



INVESTIGATION

Sensation in the Stanford Case

CHINAMAN SUSPECTED

Believed Wong Toy Wong Poisoned Mrs. Stanford in January Last

IT IS CLAIMED HE IS INSANE

Detectives Ascertain That the Chinaman Had Made Threats Against Mrs. Stanford and He is Arrested and Sent to the Insane Asylum.

San Francisco, March 11.—What connection, if any, did Wong Toy Wong, an insane Chinese with many imaginary grievances against Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, have with the first attempted poisoning on January 14? Facts which became public yesterday caused this question to be asked of the police, thus adding a new angle to the mystery which the detectives have been unable to penetrate.

In the early stages of the investigation into the first attempted murder of Mrs. Stanford private detectives came across the trail of Wong Toy Wong. They learned that he had made statements threatening to Mrs. Stanford and that he had finally written her a letter demanding a large sum of money. For several days the Chinese was closely shadowed. His actions did not tend to disclose any light on the subject, and the private detectives who had been engaged by Mrs. Stanford quickly took him into custody and had him locked up at the city prison.

He was hurried to the detention ward of the Central Emergency hospital and on February 11 was adjudged insane. He was immediately taken to the Ukiah hospital for the insane.

When tried before the insanity commissioners, J. K. Cleary and Captain J. J. Callundun of Morse's detective agency and Pon On of 714 Dupont street were the witnesses against the Chinese. They testified that one of the forms of Wong's insanity was to threaten to kill people. One of the peculiar phases of the case was that the name of Mrs. Stanford was not mentioned in the entire proceedings. Even Dr. D. D. Lustig, the examining physician, was not informed that Mrs. Stanford's name in any way figured in the case. Two days after the insane Chinese was sent to the asylum Mrs. Stanford called for Honolulu. The fact that Wong Toy Wong had been skulking about the Stanford mansion and also the Palo Alto residence for a month prior to the attempted poisoning was kept out of the court records as well as from the public.

"I had heard about the insane Chinese," said Captain of Detectives Burnett last evening, "but I did not give him more than passing notice, because there was no way in which he could have gained an entrance to the Stanford mansion. The Chinese was under the delusion that Mrs. Stanford owed him something less than \$30,000, which he declared he had deposited in the Stanford University Trust Bank. He wrote a letter to Mrs. Stanford, after hunting her two residences, and that is as far as the matter went. I don't think he could possibly have had anything to do with the attempted poisoning."

The testimony against Wong Toy Wong was that he had threatened to kill several prominent Chinatown citizens because they had offered a reward of \$5000 for his assassination.

WEBER MURDER.

Henry Vaughn, Committed to Insane Asylum.

Auburn, March 11.—As a result of the Weber murder, Henry Vaughn was today committed to the insane asylum at Agnews. During the trial Vaughn became greatly interested in the case

and attended the trial daily. It so preyed upon his mind that he imagined himself a detective. His brother Charles Vaughn was a witness for the defense in an attempt to impeach Geo. Ruth, the young man who carried the bottles from the burning building.

The appraisers of the Julius Weber estate filed an inventory, setting forth the valuation at \$61,000. Adolph Weber sits and sleeps well and seems little concerned about the death penalty.

Want Pool Rooms Closed.

Spokane, Wash., March 11.—Armed with a protest against the poolrooms, which is about the only form of vice now allowed in Spokane, 22 women called upon Spokane's mayor today with a demand that the poolrooms be closed. They declared that the law prohibiting gambling was intended to embrace poolrooms in its provisions. They further stated that young boys were being led on the road to ruin in the poolrooms.

The mayor explained that the poolrooms were conducted under licenses issued by the city council, and he did not see how they could be legally closed. He promised to look into the matter and have the boys barred. The women represented the Federated Society of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union organizations of that city. They did not appear pleased at the result of their interview with the mayor.

Stole Diamond Rings.

