

CARUSO GUARDED BY POLICEMEN

Authorities Fear "Black Hand" Members May Attack Singer

New York, March 8.—Nearly 100 policemen were in the audience last night when Caruso sang at the academy in Brooklyn. They were there, not as lovers of the drama, but as a body-guard for the famous tenor who recently received two threatening letters from the "Black Hand."

The police are taking extraordinary precautions to prevent injury to the Italian singer. A detail of several detectives accompanies Caruso daily while the theatre where he appears nightly is guarded by eighty men. Caruso professes not to believe that the "Black Hand" threats portend death. The tenor has defied his would-be blackmailers, and refuses to contribute to the writers of the anonymous letters.

The police fear that Caruso's defiance to the "Black Hand" may result in an outrage.

ALLEGED COMBINE OF WHOLESALE FISH DEALERS

Prosecution Likely to Follow Investigations in San Francisco

San Francisco, Cal., March 8.—Immediate action tending toward the prosecution of wholesalers alleged to have combined to keep the price of fish at a certain price, is promised to-day by State Senator E. I. Wolfe and Attorney General United States Webb, following an investigation by the state senate committee on the high prices of living.

For several days the committee has been busy probing into the dealings of the wholesale fish dealers, who, it is declared, have combined since the San Francisco fire in 1906, to stifle competition and maintain high prices for fish.

Should the actions be brought, the members of the alleged fish trust will be prosecuted under the Cartwright anti-trust law.

During the investigation, testimony was offered tending to prove that the wholesalers prevented dealers from purchasing fish from Puget Sound and the Columbia river fishermen for consumption here.

JAKE SCHAEFFER DEAD.

Denver, Col., March 8.—Jake Schaeffer, the famous billiard player, died here at his home at noon to-day of tuberculosis.

"The Wizard" as Schaeffer was called by followers of the balize-covered table, died at the age of 55 years. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and when a youth moved to Leavenworth, Kansas. Schaeffer began his billiard career in 1879. At different times he held all championships existing. He retired eighteen months ago on account of ill health. He numbered such famous cut sports as Willie Hoppe and Frank Ives among his pupils.

Schaeffer leaves a wife and three children.

MURDERER SENTENCED.

Calcutta, March 8.—Brendranath Supta, the youth who murdered the police inspector, Shamsul Alum, in the High Court here, has been sentenced to death. The murdered man had played a large part in bringing the All-Port conspirators to justice, and two previous attempts had been made on his life. The sentence was pronounced after he had been deputed by a secret society to which he belonged to commit the murder. Supta refused legal assistance during his trial, and after the sentence was pronounced he was removed from the dock smiling.

WAGES INCREASED.

Savannah, Ga., March 8.—After being granted an increase in pay from 26 1/2 to 28 cents an hour, the boiler-makers on the Central of Georgia railroad returned to work yesterday. The men have been on strike five weeks.

CHINESE AND THIBET.

Pekin, March 8.—The Chinese government has given the British minister renewed assurances in regard to the administration of affairs in Thibet and the attitude of China on religious questions in that country.

Advertisement for Steedman's Soothing Powders, featuring an illustration of a baby and text describing the product's benefits for infants.

Advertisement for Sunlight Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and text describing the soap's benefits for cleaning and whitening.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSES SYMPATHY OF PROVINCE

Text of the Motion Which Will Be Placed on Records of House

The following report was presented to the legislature on Monday by the premier and the members for Alberni and Nanaimo, who had been appointed to draft a resolution of sympathy with those bereaved by the accident at Roger's Pass: "Your committee appointed to draft and report a message of condolence and sympathy with reference to the recent snowslide at Roger's Pass and the loss of life entailed thereby, beg to report as follows: "That this House has learned with deep sorrow of the terrible snowslide on the Canadian Pacific railway at Roger's Pass, in the Selkirk mountains, by which many railward passengers have unfortunately lost their lives while engaged in their duty of protecting the travelling public; "That this House desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with the families, relatives and friends of those killed or injured in the lamentable and deplorable accident; and that it is the desire of the House that a copy of this resolution be spread on its journals." The report was adopted.

BRIEF LOCALS

A message was received by J. A. Fraser, M. P., for Carleton Place, Monday from Queen's, announcing that John Houston, editor of the Fort George Tribune, will leave for this city on Sunday next.

Building permits have been issued for George Richardson for a dwelling on Gore street, to cost \$3,300; to J. R. Elford for alterations to dwellings on Fort street, to cost \$100; and to Aid. A. G. Sargison for alterations to stores on Yates street, to cost \$1,250. Miss A. Boorman has received a permit for a house on Fisgard street, to cost \$2,100.

