

TODAY'S EXAMINATION

The Courtroom Crowded to Suffocation.

A SENSATIONAL INCIDENT.

At Least Three Days and Perhaps More, Will be Taken Up by the Examination.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—District Attorney Barnes of the preliminary examination of Theodore Durant, for the murder of Minnie Williams, before Judge Conlan this morning, stated that the prosecution would put twenty-eight witnesses on the stand, several of whom had not testified at the inquest, and that the examination would last at least three days, probably more. The prosecution is keeping back a good deal of cumulative evidence.

The defense, it is stated, will dispute that the purse found in Durant's overcoat pocket belonging to the deceased but the prosecution says the evidence on this point is overwhelmingly in its favor. A baker named Young, of Alameda, will testify that the celluloid tablet found in the purse was given by him to Miss Williams on the day she met her death.

For hours before the preliminary examination commenced in Judge Conlan's court, a crowd began to gather and a squad of police were stationed at the entrance to the hall to preserve order. Judge Conlan's court room was crowded to suffocation, and policemen were stationed in different parts of the room on the lookout for numerous cranks who have written threatening letters to the judge. Court opened at 11 o'clock.

When the defendant arrived in court all eyes were turned upon him. The prisoner looked pale and concerned, but showed no emotion.

A photographer exhibited several photographs of scenes in the church, and two large pictures of Minnie Williams showing her wounds and the work of the physicians were exhibited and attracted great attention. They presented a revolting sight.

Mrs. Morgan, with whom Miss Williams lived in Alameda, was called to the stand. She said that she last saw Minnie Williams on the morning of the 12th inst., and that the deceased had told her she was going to Mrs. Voy's house. She knew Durant. He had called at her house last summer and had stayed half an hour. She could not identify the faces shown in the photos either. He also failed to identify the purse found in Durant's overcoat pocket.

Here the name of A. E. Williams, the father of the dead girl, was called, but in his place a young woman rushed to the stand and said that no one should testify before her. She gave the name of Williams and said that she would be the one to judge Durant and ordered him released. The police tried to remove her but she would not let them, and left the stand voluntarily after some words. She handed an incoherent letter to the clerk. She said she was sent by God to judge Durant.

A North Carolina Village Overrun by Negroes.

BATH, N. C., April 22.—Two miles from Bath are the timber mills of the Roanoke Railroad company, where about one hundred negroes are employed. They are paid off every Saturday night and spend their money lavishly in Bath, many of them frequently landing in the police station.

Those arrests have enraged the negroes to such an extent that last night nearly all the employees of the mill marched to the town, which has a population of three hundred, determined to take revenge. They filled themselves with whisky, and after they had overpowered

the officers ran rampart through the streets, breaking into stores, helping themselves to what they wished, and threatening to burn the town and murder the inhabitants.

The mayor telegraphed to the sheriff at Washington for aid, and company G, of the N. C. S. G., was ordered out. With the assistance of a posse from neighboring farms the mob was gotten under control last night, and five of the ringleaders were arrested. Solomon Lanier, one of the rioters, was shot twice, and the chief of police and four deputies were injured. The prisoners were transferred to Washington in a sailboat. Negroes pursued the boat, but no trouble resulted.

Huntington's Arrest.

New York, April 22.—Collis P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific railway, was arrested today on the charge of giving a free pass to one Frank Stone, in violation of the interstate commerce law. President Huntington was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields. He was represented by Frederick Coudert. Huntington admitted his identity. He was taken before Judge Brown, of the United States district court, for a warrant of removal to California.

The indictment against Huntington was found March 26, in San Francisco, a certified copy of which was sent United States District Attorney MacFarlane, who notified the railroad president to appear before the United States commissioner and furnish bonds.

When Huntington was arraigned, Commissioner Shields said the only question he could inquire into was one of identity, which Coudert, for Huntington, said would be admitted. An order was then made out holding him to await the issue of a warrant of removal. His counsel then went before Judge Brown, in the United States district court, and the hearing was fixed for next Thursday at 3 o'clock, Huntington meantime being allowed to go on his own recognizance.

Huntington said to a reporter after the proceedings before Commissioner Shields: "I have known Frank Stone 25 years. He is a San Francisco lawyer. I would not call him a wicked man, because a wicked man would not do things that way. He is an innocent kind of a fellow. I supposed he started this thing because I piqued him in some way or other, how I don't know. I may have given him a pass; probably I did, but I give out so many passes I don't remember a third of them. The passes usually given out are endorsed as a rule, 'Not good outside,' and I presume his pass was not so stamped and he took advantage of it. I don't know anything about the matter beyond that, for I don't pay any attention to such things. In fact, I don't care a tuppence one way or the other. It don't amount to anything, any how. I really don't know what action was taken in court this morning. Some routine business, I suppose it was, but I did not pay any attention. The arrests are among the high and low, and criminal procedure is not confined to any class. I don't know what will be done. I guess Frank got his pass all right, but I have not time to attend to all the details. I have too much else to do. I think the root of the whole matter lies in the fact that when I became president of the Southern Pacific railroad I discharged twenty-three men in San Francisco, who were, as far as I could see, mere political agents and go-betweens for politicians. They did no work for the railway that I could discover, so I cut them off. Perhaps they are hungry now and have got to make a strike somewhere."

The pass is said to read as follows: "Pass Frank M. Stone over the Southern Pacific Company lines in 1894 until December 31, unless otherwise ordered." (Signed), C. P. HUNTINGTON.

Wheat Traders Were Wild.

New York, April 22.—Transactions in wheat this morning about equaled the heaviest entire day's trading this year, being 18,525,000 bushels, and the advance of 2½ cents in prices over Satur-



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day was the big get single jump the market has had in months. Traders were fairly crushed in their wild efforts to execute buying orders. The price fluctuated violently, and soon after opening began to slide down again, only increasing the excited feeling. It is generally conceded the advance was the result of bull enthusiasm, which had at last broken loose in real earnest, well backed up by outside support.

There was a lot of short stuff covered and a good amount of switching done. May opened 2½ cents higher, at 65½ cents, sold up to 65¾ cents, and back to 65 cents. Corn and oats made a quick response to the rise in wheat, but sustained the sharp noon reaction.

Gold Mines Jealously Guarded by the Natives.

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mexico, April 22.—C. L. Debenroth, the mining man who left here six months ago on a trip through the territory of Tepec, in search of the fabulously rich gold mines that are said to be worked there by the Indians, was killed in the mountains near one of the Indian villages.

A number of expeditions to these gold fields have been undertaken during the past few years, and they have resulted in the death of all members at the hands of the Indians, who jealously guard the treasure. The news of the killing of Debenroth was brought here yesterday by a Mexican who saw and recognized the body. He was well known in mining circles of Colorado.

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