Seattle, March 11.—Five diamond rings, valued at \$1000, have been stolen from Mrs. Geneva H. Kimball, who resides in a fashionable boarding house in this city. The police are working on the theory that some one in the house who knew where the rings were kept, stole them.

They Got Theirs.

Denver, March 11.—Peter Miller and Michael Dowd, who were convicted of stealing 318 ballots and substituting others at the election on November 8, have been sentenced to three and five years in the penitentiary.

ARE INVESTIGATING

Miss Berner Accused of Stanford Murder

THE WOMAN WAS SURPRISED

Professor Jordan of Stanford University Does Not Believe the Stories and States That Miss Berner Would Have no Object in Doing It.

Honolulu, March 11.—Detective H. Reynolds of the San Francisco police department and Captain Jules Callundun of Morse's agency, and two interviewers today with Miss Berner in connection with the death of Mrs. Jane Stanford. Miss Berner was apparently greatly shocked by the San Francisco newspaper statements that suspicion to a certain extent, had been directed against her. Detectives Reynolds and Callundun have taken charge of the case here and High Sheriff Henry has declared that he is no longer conducting the inquiry.

The results of the investigations of the visiting detectives will be reported to the authorities at San Francisco and it is probable that very little of the information secured by them will be given out here.

They will return on the steamer Alameda and President Jordan, Timothy Hopkins and Miss Berner will accompany them, having in their care the body of Mrs. Stanford.

President Jordan is disposed to oppose any theory that Miss Berner had in any way any connection with the death of Mrs. Stanford. He says that she had no motive to wish for the death of her benefactress and that she has lost a position more valuable than her legacy of \$15,000 will be to her.

Services will be held next Wednesday at the Central Union church before the steamer Alameda leaves at 9 o'clock, and President Jordan will speak to the alumni of Stanford university and the Californians who will attend.

SEAT OF WAR

Russian Army Still Retreating Northwest.

JAPANESE IN PURSUIT

Kuropatkin Is Contesting Every Inch of Ground Hoping to Save Army.

300,000 HAVE BEEN KILLED

Losses in the Greatest Battle of the War Is Estimated at Over 300,000 on Both Sides in Addition to Enormous Loss of Menitions and Stores.

Tie Pass, March 11.—For many weeks all the approaches to Tie Pass are covered with troops, artillery, baggage transports, all pressing northward and 75 miles away with a strong guard of troops, commanded by Kuropatkin and retreating slowly and doggedly, disputing with the Japanese who are pursuing them, the Russians are covering every foot of ground in order to cover the retreat of the rear army.

There is no doubt but the battle of Mukden has been the most bloody in the history of the world. The losses in this defeat, which was the most bitter yet experienced by the Russian army by moderate computation is not less than 300,000 men on both sides. The Russians in addition have sacrificed enormous quantities of munitions of war and stores, the greater part of which were burned before leaving Mukden. It is impossible to say at this time whether the Russians will be able to put up another fight and hold Tie Pass or whether it will be necessary to continue the retreat to Harbin, but the rank and file, whose military qualities never shone so brightly, are far from being panic-stricken, and under capable leadership and given a brief time to strengthen their positions, they may be able to check the enemy at this point.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Semi-official statements tonight are as follows:

"We are authorized to declare most categorically that all statements to the effect that it is the intention of the Russian government to open pour parlers with a view of concluding peace is absolutely without foundation. Such reports are derived from Japanese sources. It is known that the Japanese government is at present negotiating a loan with British and American bankers and that she is also trying to negotiate a loan with the Standard Oil Company, giving as a guarantee the naphtha deposits in the north of Japan and Saghalien island as security. Interested parties interested in the encouraging reports are assured of the success of the loan for \$100,000,000.

TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Large Number of Settlers Arriving Daily.

LOOKING FOR LOCATIONS

Hundreds of Colonists Are Arriving in Portland Daily and Are Met by Representatives From Different Counties Who Find Homes for Them.

