000 More**

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—John Stuart Kennedy, one of America's little known rich men, who died of whooping cough in his New York residence last Sunday, left bequests of more than \$25,000,000 to religious, charitable and educational institutions in his will, filed for probate here today.

The gift is the largest single contribution of its kind ever made and the beneficiaries include educational and church institutions, north, south, east and west, in this country, and one abroad—60 in all.

Half for Church Work

Nearly half of the \$25,000,000 goes to institutions connected with the Presbyterian church, of which Kennedy had been an active member for many years.

Other large beneficiaries include the American bible society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New York public library, the United Charities of New York, Columbia university and Robert college, Constantinople.

Widow's Share \$16,000,000

Aside from these gifts Kennedy left approximately \$25,000,000 to his wife, his relatives and a great number of friends and employees. The widow's share will be about \$16,000,000. All his employees received gifts of from \$500 to \$2,000 each.

The charitable, religious and educational institutions which receive the largest bequests are to share the residue of the estate left after definite gifts of approximately \$12,000,000 have been paid.

Charities Kept Private

Mrs. Kennedy, besides receiving the million dollar residence, the summer home at Bar Harbor and the banker's valuable laboratory and art collections, also inherited \$1,000,000 in cash and a \$12,000,000 share in the residuary estate.

Kennedy was one of the millionaire philanthropists whose gifts, though measured in millions, were made with as little glare of publicity as possible. Besides being a banker he was one of the country's chief builders of railroads, a patron of art and education, and, in his own quiet way, one of New York's foremost advocates of scientific and organized charity.

Some Recent Gifts

Many of his great benefactions probably never were made public, but he figured in recent years as the giver of the \$300,000 home of the United Charities in this city; of \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian hospital; \$250,000 to the School of Philanthropy; \$500,000 to Columbia university, and \$400,000 to a nurses' home for the Presbyterian hospital.

As banker and investor he always showed great interest in the development of the northwest. He was identified with J. P. Morgan and James J. Hill in the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies for many years.

Born near Glasgow in 1830, Kennedy came to America in 1850 as agent for an English iron and metal concern. In 1857 he joined the New York banking firm of Morris K. Jessup & Co., and about 11 years later established the house of Kennedy & Co. He retired from active participation in business in 1883.

**LORDS WILL INSIST ON
AN APPEAL TO PEOPLE**

**Leader in Upper British House
Against Finance Bill**

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The Daily Telegraph says it understands it has been definitely settled that Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition, will move a resolution in the upper branch of parliament, declining to accept the finance bill until its principles have received the sanction of the electors. The Daily Telegraph adds that the adoption of this resolution by the house of lords is certain.

**DRAMATIC SUICIDE
IN PARISIAN CAFE**

**Unknown Kills Himself to the
Strains of "When Love Dies"**

PARIS, Nov. 5.—A man believed to have been either an American or an Englishman dramatically committed suicide in a Montmartre cafe tonight. He had asked the orchestra seven times to play the waltz "When Love Dies," and as the last strains died away he placed a pistol to his head and shot himself.

**RAILROAD CONTRACTOR
FINED FOR PEONAGE**

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 5.—In the United States district court today Judge James E. Boyd fined Robert Christian, found guilty of peonage, \$2,500, which was paid, Christian, together with W. L. Smith and W. A. Perry, railroad contractors, were indicted for detaining negro employees who sought to escape from the construction camps and to have forcibly brought back some who had escaped.

GIRL ENDS LIFE; WAS UNABLE TO STOP THIEVING

**Daughter of Hawaiian Attorney
Succumbs, Despite the
Work of Physicians**

**Miss Mabel Wise Takes Poison
When Forced to Confess
She Robbed Friend**

OAKLAND, Nov. 5.—Knowing that she could not resist the inclination to steal, discouraged with unavailing efforts to repress the desire for theft, and shamed at having been forced into confessing a robbery from a close friend, daughter of W. S. Wise, perhaps the most prominent attorney in the Hawaiian islands, took bichloride of mercury October 23, intending to end her life. She died this afternoon at Roosevelt hospital, Berkeley, from the poison.

Miss Wise was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian church of Berkeley. She was a woman of refinement and education, and her training and station in life of the highest and best.

Called a Kleptomaniac

Yet the police term her a kleptomaniac, and state that they have positive evidence that she stole from many people, whose names they refuse to divulge.

The dead woman was visiting Mrs. W. A. Ray at 2338 Dwight way, Berkeley, when her hostess missed a small sum of money. The police were notified, and, after an investigation, they taxed Miss Wise with robbery. She broke down and confessed that she was the thief, and, heartbroken, bared the fact that she could not resist the temptation to steal. Money she had in plenty; poverty could not have been the reason for her acts.

Friends Made Victims

Miss Wise has paid many visits to California from her home at Hilo and traveled extensively around the United States. She spent the time with friends and moved in the best society, but the police will not say when her mania for thievery developed, or discuss the identity of her victims. They admit that those who suffered losses were friends and acquaintances, who knew, some of them, of the beautiful girl's failing.

