

CLUBHOUSE FIRE IS
SAID TO BE MURDER

Steward Who Knows Secret Is
Gone—Officers Think He
Was Shanghaied.

ACT CAUSED BY JEALOUSY

Wife of Millionaire Had Visited
Montecito Clubhouse in Company
of Another Member, Arous-
ing Husband's Ire.

SANTA BARBARA, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Whether a millionaire member of the Santa Barbara Country Club, whose beautiful clubhouse in Montecito was destroyed by fire several weeks ago had anything to do with its burning, is a question which officers working on the case believe will be answered when Walter Kitchener, assistant steward of the club, is found. They say Kitchener, who has not been seen since last Thursday night, knows the secret and every effort is being made to apprehend him.

When the clubhouse was reduced to ashes on the night of June 18 last, rumors were started that the fire was caused by a jealous husband, whose wife had been frequenting the place in company of another member of the exclusive set.

Assistant Steward Sought.
Burns detectives and the local officers have been working diligently on the case and it is said that they are unanimous in the belief that the assistant steward known who did the work. The fact that he mysteriously disappeared from the city gives color to the theory. Kitchener had closed the clubhouse on the night of the fire and started for his quarters, when, according to his story to the police he heard a noise on the second floor and going to investigate it ran into an unknown man. They had a fight in which Kitchener was shot twice in the shoulder. Kitchener said that the intruder ran away after firing the shots and at about the same time a blaze broke out in the closet upstairs.

Man Abducted, One Theory.
The building was destroyed at a loss of \$65,000, with little insurance. Accepting Kitchener's version as correct, the officers have been trying to find the man who did the shooting and during the past two weeks it is said have been close on his trail.

It is said that when the guilty man, who is declared to be one of the wealthiest members of Montecito exclusive set, learned what the detectives had undertaken to do to get rid of Kitchener and abducted him. The case created the deepest interest in the circles of the rich, the members of the club being wealthy citizens of Montecito, Santa Barbara, San Francisco and other California cities.

SECRET VEIL IS LIFTED

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State Legislature, the choice of its location, etc., as well as having formed an estimate of its future history. "In my opinion, it is a failure to connect this institution, especially at its present location, with only infected water available, etc., was a huge mistake. I predict that in the near future, from the standpoint of economy or of efficiency, when compared with the magnificent institution at Salem, especially as one and one-half times as much the cost of maintenance at the Salem institution. Under present conditions, it will also be impossible to maintain as high a standard of health among the patients at Pendleton as it is at Salem.

"I am unwilling to be connected with a failure, if I can avoid it. Another, and a more person, is now connected, the quarters destined to harbor the families of the superintendent and members of the staff at the Pendleton Hospital are not at all suited for the occupancy of families having children.

"Living in a little bunch of bedrooms, in close proximity to 300 or 400 of the unfortunate, is not such an environment as it is suited to families of children who have been accustomed to green grass and plenty of it, and an unlimited opportunity to drink pure water and not that which, at its best, must contain boiled germs.

"In my opinion, a third and greater reason is that a more experienced organization of institutions, work should be chosen, if he is available. "My sincere hope is that the delay caused by my investigations will not result detrimentally to the institution in personal inconvenience to any member of the Board.

"I wish to take this opportunity again to express my sincere thanks for the confidence you have displayed in me."

PENDLETON FILES PROTEST

Charges Made by Dr. Hall Declared "Without Foundation."

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—The Pendleton Commercial Club, citizens of Pendleton and Umatilla County generally, is in issue with the statement of Dr. M. K. Hall, of La Grande, that the new Eastern Oregon Hospital is unfit for the purposes for which it was chosen and that the asylum cannot be operated except at great expense to the state, and that the water supply is "extremely bad."

President Robinson, of the Commercial Club, in an interview today, was emphatic in saying there was absolutely no excuse or reason for Dr. Hall giving Pendleton a "slap" on the asylum score and that each and all of the complaints lodged by Hall were without foundation. Work is being pushed as fast as possible on the new water supply system for the town, bonds for the same having been voted on some months ago, and when completed Pendleton will have a better water supply than can be obtained in any section of the Northwest. The present water system, though not as good as the new system under construction, has supplied inhabitants here for many years, and careful analysis has shown it to be free from typhoid or other dangerous germs.

The fertility of the soil at the asylum site is excellent, the means of transportation all that could be desired, and freight charges will be much less than at other points in Eastern Oregon where the institution might have been located. Pendleton is and has always been proud and enthusiastic over the establishment of the state hospital at this point, but on the other hand feels that all things considered the state has every reason to be equally glad of its selection.

Congressman J. M. C. Smith, of Michigan, a member of the Lower House, was a bricklayer before he became interested in politics.

ACTOR AND WIFE WHO SAYS, ON RETURN FROM PARIS, THAT SHE HAS LEFT HIM.



COUPLE WILL PART

Flora Zabelle and Raymond Hitchcock Cannot Agree.

