

## FLORETTA WHALEY AND HER PREACHER LOVER ARE AGAIN FORCED TO FLEE

Discovered Living in San Francisco, They Steal Away in Darkness.

TELLS STORY OF HIS FORMER LIFE  
Police Declare that no Effort is being made to Apprehend Them.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—In a peeling rain and before daybreak the Rev. Jere Knod Cooke, formerly pastor of the fashionable St. George's church at Hempstead, L. I., and Floretta Whaley, the 17-year-old heiress with whom he eloped eight months ago, deserting a wife to whom he had been married for nine years, stole away today from the little flat which they had occupied at 1189 Green street, in this city, where they were discovered yesterday living under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Balcom, taking with them their baby boy, Balcom, born two months ago. They left behind all they had saved during the eight months that search for them had been made throughout the country. The police declare no effort is being made to locate or apprehend the couple.

The discovery was made through the fact that Captain Cleary, of the Horse Patrol, who had met them as Mr. and Mrs. Balcom, when they arrived here last June from Los Angeles, recognized the girl's picture, published last week in connection with a dispatch from Louisiana stating that Cooke had deserted Floretta Whaley, who had given her "away to a family there who was educating her."

Admits Identity.  
Yesterday afternoon a representative from a local newspaper called on Cooke, Cooke admitted his identity but asked the reporter to lower his tone so that the girl in the next room might not learn of the discovery of their identity.

"My God, what an awakening from our happiness," exclaimed Cooke. "All I want is a chance to get away. I don't mind Sing Sing or hell, but it is she. The child was born two months ago, and discovery and apprehension would kill the mother."

Pacing back and forth, Cooke told the reporter the story of his life and of his elopement with Miss Whaley. "The inexorable law must be maintained," he said. "I have preached it so often I ought to know. There is nothing that will paint a black sheep white. But I have my reasons. For ten years I have kept silent. For the last eight months I have borne without murmur all the abuse, the vilest lies that newspapers could concoct."

Cooke's father died when he was five years old. He was adopted by an uncle and learned the trade of paper hanger and decorator. He worked his way through Yale and finally entered the ministry. Since his disappearance he has been working at painting and any other work he could get.

Cooke told of his marriage and of his unhappiness after that time. He declared that his wife admitted to him that she had married him for no other reason than that it would prove a convenient stepping stone for her social ambitions. He added it would be "candid to dilate on my marriage troubles."

"Then I awoke to love and everything else was worthless," he continued. "You know the end. On the one hand was a loveless life with honor and position and wealth, and on the other love and poverty. I chose this." He pointed to the neatly furnished rooms. "I don't praise myself for the step I took. It was weakness, it was unmanly; but I am only human and as I am to be judged by human beings, it is but right that they shall know that I gave up all that I had fought for and won. Now all I ask is to be let alone."

"I am doing a man's work. I have sinned but I have suffered. Now I beg the world to let me alone with my wife and child. I can live the same life as you."

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## QUAKE EVIDENT FOR ONE HOUR

Somewhere in this Big Busy World Old Mother Earth Did Her Stunt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A very heavy earthquake was recorded on the instruments at the Coast and Geodetic Survey Observatory at Cheltenham, Maryland, this morning. It commenced at 23 minutes 30 seconds past midnight and lasted over one hour.

The weather bureau issued the following bulletin relative to the earthquake: "A distant earthquake of considerable intensity was recorded by the seismographs at the weather bureau this morning, commencing at 12:33 a. m., seventy-fifth meridian time and lasted for over one hour. The first preliminary tremors continued for four minutes and fifty-five seconds, and the strongest motion occurred at 12:45 a. m., at which time the actual movement of the ground at Washington was about five millimeters." (Signed) "WILLIS E. MOORE, Chief of Bureau."