Portland, March 11.—Hundreds of colonists are arriving in Portland daily. They are met at the trains and hotels by representatives from different counties who furnish them with newspapers and literature descriptive of the different sections of the state. They are desirous of taking up their residence in Oregon and grow crops this year on land that can be bought or rented.

Some are taking advantage of the stopover privileges to make investigations at various points along the transcontinental railroads over which they are journeying in the Willamette valley.

For a week past through trains have been bringing the colonists to Portland, many of them only stopping here between trains then hurrying on to their destination. Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the railroad men say, are the states receiving the greatest amount of people on the rates that went into effect March 1. Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Kansas are said to be the states from which the bulk of the travel originates.

Northern lines are bringing in a large number from Minnesota, most of whom are going to the sound as it has been well advertised in the east and they are attracted there by the inducements offered.

A Gamblers' Paradise.

Carson City, Nev., March 11.—The legislature has repealed the bill compelling all gambling to be conducted on the second floor. This measure practically makes Nevada a wide open gambling state.

er a considerable part of his army have already arrived and joined hands with the reserves in preparing a position behind which the defeated army may find shelter. Kuropatkin himself is with the rear guard and was reported Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Synanzia, 25 miles below Tie Pass, having accomplished some 15 miles of his retreat and being already beyond the jaws of the trap as originally set. How many of his men he will be obliged to leave behind and whether any of the units of his army were cut off or captured before his retreat is not stated.

POISONED CANDY

Sent to a Prominent Woman at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, March 11.—A box of bonbons sent through the mails and bearing a New York postmark, came near causing the death of the wife of a Pittsburg attorney. Who the attorney is has been kept a secret, but the candy has been given to chemists for analysis and is said to have contained corrosive sublimate. One analysis was made in the laboratory of the Pittsburg Forge & Iron Company by the company's chemist, and one was made by an Allegheny pharmacist. The latter found that each piece of candy contained poison.

Church Unsafe.

New York, March 11.—A contractor has examined the Fifth Avenue Baptist church and reported to the trustees that the building is unsafe. It has been decided that no more services will be held in the church until repairs are made. The Fifth Avenue Baptist church in the one which John D. Rockefeller attends when in the city. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., conducts a Bible class there.

Astoria Mossback.

San Francisco, March 11.—A magnificent living specimen of the California condor has been shipped from here for the Central park zoo in New York. It measures 11 feet from tip to tip.

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STILL RUNNING

And the Japanese are After Them.

MAKING FOR SHELTER

Russians Retreating Northward With the Enemy Pouring in Hot Shot.

SIXTY THOUSAND CAPTURED

Kuropatkin Is Fleeing Toward the Mountains and Sends a Mournful Message to Emperor and Don't Know How Many Men He Has Lost.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—It is reported in military clubs this afternoon that General Kuropatkin has lost 200 guns and about 60,000 prisoners, besides the same number of killed and wounded. The Associated Press learns that the dispatch received by Emperor Nicholas from General Kuropatkin last night, in addition to announcing the retreat of the Russian armies, added: "Our retreat is being conducted with enemy harassing both our flanks. The second army under Biderling has suffered the heaviest, both in killed, wounded and prisoners. How many is surrounded is unknown."

Tokio, March 11.—The Russian forces are now retiring from Mukden northward. They are flanked on both sides by the Japanese troops in pursuit and are suffering heavy losses.

London, March 11.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio says: "A Japanese detachment has reached Pu river, 13 miles north of Mukden and is inflicting considerable damage on the retreating army."

London, March 11.—The whole region surrounding Mukden is today one vast battlefield. East, north and south of the Sacred City heavy fighting continues between the shattered remnants of the flower of the Russian army and the ever victorious veterans of Japan. The mikado's forces are rapidly pushing north in an effort to cut the lines and make the victory complete, and the Muscovites are fleeing in disordered masses, worn out with fatigue and hunger and discouraged by defeat.