G. Pattison's sheet metal works have been moved from 730 Yates street to 1022 Frederick street, near Cook. Mr. Pattison has erected a modern and up-to-date work shop, 45x25 feet, and two stories high, fitted up with all the latest and most modern machinery and appliances. He will be able to give every better satisfaction than in the past in the installing of your furnaces, or in any line of sheet work desired.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company is about to institute a system of electric clocks throughout the city, and at Monday's meeting of the council a letter was read from A. T. Goward, the local manager of the company, offering to install clocks in the city hall. Mr. Goward pointed out that the system is in use in all the larger cities and is found to give every satisfaction. Clocks are installed in all public buildings. One "governor" clock regulates the whole lot. The council will consider the question of placing an order.

While chopping wood last week with a companion about his own age, the 12-year-old son of N. Borden, of the North Dairy Farm, lost four fingers of his right hand. The unfortunate lad was gathering up the wood while the other was chopping. In some way or another he managed to trip over the wood and his right hand fell on the block just as the other was in the act of bringing down the axe. The lad had not time to repel the action and the result was that the fingers were severed.

A meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church was held Monday in the league room. There was a large attendance of members and the evening was spent in a most profitable manner. It was decided to hold a social next Monday evening in the school room, the object of this being to get all members acquainted with one another, and also, for the registering of friends of the league who were new members. The league has also accepted the invitation extended to the members of it for the preparing of a programme to be given at the W.C.T.U. on Saturday evening.

The remains of the late Miss Ester May Hall, who passed away at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 17th ult., were interred in Ross Bay cemetery on Tuesday. The funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of her parents, 2038 Douglas street, where Rev. A. Henderson conducted a short service. The cortege proceeded from the house to the Centennial Methodist church where further services were held by Rev. Mr. Henderson. He made reference to the sad incidents concerning the death of the young lady. There was a very large attendance of friends and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The following acted as pallbearers: George Holt, E. Parsons, T. Hammond, H. Beck, F. Jeune and J. Dowd.

TRANSFER SURGEON TO SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. M. W. Glover, of Seattle, Has Been Assigned New Post

Washington, D. C., March 8.—The marine hospital service has ordered the transfer of Past Assistant Surgeon M. W. Glover from Seattle to San Francisco. Dr. Glover has been in charge of the Seattle U. S. marine hospital since November 1, 1907.

Dr. Glover and Mrs. Glover are well known in Victoria where they formerly lived, and where they still visit occasionally. As a member of the United States marine hospital service, Dr. Glover filled, for several years, the position of surgeon in connection with the United States immigration department in Victoria, being later transferred to Vancouver, and then to Seattle. When the "plague rats" made their appearance in Seattle Dr. Glover, who is an authority on the subject's relation to infection, was placed in charge of the campaign conducted by the federal authorities of the United States to prevent its spread. That his work was well carried out is shown by the fact that the plague made no headway in Seattle, and appears to have been stamped out. He will probably conduct a vigorous campaign on the same lines in San Francisco.

FARMER LOSES MONEY. Pool Rooms Are Raided as Result of Complaints to Authorities.

San Rafael, Cal., March 9.—Grand larceny charges were made yesterday against eight of the alleged "fake pool room operators" who were arrested in a raid by Sheriff William P. Taylor and District Attorney Thomas Boyd. The complaining witness was N. R. Woods, a young farmer from Selma, Cal., who asserted that he mortgaged his farm for \$300 which he lost in the "pool room."

Boyd stated that he believed some of the men under arrest have operated in Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles. "The men against whom the criminal charges were made are: James Parry, William Israel, Frank Clark, Alfred Lewis, Frank Alphonso, Edward Blum, John McSherry and James Blair," a saloonman over whose saloon the pool room was located.

The Marin county grand jury will hold a special meeting Friday to investigate the pool room and the charges made against the alleged telephonic District Boyd intimated also that the action of several of the town's officials would be inquired into to ascertain whether they were involved in the alleged frauds.

When the officers took possession of the rooms Monday a complete pool room outfit from blackboard to betting table was found in the telephone exchange, which lacked connections with the telephone company's exchange, likewise were seized to be used as evidence.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE TO AUSTRALIA

Service From Montreal Will Be Inaugurated on May 15th

Montreal, March 8.—It was officially announced today that the new Australian service from Montreal will be inaugurated May 15th. At the start there will be two steamers, the Rakai and Wakatone, of 5,629 and 5,902 gross tons respectively. The line is largely a C.P.R. enterprise, but will be operated by the New Zealand Shipping Company.

INTER-SOCIETY SOCIAL

First Presbyterian Young People Visit St. Andrew's Church and Enjoy United Meeting.

A most enjoyable social was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Monday when the Young People's Club of the First Presbyterian church visited the sister society. After a short address of welcome by the president of the home club, J. G. Brown was called to the chair and took charge of the programme, all the numbers of which were rendered in a most capable and pleasing manner. At the close of the evening refreshments were served, and the members of the two societies spent some time in social intercourse. The programme of piano solo and reading was as follows: Piano Solo..... Miss Harrison Song..... Mrs. Warburton Song..... Mr. Redman, Mr. Donald Song..... Mr. R. Morrison Reading..... Mrs. E. Hall Song..... Mr. Perry Instrumental Selection..... Mr. A. Kennedy Song..... Mr. H. McLorie Song..... Miss M. Sexsmith Reading..... Mr. D. A. Fraser Song..... Mr. J. G. Brown Song..... Mr. J. Perry Trio..... Miss Sexsmith, Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. J. G. Brown.