## FELT AT ALBANY

ALBANY, Dec. 30.—Early today an earthquake of large proportions was recorded on the seismograph at the State Museum Station in this city. The vibrations of the needles set up on both machines were severe, those of the north-south pendulum measuring 2 1/2 inches in maximum amplitude. The disturbance began at 12:33 1/2 a. m., and it took an hour for it to pass through this region. The preliminary tremors lasted about 8 1/2 minutes. The earthquake appears to have occurred at about 4,500 miles from Albany, with the center of the disturbance in the cordilleran region of Central or South America, or else out in the Pacific ocean, west of Mexico.

## NEGRO ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

Police Believe that They Have Young Girl's Assailant in the Toils.

(By Associated Press.)  
SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 30.—Robert Perry, a negro, was arrested here tonight by the police in suspicion of being the assailant of the three young women who, during the past six weeks, have been knocked down and left for dead, by some apparently crazy or degenerate fiend.

Perry was caught in Green Ridge late tonight, acting in a suspicious manner. When searched, a section of a wagon tongue, three feet long, with the butt end padded, was found slung across his shoulder under his overcoat. The police officials are confident that Perry committed all three robberies.

The last of the three girls, recently assaulted, identified her assailant as a negro. The other two were struck from behind and did not see who struck them. In each instance, the victim was rendered unconscious, but only superficial wounds were inflicted. This, the police authorities attribute to the heavy padding on Perry's club.

## NEGRO BISHOP GOES AFTER ROOSEVELT

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Bishop Alexander Waters, colored, leader of Jersey, in an address at the Twelfth Baptist church tonight, severely criticized President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft for their attitude on the Brownsville, Texas, shooting. He advised all his people to "give their money, talent and time to the defeat of the polls of any man or measure inimical to the best interests of the negroes."

## TAFT MAKES FIRST SPEECH OF CAMPAIGN

Greeted With Cheers by Guests at Boston Merchants' Assn. Banquet.

BROAD DEFENSE OF ROOSEVELT  
Carefully Avoids any Reference to His Own Presidential Aspirations.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Greeted with cheers as "the next president of the United States," a topic which he carefully avoided in his own remarks, however, Secretary of War William H. Taft, delivered his first public speech since his world circling tour tonight at the annual banquet of the Boston Merchants' Association at the Hotel Somerset.

The banquet closed a long and strenuous day for the secretary of war during which he delivered a brief address before 400 ministers in the morning and attended a reception and spoke before a large gathering of the Jews of the city at the Elysium Club in the afternoon. During his visit to Boston which ends tomorrow morning, Secretary Taft, is the guest of Samuel Carr, a Boston banker and a relative of Mrs. Taft.

A more notable gathering of prominent and representative business men has seldom been seen in Boston than that which greeted the secretary tonight.

In the banquet hall beautiful decorations adorned the tables, which provided for the seating of over 500 guests. Notable Present. President Jerome Jones, of the Boston Merchants' Association, presided. The guests included besides Secretary Taft, Congressman Sherley, of Kentucky; Lieutenant-Governor E. S. Draper, of Massachusetts; Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, and Right Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts.

In introducing Secretary Taft, President Jones said:

"We are favored this evening by the presence of a man from the middle west who has impressed us all with his fitness for the most important position a great and powerful nation can bestow, and in brief, an official of great strength and wisdom. He has recently put a girldie around the earth as an ambassador of peace and good will, by visiting the great rulers of mighty nations and we want to hear him talk to us."

As Mr. Taft rose all the guests stood up with him and filled the air with long continued cheers.

Secretary Taft read his speech from manuscript throughout making no comment relative to his own candidacy for the presidency.

Defense of "Teddy."  
Mr. Taft's speech was in the main a broad defense of President Roosevelt and the administration in dealing with the trusts and with the recent financial crisis. Those responsible for the panic, he said, were the "guilty managers of some of the large railroads and financial enterprises," and not those who in the course of their official duty have made known to the business world the facts and commented on them.

He denied that the administration had arraigned the whole business world as dishonest. The president had condemned the law-breakers and convinced those who had unwisely accumulated enormous power and capital, that they were not immune. The president, he declared, had never said otherwise than that the business men of the country as a whole were honest and their methods sound. "Indeed," said Mr. Taft, "it is chiefly in the interest of the great body of honest business men that he has made his great fight for lawful business methods."

