

SEYMOUR WILL WAR AGAINST OPIUM DENS

Chief of Police Joins With Fick-
ert to Wipe Out Supply
Stations

Henry Woman Is Magnet Which
Draws Curious Throng to
Courtroom

Suspects May Be Held Until
Witness Can Leave Alaska
in Spring

CHIEF OF POLICE J. F. SEY-
MOUR will co-operate with Dis-
trict Attorney Charles M. Fick-
ert in stamping out the drug traffic
and breaking up the opium ring.
The relation of the opium ring
of the Palm house to the gold bullion
thefts, pointed out by The Call, re-
sulted in a conference yesterday and a
vigorous police crusade against drug
distributing dens and drug vendors
was decided upon.

While definite steps for raiding drug
heads' haunts were being discussed by
Seymour and Fickert in the chief's of-
fice, the three drug victims and ac-
cused bullion thieves, Elmer L. Smith,
"Little Tex" J. T. Woodson, "Big Tex"
George M. Woodson and Margaret
Henry, known as Mrs. Smith, were ar-
raigned before Judge Shortall and in-
structed as to their rights.

They were charged with the theft of
35 bars of gold bullion of the Alaska
Fairbanks bank, valued at \$56,000.
Grand larceny for bringing stolen
goods into the state was the ground
nomed. The defense, represented by
Nate Coghlan and Ben Bloch, wanted
an immediate trial. A tilt between
counsel followed and Judge Shortall
granted a continuance until Monday,
December 19, when the case will be set.

Crowd Gapes at Woman

An unusually large crowd was pre-
sent to watch the proceedings. Miss
Henry, the keen woman companion of
Smith, was the most interesting mem-
ber of the group. She appeared as cool
and collected as on the night when the
door of her room in the Hayston hotel
was forced by secret service detectives.
Her pretty face, refined manner and
aristocratic bearing were the chief
topic of discussion among the curious
court throng.

Other than his admission that his
true name is Orville Ceveness and that
he was an "Iskan gambler, Smith will
divulge nothing.

It is the belief in police circles that
the Palm opium den, operated by Mrs.
Catherine McGee, mother in law of
Sheriff Finn, was the hatching place
for other crimes planned and executed
by drug fiends. It developed yesterday
that the surveillance of the house prior
to the raid had brought out the fact
that a number of known criminals
made it their rendezvous.

Fickert declares such drug distribut-
ing haunts breed crime, and are respon-
sible for the greater part of the ro-
beries and holdups. He is determined
to wage a relentless war on the drug
vice. Stores unlawfully distributing the
drug, and persons possessing it will be
prosecuted.

City Against Drug Traffic

Fickert's stand for breaking up the
opium smuggling ring, as outlined in
yesterday's Call, was commended from
many sources. Letters of congratula-
tion from business houses and financial
circles were received in the afternoon.
"I have issued orders to all patrol-
men to be on the watch for opium dens
and drug vendors," said Chief Seymour.
"I intend to work with Mr. Fickert's
office in suppressing the traffic. I have
asked Captain Shea to put out special
men to cull the traffic in the neighbor-
hood of Howard and Sixth streets. The
drug habit is a prime factor in making
criminals. Opium distributing points
must be wiped out and the smuggling
ring broken up. This is the first time
my attention has been called to it and
I will adopt immediate measures to de-
stroy the traffic."

"I sought police aid previously, but
this is the first time I have taken the
matter up with Chief Seymour," said
Fickert. "It is not enough that we
should wipe out the known dens but
it is imperative that the sources of
distribution and supply be discovered.
The supply of opium is what makes
the prevalence of the evil possible. I
understand that this takes us into the
opium smuggling end of the question,
and this though a federal offense must
be the ultimate object of our investi-
gation."

"Evidence in this office shows that
the evil is thriving in huge proportions.
Known agents have become wealthy
distributing contraband opium. The
price has been the ruin of hun-
dreds of lives. Little children have
been found walking the streets and
selling opium. Opium smoking houses,
crowded with drug fiends taken from
every walk of life have been watched
and evidence gathered for conviction."

400 Smoked Each Week

The Palm house was the chief cen-
ter of the drug traffic. Little Tex Woodson
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Money Added to The Call's Orphan Fund

The following subscriptions to
The Call's fund for the orphans of
Mount St. Joseph's asylum have
been received:

Previously Acknowledged	\$24,483.43
METROPOLITAN LIGHT AND POWER CO.	20.00
GEORGE RODGERS, San Jose	2.00
S. DRAGONOVICH	1.00
TURNER & DAHNKEN	1.80
TOTAL	\$24,508.23

WIRELESS PLANT WILL CUT RATES

De Forrest to Send Night Letter-
grams Between This City
and Los Angeles

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Night tele-
graph rates by wireless between San
Francisco and Los Angeles are to be
cut. The new schedule will allow the
sending of 50 words at night for 25
cents, as against the 40 cents charged
by the Western Union and the Postal
companies.