Dr. L. A. McAfee, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, understood the temptation that raged in the girl and was attempting to help her in controlling herself.

Physicians' Aid in Vain

After the confession Miss Wise brooded over the shame of it and took the poison. Her family was notified at Hilo immediately, and a brother, William, arrived here a few days ago. Another brother, Ralph, remained in Hawaii. Dr. Frank Woolsey and Dr. Robert Hecker at the Roosevelt hospital, did all in their power for the girl, but, though they all but saved her, the poison had secured such a hold that at length it caused her death. The girl came here on her last visit from the islands three months ago.

**CAR CONDUCTOR HEIR
TO \$250,000 ESTATE**

**Sacramento Man Left Fortune
by Parents in Ireland**

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 5.—A conductor on the Sacramento streetcars and an advertising solicitor but a short time ago, C. C. Y. Williamson has returned to this city with the title of "squire of Enlischorthy, county of Wexford, Ireland," and the owner of an estate in Ireland worth \$250,000.

Williamson ran away from his home in Ireland 15 years ago because his father wanted to enlist him in the merchant marine service. He came west to Sacramento, where he secured a position as a conductor. The death of his parents and a letter from a friend in Ireland telling him there was an estate awaiting him across the pond caused Williamson to leave for the British isles several months ago. He has come back to take his family to his newly acquired estate.

Williamson has been an enthusiastic soccer football player and formerly played with the Oakland Hornets.

**SECRET INDICTMENT BY
SONOMA GRAND JURY**

**Claims Against County for Road
Work Probably Involved**

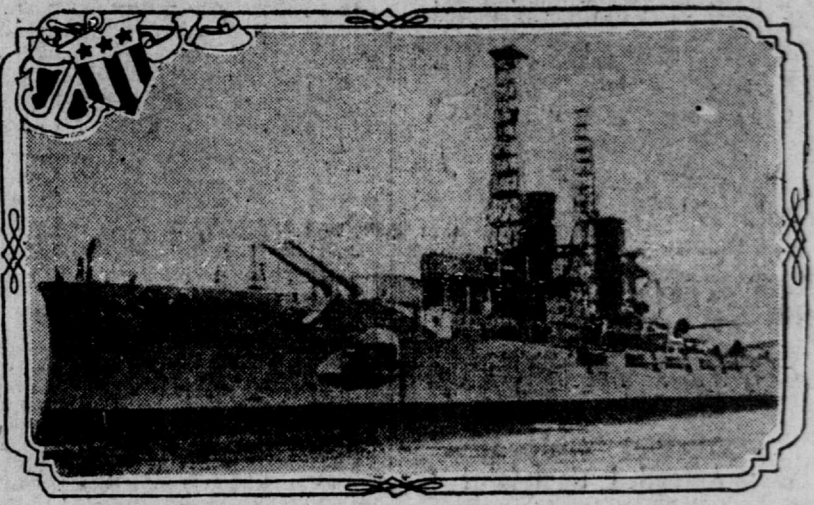
SANTA ROSA, Nov. 5.—The Sonoma county grand jury this afternoon returned an indictment which was ordered placed on the secret file and adjourned sine die. The indictment is understood to be in connection with claims presented against the county for road work. The matter has been under investigation for several months.

In a supplementary report the grand jury presented the report of State Engineer Ellory on the construction of the new Sonoma county courthouse, which is being completed by the Rikon-Ehrhart construction company of San Francisco at a cost of about \$500,000.

Ellory criticizes the specifications on which the contracts were let as well as the addition of \$5,000 for changing the interior.

Accident Snatches Away Speed Laurels

The North Dakota, one of the Dreadnoughts of the American navy, which would have won the battleship speed championship yesterday but for an accident in the boiler room.



PRETTY LASS THE CAUSE OF TROUBLE

**Sausalito and the U. S. Army
Agitated Over Romances
of Young Girl**

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAUSALITO, Nov. 5.—One pretty 17 year old girl of Sausalito by the vagaries of her heart has created a situation in this community which led to the town trustees meeting last night in extraordinary session. Out of the romances of the girl have developed complications so acute that Major John W. Ruckman, commanding officer of Fort Baker, threatened to forbid the men of the post to visit Sausalito, and at the meeting last evening conditions were shown to exist which led Town Trustee L. C. Pistolesi to say today that all the policemen of Sausalito would lose their jobs. The girl herself didn't escape pleasantly from the melee. She was up before the juvenile court at San Rafael this afternoon.

Edith Lawrence is the cause of all the trouble. Edith is a handsome girl of 17 years, dark complexioned and much admired among a certain element of Sausalito. At one time her fancy favored Jack Sylvia, a sort of a cabrillo and wild west youth, with a gun at his hip and a bunch of young blades at his back. Young Sylvia has the distinction of having a coterie named after him and spoken of with apprehensive respect as "de Sylvia gang." But that fame was not sufficient for him. He admired Miss Lawrence and gave her two diamond rings as tokens of his devotion.