That the railroad rate law was responsible for the financial panic, Mr. Taft characterized as absurd, and as for the shrinkage in the value of railroad stocks, he said, that neither Mr. Roosevelt nor his administration were responsible for state legislation against railroads. "Instead of making a panic," he said, "the national policy of ending the lawlessness of corporations in interstate commerce and of taking away their power of issuing without supervision, stocks and bonds, will produce a change in their management and remove one fruitful cause for loss of public confidence."

State's Actions.  
The action of the state legislatures against railroads, he declared, was occasioned by the same revelations of lawlessness and discrimination in railway management that made the federal rate bill a necessity, but, he said, "if the state measures have been too drastic the cause of the injustice is not with the national government."

Mr. Taft launched upon the question of government ownership of railroads and declared that he was opposed to the idea, because it meant state socialism and an increase in the power of the central government that would be dangerous.

On the subject of the United States currency system, Mr. Taft commented upon the fact that it was not arranged as to permit its volume to be increased temporarily. He believed that had there been such a currency...

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## HON. WM. H. TAFT, The Secretary of War Confesses to a Liking for the Presidential Job.



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## ALL HINGES ON A TECHNICALITY

Ga. Liquor Men Claim that Wording of New Law Gives Them another Day.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 30.—Because the prohibition law enacted by the last session of the Georgia legislature prohibits the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, "from and after January first, next," the point has been raised that the law does not become effective until January second.

It is the opinion of leading attorneys that the point is well sustained, but as all city licenses expire December 31st, it is not believed advantage will be taken of the additional day by saloons and wholesale houses.

Notwithstanding that only one more day is left before prohibition becomes effective no disorder is seen and no trouble is anticipated. The city authorities are prepared to act quickly should the occasion arise. Several saloons have already sold out their stock and closed up.

## NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE.

(By Associated Press.)  
ABBEVILLE, MISS., Dec. 30.—Ernest Montgomery, a negro in a fit of jealousy today killed his wife and two negro men. Montgomery killed the woman with a shot gun and then stampered nearly all night on the plantation, killing two as he chased them. He was arrested.

## FAMILY TROUBLES LEAD TO SUICIDE

(By Associated Press.)  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 30.—With a bullet hole in his temple the body of Otto Witschen, bookkeeper in the People's Bank and Trust Company, was found at 10 o'clock. Witschen and his wife quarrelled Friday night and she left home. It is the belief of the police that Witschen killed himself Saturday morning as the body indicated that he had been dead for more than a day. His accounts at the bank were straight and while he left no note, it is thought family troubles caused him to commit the rash act.

## DRUCE VAULT AT LAST GIVES UP ITS SECRET

Finding of Body in Coffin Refutes Mythical Stories Told at Trial.

PUTS NEW YORKER IN A TIGHT PLACE  
Star Witness Is Arrested Charged With "Wilful Corrupt Perjury."

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Charles Druce, in High Gate cemetery, was exhumed this morning, just forty three years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell and others during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by the home office and others officially present at the exhumation seemed effectively to prove that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorized statement follows:

"The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man, the plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce. The scene at High Gate cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the home office were admitted to the grounds. George Hollamby Druce, who claims to be the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and to its vast estate, tried unsuccessfully twice to get into the cemetery.

Opening of Vault.  
The operations began at day-break with the removal of the topmost coffin in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly half past eleven before the coffin was brought ready for opening and inspection. The top was quickly unscruwed and the inner casing of lead was opened. There was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin. The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings which have cost a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other workers who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claims of George Hollamby Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland.

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of and those persons who have sworn to the placing of lead instead of a human body in the coffin have been discredited.

## PRESIDENT BACK FROM HIS OUTING

Returns to the Capital After His Five Day Trip Looking Picture of Health.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Looking the picture of health and with every appearance of having enjoyed his outing of five days at Pine Knot, Va., where Mrs. Roosevelt has a cottage, President Roosevelt arrived here tonight at 8:50, over the Southern Railway. The party came in a special train which made the run from North Garden, the railway station nearest Pine Knot, without mishap, having left there at 5:20.

