

THE WEATHER. Forecast for December 31, 1905: San Francisco and vicinity—Showers Sunday; fresh west winds. A. G. MOADER, District Forecaster.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS. ALCAZAR—"The Prince and the Pauper." ALHAMBRA—"A Fight for Love." CALIFORNIA—"Broadway Gaiety Girls." COLUMBIA—"The American Lord." GRAND—"Monte Vanna." ORPHEUM—"Vaudville." TIVOLI—"Orpheus in Hades." MAJESTIC—"It I Were King." NEW CENTRAL—"The Eye Witness."

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PRINCESS LOUISE ACCEPTS TERMS Daughter of Leopold of Belgium Willing to Be Divorced on Minor Ground.



DAUGHTER OF KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM, WHO HAS CONSENTED TO DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS THAT WILL NOT BRING OUT SCANDALS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND, PHILIP OF SAXE-COBURG.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The conditions of the settlement of the long-drawn-out quarrel between the Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, eldest daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, and her husband, Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, are as follows: The Prince pays her as alimony \$22,000 annually, and also the sum of \$1,000,000 by installments, while King Leopold guarantees his daughter an annuity of \$10,000. The Princess undertakes to hand over to the Prince's lawyer all the documents and photographs intended to be used as evidence, the divulging of which will annul the arrangement. The two parties agree to accept a decision of the court of Gotha granting them a divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper, and that on that ground alone.

MARRIED MAN ELOPES WITH GIRL PIANIST Leaves a Wife and Baby Penniless in Santa Barbara.

DENVER, Dec. 30.—Because the young woman principal in an elopement, in a letter to Denver friends tells of it, news has reached here of the elopement of Fred Runkle from Santa Barbara, Cal., with Grace Chapman, a young and attractive pianist of that city. Runkle is well known in Denver, where he lived for years. As a violin and cornet player, he was well known and apparently was devoted to his profession. He was a member of the Musicians' Union here, Runkle was devoted to his family, and neither drank nor showed any inclination to seek the society of other women. He was leader of the City Park band, played in the Symphony orchestra and figured in musical events of a superior order. About a month ago he wrote to the local union resigning his membership, and that was the last heard of him here. The story from Santa Barbara is that he eloped with the young girl, leaving a wife and baby penniless. The first intimation of the elopement was a note written by Miss Chapman, in which she said she had of her own free will gone away with Runkle.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED AT A SUISUN PLANT Accident at Cement Works Brings Death and Injury to Employes.

SUISUN, Dec. 30.—At the plant of the Pacific Portland Cement Company near here to-day two men, who were engaged in making an excavation, were crushed to death by the caving in of an embankment and two others were seriously injured. The names of the unfortunate men have not been learned.

USE DYNAMITE TO Avenge THEMSELVES

Dynamiters Murder Ex-Governor Steunenberg. Petard Is Set Off as He Is About to Enter His Home.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 30.—Frank Steunenberg, former Governor of the State, was killed at 6:40 o'clock this evening at his home in the suburbs of Caldwell. A dynamite bomb had been placed at his front gate, with some contrivance by which it was exploded as he entered. Both legs were blown off and he lived but twenty minutes.

There is no reason known for the outrage, but it is charged to some member of the famous inner circle of the Coeur d'Alene dynamiters, whom he prosecuted so relentlessly in 1899 while he was Governor.

Governor Gooding is in communication with the authorities of the county and is prepared to put the full support of the State behind the officials there in running down the perpetrator of the crime. It is thought probable that the leading detective agency of the country will be asked to send some of its best men to the scene and the State will offer as great a reward as the Governor may find he has power to propose.

Steunenberg was Governor of the State from 1897 to 1901, having been twice elected. He was born in Iowa forty-four years ago and had been in Idaho since 1887. He leaves a wife and three children.

Governor Gooding has informed the Canyon County officials that the State will offer a reward of \$5000 for the apprehension of the murderers. A special train left for Caldwell at 10 o'clock, carrying the Governor and others, who go to assist in organizing the work of running down the criminals.

The latest information from the scene is to the effect that the bomb probably was placed by the gate post and the moving of the gate exploded it. When persons rushing to the spot reached the prostrate man, the latter said something like "Who shot me?" He also said something about turning him over, but he lapsed into unconsciousness and died without giving any information.

The victim's clothing and his shoes were torn to tatters and his back was terribly injured. Both legs were shattered frightfully.

WILL TRY TO REACH NORTH POLE

Daring Expedition Undertaken by Reporter. Hopes to Make Successful Voyage in an Airship.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"Build an airship, go find the north pole and report by wireless telegraph and submarine cables the progress of your efforts."

This was the startling assignment given a few days ago to Walter Wellman, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald by Frank B. Noyes, editor-in-chief of the paper, and the commission has been accepted by Wellman. As an assistant on this daring expedition Wellman will have the services of Santos Dumont of Paris, who will have charge of the construction of the airship and will act as aeronautic director and pilot of the ship on its voyage toward the north pole.

The airship, the order for which has been given, will be built by Louis Goddard of Paris, under the supervision of M. Santos Dumont, and will be completed by the end of next April. No definite date has yet been decided upon when the expedition will start on its journey, but it is expected that everything will be in readiness to get away next July or early in August.

