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THIEVES ROBBED THE CONSTABLE

Used the Candles He Left in the House to Prowl Over It and Help Themselves. Were Hungry.

ATE HIS "PUNKIN" PIE

SORROWFUL HALLOWE'EN FOR OFFICER WHO SLEPT WHILE HIS OWN BABY'S BANK WAS SWIPE AND HIS CHOICE PIE DEVoured BY INTRUDER.

Ira Hamilton is a philosopher and a modern edition of a philosopher at that. It is undoubtedly the part of wisdom, which is philosophy, to take things as they come; but it is the modern idea of philosophy to smile while you part with things as they go, which will be readily conceded is harder than taking them as they come.

Ira is the guardian of the peace, representative of the law for Salem precinct, and general factotum for straightening other people's troubles. That is what has given him that smile "that won't come off" while he squares up a rent bill, or provides for an extension of time for the pay-

ment of the board bill of Mrs. O'Shaughnessy's cow.

Now Ira is a believer in the close touch to Dame Nature. He likes to sleep in her arms (metaphorically, of course), and so he has built a little summer house next to his residence on Bellevue street, where, with his wife and baby, he puts in his nights when not engaged on public duties. Monday night about 3 o'clock Ira awoke. He had an intimation that there was trouble, and so he got up and took a look outside of his little summer domicile. The first thing he noticed was that the back door of his own house was open. He knew he had not left it that way, and so proceeded to examine. Ira isn't much given to profanity, but when he looked through the house—well, what he said is not suitable for Journal readers. He found someone had taken a sperm candle which belonged to Ira and had interviewed the house by light paid for by Ira. It was his candle. He had dripped candle grease indiscriminately over parlor and hall, carpet and rug, and the son of Belial had taken a new \$12 suitcase and some needed clothing. He had also taken the baby's bank, containing about \$3 and some minor things. What hurt Ira worst was that the measly marauder went into the pantry and ate half a "punkin pie" that Mrs. Hamilton had put her affections and sugar and spices in, all for Ira's benefit. That's the reason he looks so mad. He can buy a new suitcase, or cut down cigar bills and fatten the baby's bank—but, oh! that pie!

Portland is nervous. A home there has been mysteriously upset, tables jumping around, plates standing on edge, etc. What was the force. Perhaps the Siskiyou earthquake.

RAIN SENDS ALL RIVERS A FOAMING

Heavy Drift in the Columbia Menaces Navigation But the Willamette River is Clear.

LEWIS RIVER WILD

THREE MILLION FEET OF LOGS AND A MILLION FEET OF TIES BREAK FROM BOOMS AND ARE FLOATING FREE DOWN TO THE BROAD PACIFIC OCEAN.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Portland, Ore., Nov. 4.—On account of the heavy rains of the past four days many of the rivers in Washington and Oregon are out of their banks. The Willamette, Columbia, Lewis, Cowlitz, Chehalis, Washougal, Satsop, Wynooche, Puyallup, White and other rivers are at high water stage, and several of them are overflowing their banks.

Many logs are being carried into Grays Harbor on account of the high water in the Chehalis river and its tributaries. The Lewis river, in Southern Washington, is overflowing, and it is feared the waters will

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STRANGER CONFESSES TO MURDER

Laughs at Prosecution in the Famous Steinhill Case While He Clears the Defendant.

A DRAMATIC SCENE

RISES IN COURT AND SAYS: "RELEASE THAT WOMAN; SHE IS INNOCENT. I KILLED BOTH PERSONS AND I NOW ASSERT I AM GLAD OF IT."

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Paris, Nov. 4.—A man who gave the name of LeFebvre rose in court today during the trial of Madame Steinhill and electrified the assemblage by confessing that he murdered Steinhill and Madame Japy.

The incident occurred shortly after Madame Marguerite Steinhill, "the red widow," accused of murdering her artist husband and step-mother had resumed the stand in the day's session.

The announcement of LeFebvre came like a thunderclap to the accused woman, the president judge, the spectators and the attorneys in the case. The woman had just stood up and was emphasizing some point in her testimony when LeFebvre rose in his seat and shouted:

"Release that woman; she is innocent. I alone am responsible. Madame Steinhill had nothing to do with the death of her husband and Madame Japy. I killed them and I am glad of it."

As this confession fell from the lips of the man Madame Steinhill tottered and would have fallen had not gendarmes rushed to her assistance and carried her to a chair. LeFebvre was removed from the court room and given over to the custody of the police, who will make a complete investigation of his confession.

It was some time before the examination of the woman who yesterday moved the Parisian assemblage with all the skill of a consummate actress could be continued.

When quiet finally was restored the prisoner taunted the government for failing to confront her with her former lover, M. Borderel, the prosecution's principal witness.

"Why do you not bring him before me," she screamed. "You dare not, and, besides, he is afraid to face me." The prosecution is keeping Borderel away from court, but say they will produce him after Madame Steinhill's examination has ended. This will probably be today.

Replying to questions, Madame Steinhill said:

"I have lovers—many of them—just as I suppose men have many mistresses."

The only statement that "the red widow" made that could be construed in any way as bearing upon the late President Faure was:

"My husband took me to the salon of a high dignitary of the republic. He later became my lover. He was interested in the play in my husband's paintings. The only wrong that he ever did me was in dying and not taking me with him."

