

### NEGRO CONFESSES TO MURDER OF SCIENCE HEALER

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 7.—Confessing to two murders and to several other crimes, Burr Harris, a Los Angeles negro arrested here on Sunday on a charge of having murdered Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay in a Los Angeles building ten days ago, made a clean breast of all his crimes to Captain of Detectives Meyers and two Los Angeles detectives here today.

"I never knew Mrs. Gay and did not go to the Hellman building to find her," said Harris. "I just wanted to kill some woman. I took the gaspise from my back yard and went to the building and up on the fifth floor I saw her name on the door. I knocked and when she opened it I asked if a Mrs. Wallace were there. I did not know any Mrs. Wallace, and just asked the question to gain admittance.

#### Beat Life Out of Her

"Just as she started to answer me the telephone bell rang and she turned to her desk to answer it. I followed her into the room and hit her over the head with the pipe. She fell to the floor and I then beat the life out of her.

"I tried to throw her body out of the window, but it was so heavy that I could not handle it, so I laid it on the floor and piled books and literature over it. I took \$25 which she had in her purse and went to a place near my home, where I changed clothes. I buried the ones I took off."

Harris also confessed to the murder of a Mrs. Haskins in Los Angeles two years ago.

#### Murdered Second Woman

"At that time I did not know her, either," she said. "I just had that desire to kill some woman. I rode to her house on my motorcycle and went to the front door and asked for a Mr. Meyers. She said she didn't know any Mr. Meyers—and I didn't either, for that matter. I then asked her for a drink of water, and she said for me to go around to the back door and she would give it to me. I went to the back door and when she went to give me a drink I shot her. I then got on my motorcycle and rode away.

"I sent the poisoned candy to the Pierce children, all right. I did it because I had had a quarrel with Mr. Pierce.

#### Sent Dynamite Bomb

"I also sent a dynamite bomb to the Hershey Arms company because I had had some trouble with them, and when that didn't do the work I set fire to the Coronado hotel, which is next door to the Hershey Arms company."

Throughout his entire confession, Harris was calm and cool, and did not seem the least excited or interested except to get the facts straightened out.

### PUBLIC LANDS ARE RESTORED TO ENTRY

Three-quarters of a million acres of public lands were restored to entry last month. These restorations were based upon recommendations made by the United States Geological Survey as a result of its classification work in the western states. The only area withdrawn was one of 235 acres in California, temporarily reserved from entry because of its possibilities for developing water power. The largest restoration was in Montana, where 525,747 acres were restored to public entry as the result of coal classifications completed. In addition to this, restorations of coal land involving 214,742 acres were made in Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. In California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington 7,824 acres heretofore reserved for water power were restored, examination having indicated that they are not valuable for the purpose for which they were withdrawn.

About 83,600,000 acres of land have now been classified as to their coal content; 61,484,062 acres have been classified as noncoal land and less than 20,000,000 acres have been classified as coal land and values of over \$760,000,000 placed upon them in accordance with the provisions of the coal land law and department regulations. The remainder has been restored without classification.

The survey has also classified as non-irrigable and designated for entry under the enlarged homestead acts more than 200,000,000 acres of lands in the western states to which the 320-acre homestead principle has been extended by congress.

### BURNING OIL TANK EXPLODES; SCATTERS FIRE OVER LOCALITY

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 7.—Following an explosion last night of a 200,000 gallon gasoline tank at the Standard Oil company's works here, firemen today, reinforced by volunteer fire-fighters, are attempting to save the lumber yards of the Buchanan Lumber company and the Whiting Mead Commercial company.

The explosion came after the conflagration had blazed through the Standard Oil plant for thirty-six hours, destroying millions of gallons of kerosene, naphtha and distillate. The shock was felt in every part of the city as the immense pillar of flame shot skyward, scattering fire in every direction. Immediately after the explosion the burning oil and gasoline spread out over the bay, threatening buildings all along the waterfront. Victims of the explosion, scorching and burned, were marooned on the wharf of the Standard Oil company, where they were rescued by launches and sailboats.

A rollcall of the firemen today showed that all were safe. Half a dozen firemen who were working directly under the gasoline tank a few moments before the explosion escaped miraculously with their lives.

Thousands of spectators, standing outside the fire lines several hundred yards away, fled, shrieking for their lives. People living within a few blocks of the fire were thrown out of their beds; the shock of the explosion awoke residents of Mission Hills, five miles away.

### MARET HELD FOR COUNTERFEITING

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Dr. Maret, the dentist accused of running a counterfeiting plant in partnership with Hans Schmidt, confessed murderer of Anna Amuller, was arraigned before United States Judge Hunt today.

"I am not guilty," said Maret. "I have no money and no friends."

Judge Hunt appointed ex-Assistant United States District Attorney Michael Byrne to defend the prisoner, whom he sent back to jail to await trial, in default of a \$10,000 bond.

### AUCTION PRICES FOR FRUIT EASTERN MARKETS

Sales of fruit by auction Monday in eastern markets were as follows: Clairgeaus, \$2.75; Conice, \$2.05; four ears Oregon pears, Conice, \$2.74; halves, \$2.06; Bose, \$2.81; Anjou, \$2.81, Clairgeau, \$2.15; few California Nells, \$1.25 to \$2.15, average \$2.06. Cincinnati—Winter Nells, \$3.25.