Dr. Lee de Forrest, the wireless ex-
pert and inventor, is in Los Angeles to
install a new wireless station on the
H. W. Hellman building, and as soon
as it is done it will send night tele-
grams between Los Angeles and San
Francisco.

The new station is expected to be
ready by Christmas. The apparatus is
here and is now being installed.

Within 60 or 90 days, De Forrest
says, a steel tower 250 feet high will
be erected on the Hellman building and
the station will be increased to five
kilowatts. Then it will be possible to
do commercial work with San Fran-
cisco and with steamers at sea.

The system used is the new one
which De Forrest has invented and it is
sparkless and noiseless.

GRAND JURY MAY HAVE
ENDED TIMES INQUIRY

Report on Dynamiting Expected
at Next Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Two short
sessions, at which no witnesses were
called, were held today by the special
grand jury, which for nearly seven
weeks has been engaged in investigating
the alleged dynamiting of the Times
building. It is believed that these
meetings marked the close of the long
inquisition, and that the jury, when it
meets again next Tuesday, will be ready
to report.

Whether any indictments will ac-
company the report is a question, how-
ever, on which no one will now venture
an opinion.

The last witness held here, Anton
Johannsen, the organizer of the state
building trades, was excused today
without being called upon for further
testimony. Johannsen was summoned
here from San Francisco when the
grand jury began its inquiry late in
October, and until today has been con-
stantly in attendance.

WOMAN, IN MAN'S GUISE,
WORKS THREE YEARS

Was Laborer Because She Could
Earn More

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 16.—When she
donned woman's clothes for the first
time in three years today, Mrs. Sallie
Starter, who has worked as a section
hand here for three years, was arrested
for vagrancy. She told the police she
could do as much work as a man and
could make more money by working
on the grades disguised than she could
earn as a woman.

BANDITS HOLD AMERICAN
AND FRIEND FOR RANSOM

\$25,000 Wanted for Wealthy
Mexican and Cornell Graduate

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 16.—It was re-
ported here today that Enrique
Gornoros, son of a wealthy Chihuahua
family and graduate of Cornell uni-
versity, and an American friend named
L. H. Wohlhim were captured by band-
its while on an automobile tour to
Santa Clara Wednesday. It is said that
the men are being held for a ransom
of \$25,000.

W. P. SHORT TWO MEN
IN FERRY BOAT CREW

Railroad Company Subject to
Fine of \$500

An investigation yesterday by two
inspectors of the government disclosed
that the Western Pacific railway com-
pany's ferry boat Telephone was being
run with a crew two men short of the
number required by its license.
The company is liable to a fine of
\$500.

No official report of the matter has
been handed to Collector of the Port
Stratton as yet, but should the report
of the investigating inspectors be veri-
fied the fine will be ordered collected at
once.

THUGS ROB WATCHMAN—Cornelius McCar-
thy, 501 Twentieth street, watchman at the
Western Pacific wharf, was held up and
beaten by two thugs at 5:30 o'clock yesterday
morning. They took a silver watch and
\$25.00.

SHARES WORTH \$180,000 SOLD AS VALUELESS

Western Power Stock Held by
Major Frank McLaughlin
Would Make Him Rich

Property Now Pays Big Divi-
dends Although Formerly
Considered Doubtful

Attorney for Dead Man's Secre-
tary, Miss Anna Busteade,
Surprised by Discovery

HAD not Major Frank McLaughlin
yielded to a fit of despondency
two years ago and shot his
daughter and himself, had he not been
so precipitate in disposing of properties
in which he lacked confidence, he might
have been a wealthy man today. A few
months more of patient endurance of
poverty would have seen him extri-
cated from the financial straits that led
him to mortgage or sell everything of
value that he possessed in order to
raise funds to tide him over his
troubles.

For it now transpires that among
McLaughlin's possessions were securi-
ties that are today of great value, al-
though when he held them they seemed
of doubtful value. This is notably true
of some shares of the Western Power
company. When he purchased these
shares the company was undeveloped.
For about eight years he held them
without receiving a dividend. Doubt-
less, in his mind, the stock was value-
less, or its value so problematical that
it could not be included in any esti-
mate of wealth.

Dividends Now Large

The Western Power company is pay-
ing big dividends now, dividends so big,
in fact, that the revenue that McLaugh-
lin would have derived from his stock
would, in the opinion of those who have

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FAMOUS BIDWELL RANCH MAY BE SOLD BY WIDOW

Option on Entire 15,000 Acres Taken by Eastern
Syndicate's Representative

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Dec. 16.—The famous Bidwell
ranch, known as the Rancho Chico, the
home of the late General Bidwell and
at present the property of his widow,
Mrs. A. E. K. Bidwell, may be sold soon.
An option on the entire 15,000 acres has
been given to Colonel H. T. Alexander,
a Washington attorney and relative of
Mrs. Bidwell. It is understood a syndi-
cate of eastern capitalists is now nego-
tiating for the purchase of the grant.

