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## LOS ANGELES WOMAN SHOT AND KILLED

### Harriman's Union Pacific Stocks Hammered Down \$4 a Share

#### SOM GETS A DELAY

#### GRANBY CHARGE

BY SALEM CHIEF OF POLICE AGAINST FORMER... GIBSON WANTS TO BRING A STATE CASE WITH VIEW OF IMPRISONMENT.

#### BEARS RUN THE MARKET

#### BIG STOCKS DOWN

BOSS HARRIMAN LOSES FOUR DOLLARS A SHARE ON UNION PACIFIC STOCKS — CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET GOES HIGHER AS VALUES OF HYPOTHECATIONS DECLINE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT HAMMER.

#### WEALTHY BOSTON TOURIST

#### SHOT AND KILLED

THREW SULPHURIC ACID AT A MINING ENGINEER WHO STRUGGLED WITH HER AND FINALLY SHOT IN SELF-DEFENSE—WAS A VICTIM OF RACE TRACK GAMBLING.

#### RAILROAD LANDS TO SETTLERS

#### THAT IS THE FIGHT

LEGAL DEPARTMENT ON TRACK OF STEALERS OF MILLIONS OF ACRES—OREGON AND CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT MANAGERS COULD NOT LAND THEIR MAN FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

#### CRIMINAL LIBEL CASES

#### RUEF WAS INVOLVED

SHORTRIDGE FIGHTING TO QUASH BRIBERY INDICTMENTS — DEFUNCT SAFETY DEPOSIT OFFICIALS MUST STAND TRIAL—SCHMITZ CASES AGAIN CONTINUED.

#### PORTLAND BOOSTING HUGHES

#### REPUBLICANS MEET

GRIFFIN DEFEATS FREEMAN FOR CHAIRMAN— IS PLEDGED TO STATEMENT NO. 1, WHICH IT IS BELIEVED THE PLATFORM WILL NOT CONDEMN FOR SAKE OF HARMONY.

### CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

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IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE SWELLEST LINE OF NEW DRESS GOODS THAT WAS EVER OPENED UP IN SALEM COME TO THE CHICAGO STORE. THEY ARE HERE NOW AND READY FOR INSPECTION. THEY COMPRISE ALL THE LATEST STYLES KNOWN TO EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS. OUR BUYERS IN NEW YORK HAVE MADE A SELECTION. WE CAN PLEASE ANY CUSTOMER. NO MATTER WHAT PRICE, DESIGN, SHADE OR COLOR YOU MAY WANT. THE PRICES RUN FROM 25c YARD UP TO \$2.50 YARD.

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Ladies' \$18.00 Silk Coats, \$10.50 and \$12.50.  
Ladies' \$15.00 Suits now \$9.50  
Ladies' \$20.00 Suits now \$12.50  
We have Bargains for you in Ladies' Suits and Coats.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes, a wealthy tourist from Boston, and prominent member of the Eastern Star, was shot and instantly killed this morning in her luxurious apartments at 617 South Little street, by W. P. McComas, a well-known local mining engineer and Shriner.

A few minutes after firing the shots, McComas, with face and hands blistered by vitriol, walked into the ball room at the Hotel Pepper, one block distant, where a fashionable ball was in progress, announced to the guests that he had killed Mrs. Noyes, and gave himself into the custody of Deputy Sheriff Carrie.

In custody of the officer McComas led the way to Mrs. Noyes' apartments, where the body of the woman was found on the dining room floor, two bullet wounds showing in her breast. One of the missiles had pierced her heart and death came instantly.

McComas told the police officers he shot the woman because she made an attack upon him with sulphuric acid, and that, in self-defense, he scuffled with her, drawing his revolver, and firing a shot to frighten her.

"Then," said McComas, "she ran toward me, and I fired again, the bullet striking her, and she fell at my feet."

Asked why he shot the woman, McComas said:

"I have known her for five years, and she has been bothering me. I could not stand it any longer and so put an end to it."

A thorough search of the rooms by detectives failed to reveal any trace of the bottle that contained the acid.

During the last few weeks, McComas stated, he and Mrs. Noyes had spent each afternoon at the race track at Arcadia. Race track cards and a column of figures show that the couple had won a great deal of money, but during the last two weeks their losses had exceeded \$5000.

The figures were appropriated by the police, and it is suggested that a financial difference might have precipitated the quarrel which brought on the shooting.

The murdered woman was 35 years of age, handsome, cultured and refined. McComas is about 40, and possesses considerable wealth.