### ATTEMPT TO SLAY FREDERICK OF SAXONY

VIENNA, Oct. 7.—That an attempt was made Saturday to assassinate King Frederick of Saxony, one of the German states, was rumored here today. It was said two men fired on the ruler as he was hunting in the woods and were arrested. The report lacked confirmation.

### NOMINATIONS FOR ALASKA IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The following nominations were sent to the senate today: John Randolph Tucker to be United States judge for the second district of Alaska, and E. M. Tuxton to be United States district attorney for the same district.

### SANTA ROSALIA IN HANDS OF REBELS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The capture of Santa Rosalia, Mex., by federal troops was officially reported to the state department today. The rebels, it was stated, withdrew toward Torrey after evacuating Santa Rosalia.

### SCENE FROM "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS." AT PAGE, OCT. 10



### 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL CHAMPION SPELLER

H. H. Crofts, the Central Point orchardist, has received papers from his home town, Fenimore, Wisconsin, telling of the victory of a 13-year-old girl in the state spelling contest, making her champion speller of Wisconsin. The victor is the grand-daughter of an old friend of Mr. Crofts, who for many years was his neighbor. The home newspaper comments as follows:

"Miss Mildred Gutweiler, the 13-year-old daughter of Otto Gutweiler and wife living four miles northeast of Fenimore, who represented Grant county at the state contest at Milwaukee held in connection with the state fair, came out with flying colors, winning the big contest from the representatives of twenty-five other counties and being awarded the gold medal. It is a great accomplishment for the young lady who 'spelled down' the entire list of county contest winners, using up two books and almost exhausting the list of words selected for the contest.

"The contest was between the winners of the various county contests held last spring in Wisconsin. Milwaukee won the Grant county contest at Lancaster.

"Grant county is proud of its little champion who has brought such honor to its schools. She was a pupil in joint district No. 2, taught by Urban Smith, and got her school diploma in June, and of course the school, relatives and many friends are overjoyed at her success. She is an exceedingly bright girl. Monday she re-entered the Fenimore high school."

### MAGGERT LEADS IN BATTING ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 7.—Hari Maggert of Los Angeles, easily the most consistent batter of the season, is leading the Pacific coast league with the stick.

Maggert is batting .318, which gives him a lead of three points over Heine Speas of Portland, who has not played in half as many games as Maggert. Speas is two points ahead of Dick Bayless of Venice, who comes third in the averages.

Jimmy Johnson, with 109 stolen bases, easily leads the base stealers. Maggert is second with .79 and Bill Leard is next with .66. Walter Carlisle leads the league in runs scored. Maggert is second with 111 and Jimmy Johnson is third with 102. McArdle leads the sacrifice hitters with 47 to his credit.

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### LITTLE SHEPHERD OF HILLS COMING

The success of Harold Bell Wright's novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills" made into a play by its author in collaboration with Elsbey W. Reynolds is proving just as big on the stage as in book form it does in the book stores. It will be seen at the Page Friday, October 10.

The story of the play is based on a somewhat dramatic plot of mystery. An unknown comes into the Ozark mountains and because of his clerical bearing and readiness to officiate for the regular pastor of the mountaineers, a portion of his disguise is penetrated. The mountaineers who live so much to themselves are willing to let the man live the life of a partial recluse. He makes friends with one family and volunteers for the place of shepherd. In this guise he attempts to expiate the wrong-doing of his son, who several years previously had come into the mountains and wronged one of the young women. Her father has vowed deadly vengeance on the betrayer of his daughter, but he has disappeared leaving no traces of his whereabouts. It is generally supposed that he is dead. The good shepherd wins the love and respect of the mountaineers, though at one time his life is endangered by a lawless band of mountaineers who suspect he is a revenue officer.

### LOVE-CRAZED YOUTH HAS SHOOTING BEE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 7.—Victims of a disappointed suitor, Benlah Gibson, a pretty telephone operator of San Pedro, and Charles Stout, her sweetheart, are near death today of bullet wounds. Frank Pillsbury, who fired the shots, sent a bullet into his own lungs and is in a critical condition.

The shooting occurred on the porch of the young woman's home at San Pedro late last night. Pillsbury, hiding nearby, became infuriated when he saw Stout embrace the girl and "kiss her good night."

Shrieking wildly, Pillsbury rushed upon the porch, shot Stout as he attempted to defend the girl, and when Stout fell, sent another bullet into Miss Gibson's body. He shot himself after pumping another bullet into the lungs of the prostrate Stout.

In Pillsbury's pocket was found a note that read: "I am doing this, for I can stand it no longer. I love Benlah. I can't stand to see her with him. Good-bye and good luck."

### NOME SCENE OF DESOLATION AFTER STORM AND FIRE

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 7.—Nome today is a scene of devastation and ruin following yesterday's storm and the fire which started late last night, destroying almost all of the business district and much of the residential section of the city. The storm began Sunday night and continued Monday, cutting off electric lights, telephone and telegraphic service and destroying the emergency power plants of the wireless company so that communication was impossible.

The great stock of winter supplies, which is the only means of provisioning the camp for the winter is partially destroyed and only a few people will winter in Nome. The steamer Victoria will unload its supplies by small boat today and the steamer Corwin which was also in the offing will land its cargo of provisions.

The property loss is estimated at about \$1,500,000. Only one life is known to have been lost, that of a man sleeping in a cabin.

### BALL GAME SPECIAL TRAIN FROM KLAMATH FALLS

The Klamath Falls Evening Herald will run a special train to this city to see the Giants-White Sox exhibition game in November. The S. P. has offered a special rate, and about 500 fans will make the trip.

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