In the offer of sale nothing is reserved
except the home orchard and a portion
of the land immediately adjoining the
Bidwell mansion. The price asked is
said to be \$800,000. The tract of land
extends within the city limits of Chico.
A clause will be inserted in the deed of
sale prohibiting the manufacture or
sale of intoxicating liquors on the
place.

RUSH OF TERRIFIED BUFFALO IS CHECKED BY CHILDREN'S SCREAMS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

ANOKA, Minn., Dec. 16.—The screams
of the children barricaded in a school
building seven miles from Anoka today
prevented a charge through a window
of the building by the big bull buffalo
that escaped recently from James J.
Hill's farm.

Early in the day the countryside was
aroused and the buffalo chase renewed.
Late today after an exciting hunt the
animal was located in the heavy tim-
ber. County Attorney Pratt fired at
the animal and so did Charles Giddings.

SIGNOR CATTANEO, ITALIAN AVIATOR, FLIES ACROSS THE RIVER PLATTE

[Special Cable to The Call]

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16.—Signor
Cattaneo, the Italian aviator, flew
across the River Platte this afternoon
from Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay,
in 2 hours and 20 minutes.
He rose from the point in Buenos
Aires nearest Colonia, making the dis-
tance traversed about 24 miles, just
winds all the way across.

PSYCHOLOGIST TO TEST
JAPANESE FOR MURDER

Appeal Against Conviction to
Depend on Report

DENVER, Dec. 16.—Japanese resi-
dents of Denver, aided by the Japanese
government, are raising money to se-
cure an examination of Gankyo Mit-
sunaga, the Japanese convicted of the
murder of Mrs. Katherine Wilson, by
Dr. Hugo Munsterberg, psychologist and
criminologist of Harvard university.
If, after psychological tests by Doctor
Munsterberg, the Japanese are con-
vinced of Mitsunaga's guilt, they will
make no further attempt to save him
from life imprisonment.

It, however, the criminologist reports
that there is a reasonable doubt of Mit-
sunaga's innocence, his countrymen will
appeal the case.

STEAMER BADLY DAMAGED—Norfolk, Va.,
Dec. 16.—Damage to the steamer Maryland,
which was badly burned amidships last night
while en route from Norfolk to Cape Charles,
was today estimated at \$50,000.

McLAUGHLIN LOST WEALTH POVERTY CAUSE OF SUICIDE



Major Frank McLaughlin, who shot himself while despondent, and his secretary, Miss Anna Busteade, who sued for money lent and said that they were engaged to marry.

MORGAN IN CONTROL OF NEW YORK CAR SYSTEMS

Financier Heads Syndicate Which Has Cobbled Up All
Lines, Interborough, Subway and Elevated

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A powerful
financial syndicate, headed by J. P.
Morgan & Co., is in control of the
affairs of the Interborough-Metro-
politan company, controlling the New
York subway and elevated roads. The
Morgan banking firm, with its allies,
will furnish the capital for the con-
struction of the new subways if the
company's bid is accepted, and will
rearrange the finances of the corpora-
tion, including the retirement of some
of the existing obligations and a new
bond issue in an amount sufficient to
provide the capital necessary for con-
struction purposes.

Thomas F. Ryan has sold out all of
his holdings in the company, and
while August Belmont remains the
largest individual holder of the col-
lateral gold 4 1/2 per cent bonds issued
for the stock of the Interborough Rapid
Transit company, he will have practi-
cally no voice in the management of
affairs.

Probably the largest ownership in
the property at the present time is held
by a syndicate, of which Edwin Haw-
ley is supposed to be the head, and in
which T. P. Shonts holds a substantial
interest.

CARNEGIE TO BURY WOMAN COUSIN WHO DIED IN ALAMEDA POORHOUSE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

ALAMEDA, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Diana
Gardener, a second cousin of Andrew
Carnegie, died an indigent at the Al-
ameda county infirmary last night. To-
day the steel baron wired to give the
body a proper burial and to send the
bill to him.

The telegram was received by Mrs.
Marie Mayerle of 1015 Santa Clara ave-
nue in response to a dispatch that she
sent the multimillionaire, informing
him that his relative had succumbed
in a poorhouse and that the body would
probably be laid to rest in the potter's
field. Mrs. Mayerle was a close friend
of Mrs. Gardener.

Mrs. Gardener was the wife of Wil-
liam Gardener, a former member of the
fire department, and a daughter of the
late Mrs. Diana Greenstet, who died
about a year ago. Mrs. Greenstet, was
a first cousin of Carnegie and up to the
time of her death was in receipt of an
allowance of \$25 a month from him.