Miss Lawrence is a capricious girl and switched her favors to Private Landon Burgan, a handsome young soldier of the Sixty-first company, coast artillery. That started a feud. When Burgan would call on the Lawrence family he would be arrested by Night Watchman Jack Suzaville, a chum of Sylvia, on a charge of disturbing the peace. Also, Major Ruckman complained, Sylvia's friends had the bad habit of shooting at Burgan and other soldiers. So Major Ruckman wrote a letter to Mayor Jacques Thomas of Sausalito, declaring that if the soldiers were not given better protection in the town he would issue an order forbidding them to visit Sausalito.

Mayor Thomas called a meeting of the board of trustees for last evening, which was attended by Miss Lawrence, her younger sister and her mother, Mrs. Antone Lawrence. During the session Night Watchman Suzaville resigned his job.

Mayor Thomas said today that the heart affairs of the girl caused all the trouble.

**FERRY COMPANY HAS
NOT ENJOINED CLUB**

**Clerks on Mare Island Are Ex-
pecting Court Proceedings**

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, Nov. 5.—The Vallejo ferry company, which controls the carrying of all passengers between Vallejo and Mare Island, has not taken steps to serve an injunction on the newly formed Solano aquatic club, as was expected.

The ferry company has made it a practice not to allow any firm or corporation to carry passengers between the two points for several years by instituting proceedings to compel them to go out of business.

The Solano aquatic club consists of all the clerks on Mare Island who are civil service employees, and the object of the club is to provide a quicker and cheaper method of crossing the channel than is provided by the ferry company.

The officers of the club are expecting legal proceedings to be commenced in the near future, but claim that they are well satisfied that they can not be disbanded, as the club is for members only and is solely an organization for pleasure.

MISHAP MARS ENDURANCE RUN OF N. DAKOTA

**Tube Bursts in Boiler Room
While Huge Dreadnought
Is at High Speed**

**Four Men Injured and Battle-
ship Races Back to Port
With the Sufferers**

**Vessel More Than Meets All
the Requirements Called
for by Contract**

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Nov. 5.—As the new battleship North Dakota was completing the four hour endurance run at a 21 knot gait off the New England coast today with the battleship speed championship of America almost in its grasp, a boiler room accident robbed the ship of the laurels and sent the vessel scurrying into this port to land four injured men.

It was reported in the navy yard tonight that all the injured would probably recover, but it was feared Souden might lose his eyesight. In addition to the four men brought ashore 12 others suffered from scalding, but their injuries are of a minor character.

The ship, nevertheless, exceeded the contract requirement of 21 knots an hour, making 22.71 in the first two hours, 21.64 in the third hour and 21 knots flat as it hurried in on the fourth hour to this port.

The Injured Men

The injured men are William H. Grange, water tender; John Souden, coal passer; A. Peterson, fireman, and Peter McConnell, fireman. Souden was badly scalded.

The North Dakota jogged out of Penobscot shortly after sunrise today, increasing steam as it proceeded until at 1 o'clock it was well south of Mohegan.

Shortly after that the ship began its trial. On the first two hours the engines developed 32,000 horsepower and the water rate was well above the contract. A few minutes after the battleship had passed Cape Ann and while entering the fourth hour of the test a seven inch tube in one of the lower rows of boilers blew out and filled the room with steam. The engineers immediately cut off four of the 14 boilers.

Returns to Port

As soon as the extent of the injuries of the firemen had been ascertained the North Dakota was swung around and headed back up the coast for this port, where it was known a good harbor could be reached shortly after the expiration of the time limit.

All four of the injured men bravely urged the engineer force to disregard their injuries and keep the battleship on its work. Under the 10 boilers 21 knots was maintained for the remainder of the time and at 4 o'clock the North Dakota steamed into this harbor and sent the injured men ashore.

On Twenty-four Hour Run

The defective tube was replaced and arrangements were made to leave at midnight for the 24 hour run at a speed of 19 knots an hour.

The battleship is expected at Boston tonight at midnight tomorrow, and during the run it will be decided whether there will be a continuation of the trials and whether the four hour test will be repeated.

Although the North Dakota fulfilled the contract today the builders, the Fore River ship building company of Quincy, Mass., are anxious to see what the ship can do on a four hour test with the usual steam equipment.

**INVITES THE FRESNO
POLICE TO CATCH HIM**

**Check Passer Sends His Photo-
graph to Headquarters**

FRESNO, Nov. 5.—Sending by mail to the police a description of himself, including a photograph, A. T. Davis, wanted for the alleged issuing of fictitious checks, defies the officers to catch him. In the letter he said that he is living within twoblocks of police headquarters. The alleged worthless checks, passed on local merchants to the amount of \$500, were signed J. E. McKay.

Davis invited the police to compare his handwriting with the signatures on the checks to satisfy themselves that he is the man who signed the checks. In the letter he also wrote the name J. E. McKay to aid the police in the comparison. The signatures are identical.

Thomas Wood, an alleged partner of Davis, is in jail under \$10,000 bonds. On his person were found several of the J. E. McKay checks and the police authorities believe the men planned to systematically defraud merchants in the chief California cities. The men had marked a dozen cities on a railroad map and numbered them. A list, correspondingly numbered, contained a miniature business directory of the towns.