An autopsy on the body of Mrs. Noyes was performed this afternoon and the fact was disclosed that the woman also had been badly burned by the acid.

The only person whose testimony might lend color to the theory of the police that continual quarreling caused the tragedy, is Nat C. Green. According to Green, he was walking in West Lake Park several days ago.

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## SIX-DAY RACE

Tonight at 9 O'Clock

### AUDITORIUM RINK

Skates, 25c. Skaters' admission, 10c. Spectators' admission, 25c. Skating before and after the race.

says, are the stealers of millions of acres. He is after a railroad that is part of the great Harriman system, and he is likely to be backed by a bill now in congress that will allow the government, on proof of fraud, to absolutely confiscate the lands once entrusted to the railroad's care, but which the latter, contrary to law, has kept from public use, and refused to the Eastern settler.

Becker is here presumably to prosecute the effort to extradite to Oregon several Los Angeles men who are alleged, while members of the Pacific Lumber Company, to have violated the land laws. But that is a side issue. Efforts to name Southern Pacific men as federal prosecutors have failed.

"We have a large case in preparation that means the release of millions of acres to settlers who are waiting the opportunity to flock to the West," he says. "This case is against the Oregon & California railroad, which corporation now has vast acres that it refuses to part with. The government intends to take that land away from the railroads, if it is possible to do so."

Heinze May Tell Secrets.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Boston, Mass., Feb. 29.—F. Augustus Heinze has sent this statement, along with his compliments to the gentlemen who reorganized the Mercantile National bank in New York.

"The entire inside history of this Mercantile National bank affair has never been published, and it is quite possible that it never will be. But I can say this much: There has been a whole lot of things done that had for their inspiration something besides the protection of depositors and shareholders, and, if the truth is ever known, the whole world will be startled, and some of our leading financial lights may go to jail."

statement in support of the charges on which the libel suit is based, had not reached the attorney-general this morning, and until it does he will not discuss his probable action in the matter.

That the letter should have been made public by Packard before its receipt by the attorney-general has caused much comment.

Langdon, apparently, is not taking the matter seriously, and beyond an emphatic denial, has nothing further to say.

In his communication the Packard letter calls upon the attorney-general for an investigation into the methods of the district attorney's office, charging that Langdon joined in a movement with Detective William J. Burns to coerce Ruef into making an affidavit favorable to Crothers and Older, by representing to him the fulfillment of his immunity contract depended upon it.

Packard declared that only a few days before the immunity contract was declared annulled District Langdon extended the time in which Ruef could remain away from the county jail, so that he could prepare the affidavit wanted by Older and Crothers.

Packard charges that Langdon had a conversation over the telephone with Ruef, during which specific mention was made of the affidavit, and that he told the latter that he desired him to prepare it.

The activity of Detective Burns is emphasized in the communication of Packard, who represents him as swearing over the telephone at Ruef for refusing to sign an affidavit prepared by the attorneys of Crothers and Older.

Packard claims that Ruef refused to sign this affidavit because he believed it was untrue, and that it was while he was correcting it that he was allowed to prolong his absence from the county jail by Langdon.

To Quash Indictments.

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Attorney

was called by the Republicans to formulate a platform upon which they will make their primary fight. M. O. Griffin defeated F. F. Freeman for temporary chairmanship, after a sharp struggle. It is believed that all reference to Statement No. 1 will be left out of the platform for the sake of harmony. Should it become an issue, however, Griffin is pledged to support the statement.

Samuel Shortridge, representing James W. Coffroth, Willus Britt, Eddie Graney and Eugene E. Schmitz, this morning argued his motion to quash the indictments returned against his clients for bribing the supervisors to grant them the exclusive privilege of holding prize fights in San Francisco.

It was the main contention of Shortridge that the indictment had been returned by an illegal grand jury, owing to the fact that at the time the indictments were returned the grand jury had been in session for over one year. Judge Dunne will rule on the motion next Saturday.

Demurrers Overruled.

The demurrers to the indictments against J. Dalzell Brown, Walter J. Bartlett and James W. Treadwell, of the defunct California Safe Deposit & Trust company were overruled this morning by Judge Dunne, and the cases continued until Monday to plead.

The Schmitz extortion cases were also continued for one week for trial by Judge Dunne.

SHORT LEASED WIRE TELEGRAMS.

The heavy snow storm in the Sierras counties. Snow plows busy.

The Mexico government declines to let American marines engage in small arms practice in Lower California.

Matthew Astor Wilkes denies his engagement to a daughter of Hetty Green. Hetty does not like his habitually habits.