After completion the airship will have several trials in or about Paris, and in June all the paraphernalia for the journey will be assembled in Spitzbergen, where the explorers will await a favorable opportunity for the dash for the pole which, according to Wellman, should the expedition meet, with a good run of luck, will be reached in less than a week.

DISCUSSES THE EXPEDITION. In announcing his acceptance tonight of the proposed expedition Wellman said: "If I did not believe that the chances of success were greater than those of failure I should not accept the commission."

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DR. JORDAN ALLEGES A PLOT TO LOOT STANFORD ESTATE.

David Starr Jordan, president of the Stanford University, has made the sensational statement in a Denver interview that the attempt to make it appear that Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford's death was due to poisoning was part of a plot of Honolulu officials, having for its object the securing of big fees from the Stanford estate.

HONOLULU MEN ACCUSED

Educator Makes Sensational Charge. Claims Officials Conspired to Earn Fees.

HONOLULU, Dec. 30.—High Sheriff Henry indignantly denies David Starr Jordan's accusation that Honolulu officials plotted to secure fees from the Stanford estate. He is anxious to see the promised statement of the investigation and defies the estate officials to publish an honest report of all the facts in their knowledge.

DENVER, Dec. 30.—The death of the late Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, patroness of Leland Stanford Jr. University, was made the basis for a dastardly plot to secure big fees for the Honolulu officials, according to David Starr Jordan.



DAVID STARR JORDAN

PRINCIPALS IN A DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH.

president of the university, who is in Denver. Furthermore Dr. Jordan intimates that the report that Mrs. Stanford was murdered was part of a plot on the part of several of Mrs. Stanford's servants who were jealous of the favor with which Mrs. Stanford treated Miss Berner, her private secretary.

"We have established beyond a doubt that Mrs. Stanford died a natural death," said Dr. Jordan this morning. "A post-mortem examination developed that the aorta had been ruptured. This was the result of fatty degeneration of the heart. The heart is now in San Francisco, where it is being preserved."

According to Dr. Jordan no strychnine was found in Mrs. Stanford's room. Reports were circulated by the officials of Honolulu that a large quantity of poison had been discovered. The Sheriff went so far as to say that a bottle containing 500 grains had been found, but this, Dr. Jordan declares, had not proved true.

Dr. Jordan and other friends of the late Mrs. Stanford have been conducting an investigation since her sudden death on March 1 last. It has uncovered a startling array of facts, he says, but none that point to murder. He declares that within a few weeks a full report of the discoveries in connection with the affair will be made public, and he gives the impression that sensations will follow. What they are Dr. Jordan refuses to reveal.

DR. JORDAN MUST DO THE TALKING Mrs. Stanford's Brother Will Not Discuss the Mystery.

PALO ALTO, Dec. 30.—"Doctor Jordan has done the talking about this case and he will have to answer all questions," said Mrs. Stanford's brother, Dr. W. H. Stanford, in a statement here to-day.

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MISS BERTHA BERNER.

WORTHLESS TERRA COTTAS Grace the Chicago Institute.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Chicago Art Institute's terra cottas, masterpieces of the ancients, believed to be priceless, are forgeries. Director French admits it. Following the declaration yesterday in Philadelphia of Dr. A. Furtwangler, the famous Egyptologist of Munich, in which he said that many of the antiquities in the American museums were fakes, French took down his terra cottas, looked them over sorrowfully, and it may be, will never replace them.

"I am glad the story is out," he said. "I feel relieved. We are sorry to say that such is the case. We have known that interspersed with our valuable antiquities were downright forgeries, but to find out which are the true and which are the false is difficult. Just as soon as we are sure of a certain terra cotta being a forgery we will remove it from the museum."

Alfred Emerson and Director French to-day pointed out a number of terra cottas that, in their opinion, were forgeries. Three in particular, supposed to be the most valuable in this country, Emerson said were the basest of forgeries.

USE MILD TOBACCO OR LOSE YOUR WIFE Blowing Smoke in Spouse's Face Is Ground for Divorce.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 30.—A decision was rendered by Judge Smith to-day in the suit of Mary Shumway against E. B. Shumway, a rancher in the Santa Cruz Mountains. In asking for a divorce Mrs. Shumway alleged that her husband persisted in smoking a strong pipe and blowing tobacco smoke in her face after he had eaten his meals. In addition to granting Mrs. Shumway an interlocutory decree Judge Smith awarded Mrs. Shumway the custody of a minor child and possession of the ranch in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

SAYS HIS FLYING KITE IS A SUCCESS Professor Bell Announces the Result of Recent Experiments.

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 30.—After experimenting for a number of years at his laboratory at Beinn Bhreagh, Baddock, with kites of the tetrahedral form of construction, Professor Alexander Graham Bell announced yesterday that he had succeeded in having his latest designed kite rise in the air and carry a weight of 227 pounds, this including a man weighing 153 pounds and ropes and lines weighing six and two pounds. The kite itself weighed sixty-one pounds, making a total weight of 288 pounds.

The kite rose to a height of thirty feet and remained there steadily until photographs were taken of it. Following the experiment Professor Bell left for Washington.