GARDENING ADVANCED.

Flowers Are Already Showing Up in the City Plots.

Gardening is becoming general throughout the city and the ploughs are at work in the country. At last, after much tribulation, the farmers will be able to get their crops in a good deal later than usual, but plenty early enough in most cases. And around the city the snowdrops will soon be over for this year, and the crocuses are in full bloom. Daffodils will be showing themselves in a few days and the other bulbous flowers will follow quickly. Pansies and violets are lifting their heads, and in sheltered places are covered with bloom. Of the seedling, the early sweet peas are already coming up and the later ones are being sown while practically all the early flowers will be sown within the next week or two.

Large advertisement for Old Chum Cigarettes, featuring the brand name in large, bold letters.

Equal in quality to the well-known pipe-tobacco and specially blended for cigarette smoking. TEN FOR TEN CENTS.

SPRAYING DEMONSTRATIONS.

R. M. Winslow Will Conduct Practical Lessons for Farmers on Vancouver Island.

A series of spraying demonstrations will be given at 2 p. m., the boat connections, etc., permitting. Evening meetings will be at 7 o'clock. Mr. Winslow is taking the spraying pump he has been using this last year in this district, and will also provide spraying material. In the afternoon the making and application of Bordeaux mixture, lime sulphur, arsenate of lead and aphid sprays will be demonstrated. This will be very practical and the efficiency and economy of each spray and pump will be shown and discussed. In the evening the discussion will centre on the different types of pumps and apparatus, their cost and efficiency, and conditions under which each is best. This will be followed by a talk on a simple spray routine sufficient for the needs of each district, and a practical discussion on all sprays necessary for use. All are cordially invited to be present and to take part in this discussion.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT AT EMERYVILLE

Site for Battle Between Jeffries and Johnson Finally Selected

San Francisco, Cal., March 9.—Following a meeting in the offices of the California Jockey Club between Tex Rickard, Jack Gleason and Tom Williams, president of the club, last night, it was definitely announced that the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held in an arena within the race track enclosure at Emeryville. All that now remains is the granting of the formal permit by the town board of trustees. Rickard has been assured that this will be done.

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VISIT OF CANADIAN REGIMENT TO ENGLAND

Will Take Part in This Year's Manoeuvres at Aldershot

London, March 8.—In the Commons to-day Secretary of War Haldane dealing with this year's manoeuvres referred to the visit of the Queen's Own Canadian regiment, who will join the Aldershot command in August. Cheers greeted the announcement.

MINING COMPANY SETTLING CLAIMS

Widows of Cherry Disaster Receive Sums Ranging From \$800 to \$1,800

Cherry, Ill., March 9.—Following the settlement of fifty death claims of widows and relatives of miners lost in the Cherry mine disaster, by settlements ranging from \$800 to \$1,200 each, the St. Paul mine officials have entered into negotiations with approximately 100 more cases to settle with the widows of the victims.

SEATTLE AVIATION MEET.

Large Crowds Are Expected to Witness Flights at the Meadows.

Seattle, Wash., March 9.—When more than 7,000 people packed the race track at Portland Sunday to witness Charles K. Hamilton, bird man, make his dash into the air high over the heads of the multitudes below, there is little doubt that the cities of Puget Sound will send thousands of visitors to Seattle March 11th, 12th and 13th, to watch the aviators.

DR. HYDE RELEASED UNDER \$100,000 BAIL

Indicted on Eleven Counts in Connection With Poisoning Case

Kansas City, Mo., March 9.—Dr. R. C. Hyde, indicted on eleven counts by the local grand jury in connection with the poisoning of Colonel Thomas H. Swope and members of his family, was released yesterday under \$100,000 bail bonds.

U. S. POST OFFICE BILL.

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Advertisement for Trust AP... IS BEIN... STANDARD OIL... BEFORE SUP... Government Co... Monopoly in... Trade

(Times Leased) Washington, D. C., March 9.—The final stage of the three-day struggle between the Standard Oil Co. and the Standard Oil Co. was reached to-day when the Supreme Court was asked to grant a writ of habeas corpus to the Standard Oil Co. on appeal from the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, which ordered the Standard Oil Co. to pay the government's case by Frank B. Kellogg, trustee, and it is expected to make one of the leading lawyers, Rosendahl, John and John S. Miller are the part of the array of counsel directing the defence of the holding concern. The government contentions are that the Standard Oil Co. is a monopoly in the trade. There are counties in the case, but that is the main contention. In filing his brief before the Supreme Court the trust and its counsel denied all the contentions. This brings the case before the court for a final decision.

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