The Japanese are shelling the retreating forces and their losses are very heavy. If Kuroki can cut the line of the railway between Fushan and Tie Pass the destruction of Kuropatkin's forces will be complete. Whether the latter will succeed in breaking through the cordon of the enemy or whether he will be forced to surrender is not yet definitely known, but indications point to the complete shattering of his forces.

APPLYING FOR WORK.

New York Strikers Want Their Jobs Back.

New York, March 11.—Realizing that their fight against the interborough company has been lost, nearly all of the old employes in the subway and elevated railroads today crowded the offices of the company, seeking their former positions. Some 3000 men applied for reinstatement, but not more than 500 were accepted. The officials claim to be satisfied with the men who have enabled them to break the strike and none of the leaders will be taken back.

Had a Brother.

Neenah, Wis., March 11.—A tramp 63 years old, giving his name as John Hays, was sent to the workhouse for creating a disturbance in a millinery shop where he went to solicit money for food. Hays claims to be the brother of former President Rutherford B. Hays and showed the police a photograph of R. B. Hays and also letters which he asserted were written to him by his alleged brother.

BEAUTIFYING CITY.

Colfax Women Take a Hand in Cleaning Up.

Colfax, Wash., March 11.—At a recent meeting of the city council, Mrs. Julius Lippitt, Mrs. Wilson Johnson, Mrs. James Cairns and Mrs. R. H. Luce, members of the Ladies' Athenaeum Club and all wives of prominent business and professional men of this city, called upon the city council personally and offered the co-operation of the club with the city officials in cleaning up and beautifying the city and procuring a site for a public park. The matter was referred to the street committee, who were empowered to act in conjunction with the women.

It is the consensus of opinion that this is a step in the right direction and that it is doubtful if there are many, if any, cities of the size, age and wealth of Colfax, whose streets and public places are in such a deplorable condition. There is much enthusiasm over this matter.

STUCK AT SUEZ.

Russian Navy as Bad Off as Kuropatkin.

New York, March 11.—Admiral Rojestvensky is not returning to European waters, according to a Times dispatch from St. Petersburg, which asserts that the battleships in the fleet are unable to pass Suez canal without unloading. The admiralty declares it is unaware of Rojestvensky's intentions as he does not report his movements.

STORY ABSURD.

Dr. Wood Who Performed Stanford Autopsy Disagrees.

Honolulu, March 11.—Dr. C. B. Wood, one of the physicians who performed the autopsy on Mrs. Stanford, considers the story that she died of angria pectoris as absurd. He insists that the presence of strychnine poison, which is foreign to bicarbonate of soda in the bottle, disapproves the theory that she died a natural death.

CHADWICK IS GUILTY

Cassie Convicted by a Jury at Cleveland.

ONLY ONE BALLOT TAKEN

Jury Found Her Guilty of Entering Into a Conspiracy to Defraud by Procuring Checks on National Bank When She Had No Fund on Deposit.

Cleveland, March 11.—The Chadwick case occupied the attention of the United States court today, most of the time being occupied by arguments of the counsel to the jury. The court charged the jury and they retired for deliberation. After being out a short time, during which only one ballot was taken, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. She was tried on a charge of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States in that she entered into a conspiracy to procure certificates of checks on a national bank at the time when she had no money in the bank. Mrs. Chadwick was very much affected by the verdict and had to be led from the court room.

Cleveland, March 11.—Mrs. Chadwick was found guilty on seven counts, which related to certificates with no funds on deposit. On all of these the jury found against her. According to law she can be fined on each count not more than \$10,000, nor imprisonment for more than two years on each count. At first Mrs. Chadwick failed utterly to grasp the meaning of the verdict, but when the import dawned upon her, her limbs seemed to give away beneath her and she sank feebly into a chair, her head fell forward on her hands and there was a succession of strangling sobs came from her.

She was carried into the office of Marshal Chandler and placed on a sofa. An attack of hysterics followed which lasted fully 15 minutes. In about a half hour she recovered comparative composure and was then taken to jail.