The woman continues to maintain that the murders were committed by three men and a red-haired woman, who were dressed in long flowing robes. In reviewing the case and in referring to the woman's answers to

questions, M. Valles, of the prosecution, said:

"Madame Steinhill was a liar at the age of five years and never has reformed."

LeFebvre, who is about 20 years old is practically unknown in Paris.

In a tragic manner, after proclaiming Madame Steinhill entirely innocent, he recited every detail of the murders, declaring robbery to have been the motive.

LeFebvre declared that he disguised himself as a woman, and, with a companion, a Pole, proceeded to the Steinhill home, where he murdered the artist and Madame Japy.

At this juncture of the confession "the red widow" dropped into a dead faint, and it required several minutes to revive her.

When she had recovered the judge ordered the Frenchman to take a position behind the rail. LeFebvre did so, and, facing the spectators, gave a detailed story of the murders. At the conclusion of his statement Magistrate de Valles ordered the court attendants to carefully search the man. The woman's red wig was found in a pocket. LeFebvre declared that his accomplices in the murders was dead.

Justice de Valles ordered LeFebvre to be locked up until an investigation as to his sanity could be made. The man's story also will be carefully investigated and sifted.

After LeFebvre had been removed from the court room the examination of Mme. Steinhill was resumed. By this time she had entirely recovered her self-possession and confidence, and her answers to the questions of the presiding judge were filled with biting sarcasm.

EXPLAINS THE SITUATION AT GATES

George Anderson, the proprietor of the Gates hotel, and a prominent business man of that city, is in Salem, having arrived this morning with the returns of the local option election which was held in Gates on Tuesday.

According to Mr. Anderson, the local option fight in the Horeb precinct was local exclusively in the town of Gates, being hardly more than a family misunderstanding. It is claimed by some that the saloon at Gates violated the Sunday closing law, gave liquor to boys under age, and conducted a general wide-open establishment, with gambling as a substitute for pleasure on rainy days.

Mr. Anderson's view of the matter was that to prosecute the violators of the liquor law would only mean an extra large expense to the county, and no cure for the cause, and, in order to avoid this, the dry faction took the course which threw Horeb precinct in the dry district, and closed the saloons in both Gates and Mill City. It is said that several indictments can be found against the liquor men for violating the statute covering the traffic of liquor, but these matters will not be enforced providing the disposition of liquor in Gates is done away with.

The county court will declare the election within 11 days, as provided by the new act adopted by the last assembly of the legislature, and after the county clerk has canvassed the votes. There are rumors to the effect that the wet faction will appeal the election, but upon what grounds has not yet been learned, although the regularity of the election may be contested.

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VESSEL IS ASHORE AT BODEGA

Life-Saving Crew from Point Reyes On the Way to Rescue the Storm-Bound Victims of Sea.

SMALL HOPE LEFT

NO SMALL BOATS HAVE COME ASHORE AND IT IS FEARED THE ENTIRE CREW WILL PERISH—COAST IS VERY ROUGH AND LANDING DIFFICULT.

Tomales, Cal., Nov. 4.—A steamer is thought to be wrecked on the jagged rocks off Bodega Bay, seven miles from here. Reports from the Lawrence ranch, which fronts the bay, say that distress signals have been blowing all night. As dawn approached the signals grew fainter, but at last reports they were still heard.

A thick fog which settled yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock still prevails, making it impossible to see the position of the ship or ascertain its name.

Farmers are hastening to the scene, but will be unable to aid those on the wreck, as they have no boats that can be navigated on the ocean.

Reports received here from Point Reyes are to the effect that Captain Hunt with seven lifesavers, left the Point Reyes lifesaving station at 11 o'clock for the wreck.

The fact that no small boats have reached the shore has given rise to the fear of disaster.

Inverness, Cal., Nov. 4.—A vessel is on the rocks off Bodega Bay and directly north of Tomales Point, Marin county. Owing to the thickness of the fog it is impossible to see the wreck. Reports from the scene state that cries for help have been heard from the shore.

The lifesaving crew from Point Reyes is now rowing up the coast to the scene.

The shore along Bodega Bay is for the most part very rough, and the cliffs slope directly down to the sea. A number of vessels have been wrecked along the coast in this vicinity in recent years, and none of them have ever been salvaged.

It is believed that the vessel struck the rocks some time late last night, in the fog, which shows no evidence of raising.

The fact that no boat has put out from the wreck leads to the fear that the vessel may have gone to the bottom, and that the crew may be clinging to the sharp rocks which rise above the ocean at this point.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—The revenue cutter service here received a telegram today stating that an unknown vessel had gone ashore off Bodega Point, on the coast north of here. The message said that the life-saving crew had started from Point Reyes, and asked that the revenue cutter McCulloch be sent. The McCulloch immediately started for the scene.

WICKERSHAM TO SUCCEED PECKHAM

Washington, Nov. 4.—It is being persistently rumored here that Geo. W. Wickersham, of New York, attorney-general of the United States, is to be appointed associate justice of the supreme court, to succeed the late Rufus Peckham. It is not known whether Wickersham will accept, if the appointment is offered to him.

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