WIFE IS LOOKING FOR JOB

Actress on Return From France Declares She and Husband Are Financially and Artistically Incompatible.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Flora Zabelle and Raymond Hitchcock, known as Flora Zabelle on the stage, announced today on her arrival from France on the new French liner Franca that she and Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, had reached a parting of the ways. Ever since the departure of Flora Zabelle, her sister, her father, M. M. Mangasarian, of Chicago, and "Cousin Charlie," six years ago, when Mr. Hitchcock was a central figure of an exciting scene on the pier, there have been reports in which the Hitchcocks figured prominently.

"Mr. Hitchcock and I have disagreed financially and artistically," said the actress. "I am here to look for a job. I cannot say whether papers for divorce will be filed in the near future. No, I cannot say if they will be filed in Chicago, my home."

Mrs. Hitchcock also verified the rumor that she had signed away her interest in their Long Island home.

NEW LANGUAGES FORM

ENGLISH ETYMOLOGISTS SEE GROWING DANGERS.

Expert Says Nation Should Take to Control Tongue in Oversea Dominions at Once.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—New and distinct languages are stated by etymologists to be in the course of formation among the overseas dominions. At the congress of Imperial Teachers, Professor Stanley Kidd, of South Africa, has just declared strongly for some method of rehabilitating the English tongue throughout the Empire.

"Language can be controlled," said an expert in English etymology, "and I agree with Professor Kidd that the time has come for some control to be applied to the Imperial language. There is no doubt that there would be no different National languages in Europe now if the Roman Empire had managed to retain its power through the middle ages, and if it had insisted on keeping the linguistic unity which existed in Europe in the first four centuries A. D. Probably, even about 700 A. D. there were not more audible distinctions between the various sections of the Empire than there are today between the overseas dominions and the mother country.

"A far-sighted policy may easily prevent the exaggeration of these present differences in languages unintelligible to Englishmen. Language is emphatically not a National growth, and I think unity in language is a benefit which anyone can recognize. It will, of course, take centuries for absolute diversity between the speech of the various sections of the Empire and the mother country to arise, but the problem must not be neglected, for all that.

"English pronunciation alters by degrees, but not half so fast as the present day as it once did. On the other hand, the pronunciation employed by citizens of the overseas dominions is altering very quickly. The differences are still chiefly those of accent, though new phrases and new periphrases that Englishmen can hardly understand are constantly arising. Personally, I do not believe that we ought to try to eradicate slight variations of tone. Colloquial talk in the overseas dominions, might well be allowed to become unintelligible to Englishmen without much disadvantage, since it is impossible to control language absolutely and through every grade of an imperial society.

"What, however, is needed is that higher education should be carried out in the mother country and in the overseas dominions in such a way that the same standard of pronunciation is preserved by the educated classes of every part of the empire."

COMPROMISE ENDS BREACH

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State Senator from Bellingham. Moultray went home before the first vote was taken, and J. Y. C. Kellogg, of Seattle, with whom he left his proxy, voted once with Spokane and then switched.

The uncertainties of the afternoon and evening conference are illustrated by one explanation. Once the committee voted unanimously in favor of giving county organization the right to call conventions or stay within their old parties. They voted 12 to 9 also to do away with the primary idea, and then, on the heels of this vote, turned down the call for a convention by a vote of 13 to 9.

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ADVANCE IS SLOW

Federals Approach Juarez in Repair Train.

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Citizens Adopt Commission Form of Government, and Newly Organized Police Force Experiences No Trouble.

JUAREZ, Aug. 17.—It is considered by railway men that federal troops cannot occupy Juarez before Monday at the earliest date. In advance of the federal army, under General Rabeago and Teller, which today reached San Pedro, a point 90 miles from Juarez, is a repair train, and today two trains left Juarez to repair the road from this end.

Determined to have some vestige of civil government, the citizens of Juarez today met and named three commissioners, each with equal power of ballot. In this way Juarez bears the distinction of being the only city in Mexico with a commission government. On the day before Juarez probably was the only city in civilization with no government at all.

All is orderly, however, and the newly organized police force has experienced little trouble. The location of the rebel forces which led by General Orozco, left here for the South, remains a mystery.

AMERICAN MINERS BESIEGED

Federal Troops Cannot Be Spared to Go to Rescue.

EL PASO, Aug. 17.—Reports of fighting by 70 Americans of the Tomlin mine, in the State of Sinaloa, with rebels and strikers besieging them, reached here today. It is said by officials here that no Federal troops can be spared to go to the Americans' aid. The Tomlin mine is situated 80 miles from the coast. The American consul at Mazatlan has received an appeal for aid.

A letter received here today contained a telegram also asking for assistance, to be sent to Governor Colquitt, of Texas.

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EXPLORES REPORTED KILLED

BOMBAY, India, Aug. 17.—W. Hunter Workman, the American mountain climber and explorer, is reported killed by an avalanche while climbing in the Himalaya range, in the North of India.

Bergs Sighted Near Newfoundland. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—More than 50 icebergs were sighted near Newfoundland by Captain Amundsen, of the steamer Ragnarok, which comes in today.

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