Mrs. Gardener and her husband were
estranged. She was stricken with tu-
berculosis a year ago shortly after the
death of her infant child. Her husband
failed to provide for her and she was
forced to earn her own living by house-
work until she became too feeble to
labor longer. Mrs. Gardener was a
native of England and was 28 years
of age.

LONDON EDITOR SAYS WAR SCARES ARE INSPIRED BY CONTRACTORS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—That war
scares are largely inspired by "arma-
ment contractors who ultimately would
draw various countries into the bank-
ruptcy court," was charged by Francis
W. Hirst, editor of the London Econo-
mist, in an address before the interna-
tional conference of the American so-
ciety for judicial settlement of interna-
tional disputes tonight.

He characterized as absurd the pur-
chase of Dreadnaughts by Brazil "to
protect itself against Argentina," and
said the rivalry between Japan and the
United States was crushing the people
of Japan under a load of taxes, while
armament expenditures were wrecking
Great Britain and Germany.

David Starr Jordan, president of Le-
land Stanford Jr. university, delivered
the closing address on "The Waste of
Nations." He deplored the enormous
expenditures of war and preparation
for it, arguing for the economy of
peace.

EXPOSITION DECISION DELAYED

Vote on Kahn Resolution Will
Not Be Taken in House
Until January

NEW ORLEANS INSISTS
ON GETTING ASSISTANCE

California Delegates Show Ad-
vantage of San Francisco
at Formal Hearing

DEEP WATERWAYS MEN
PRESS FOR COMPROMISE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—New
Orleans was made to show her
hand to San Francisco today
at the hearing before the rules com-
mittee on the Kahn resolution to have
the Golden Gate city officially recog-
nized for the Panama celebration in
1915.

Both cities were represented at the
hearing. The consensus of opinion
was that New Orleans was seriously
hampered in her efforts to obtain rec-
ognition by the admission of her own
advocates.

Representatives of New Orleans
were forced to admit by the members
of the rules committee that the ex-
pected financial aid from the United
States government. They said that if
New Orleans were designated for the
celebration they would expect the
government to appropriate \$1,000,000
for an exhibit. In other words, they
expect the government to assume part
of the financial responsibility.

Crescent City Debts Heavy

Congressmen Estopinal and Rujo of
New Orleans were closely questioned
as to the manner in which their city
proposes to raise the funds necessary
to hold an exposition. They explained
their bond issue plans. One of the
members of the rules committee wanted
to know if it were not a fact that New
Orleans was already heavy in debt.
They admitted that there were some
debts.

"Would not the already heavy debt
inure the sale of bonds?" was asked.
The New Orleans men hoped it would
not.

"Well, if the bonds did not prove very
salable, where would the money for the
holding of the exposition come from?"
was next asked.

"Oh, the bonds will sell," was the
answer.

Government Might Lose

"It seems to me," said one of the
members of the committee, "that the
government would be placed in the
position of having invited the nations
of the world to attend a celebration at
New Orleans, and if that city failed to
raise the necessary funds, the govern-
ment would have to support the whole
thing, or be placed in a ridiculous po-
sition before the other nations."

New Orleans, the cross examination
of whose replies was one of the big
features of the hearing, boldly stated
that \$1,000,000 was wanted from the
government and that no guarantee
would be given as to the amount of
money the city would raise until con-
gress designated the city for the cele-
bration.

Claims of California

Governor Gillett, Representative Kahn
and former Representative Bell of Cal-
ifornia appeared for San Francisco.
They told the rules committee that San
Francisco had already raised \$17,500,000
and it was proposed to improve roads
and docks to make the fair a great suc-
cess.

The San Francisco delegation made
a strong impression on the members of
the rules committee. They outlined
San Francisco's plans for making the
exposition a success and answered all
questions fairly and frankly. They
set forth the claims of the west to
such an exposition. The rebuilding of
San Francisco at the cost of a half a
billion dollars, they said, should be
celebrated when that other epoch mak-
ing event, the opening of the canal, is
dedicated to the world's commerce.

Final Action Delayed

The house committee on rules will
take no action toward bringing the
matter up on the floor until January 14.
Between now and then there will be a
hearing before the committee on arts
and exhibitions in reference to the Esti-
nopinal bill, which calls for recognition
of New Orleans. San Francisco will
present its side to the committee when
the hearing is held.

In all probability, the Kahn bill, and
not that introduced by Estopinal, will
force the issue. The rules committee
will bring in a rule on the Kahn bill
and the question then will be whether
it should pass, giving the exposition to
San Francisco, or whether it should be
amended so as to give the celebration
to New Orleans.

Waterways Men Active

Great efforts are being made by the
lakes to the gulf advocates to bring