After assisting Mrs. Roosevelt to the platform, the president conversed a few moments with those who had gathered around his car. One member of the party laughingly inquired of the president if he had bagged any big game. "Oh I didn't get after any," was the quick response. "I just took the children to the country for an outing. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely."

Soon afterward he was being driven to the White House, where he arrived a few minutes after nine. There it was stated that no engagements for the evening had been made.

## MUST ANSWER A CHARGE OF PERJURY

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Robert C. Caldwell, whose testimony as a witness in the Druce case led to the reopening of the grave of T. C. Druce today, is now at the home of his daughter at New Brighton, Staten Island. He is under \$5,000 bond to answer to a charge of perjury preferred by the British authorities in connection with the story he told in the London court. Caldwell was arrested when he arrived here from Europe December 21.

Caldwell's story of the alleged dual personality of the Duke of Portland was the real sensation of one of the most remarkable legal cases which ever engaged the attention of the British courts. The re-opening of the Druce grave was undertaken as a final effort of the government to prove their charge that Caldwell's testimony was "wilful and corrupt perjury." Caldwell's story was to the effect that the duke of Portland and T. C. Druce, a London store-keeper were one and the same. He had known the duke of Portland under both names, he said, and at the request of the duke had arranged a pretended death and mock funeral of Druce so that his dual personality could be buried. He swore that a coffin buried in High Gate cemetery and which was supposed to hold the body...

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## BIG SEND-OFF IS GIVEN THE VISCOUNT AOKI

Official Washington Well Represented at Station to Bid Him Good Bye.

HAS NO FEARS OF SERIOUS TROUBLE  
Importance of Friendly Relations Too Great to Permit Rupture.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—"We shall take back home with us to Japan only the kindest feelings for America and for her people and the highest regard for her institutions," said Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador today to an Associated Press representative just prior to his departure for San Francisco with Viscount Aoki, from which place they will sail on January 7 for home. The ambassador returns to Japan at the instance of his government, which desires to consult with him freely regarding conditions affecting Japanese interests in America, notably those relating to the question of Japanese emigrants to the United States. Viscount Aoki has represented Japan as ambassador to the United States for about a year and a half and during that time has manifested the utmost activity and interest in all matters affecting his countrymen. He was the first ambassador accredited to the United States from Japan. He said today that his relations with the American government always has been of a most agreeable and pleasant character.

Way Being Paved.  
"I am confident that an amicable understanding will be reached on this immigration question—the only one of any consequences that is now agitating the people of the two countries," said Ambassador Aoki. "I am certain that Japan will make every honest concession within bonds and I feel equally confident that the American government will not insist upon anything unreasonable or that in any way will compromise the dignity or the honor of the Japanese government. Both governments are striving to reach an honorable solution of the immigration question and the latest advice that we have received from our government indicates that the way is gradually being paved with this end in view. As I have said again and again there is every reason to believe that the world which should have the most complete understanding and continuous in most amicable relations. Japan is anxious to be at peace with the world and to see country does this apply with greater force than to the United States to whom, in a large measure, is due Japan's great rise and progress among the nations of the world. It will be my effort to advance and strengthen the existing friendly relations in every way that lies in my power."

Importance of Peace.  
Ambassador Aoki impressed upon his interview the utmost importance of the United States and Japan keeping on the most friendly terms and that their relations should inspire confidence, one with the other. In no sense, he said, was this more important than that from the commercial standpoint. Japan needed American capital in the development of the numerous enterprises which have come to the front since the Chinese-Japanese war of the last century and more particularly because of the developments since the war with Russia. American capital could find splendid opportunities in Japan and the efforts of all persons of both countries, the Ambassador declared, should be concentrated towards the cementing of the great friendship without which much that could otherwise be accomplished would be lost.

The ambassador and his wife left Washington over the Pennsylvania Railroad this afternoon. They were accompanied by Mr. Y. Iwakoshi, the chancellor of the embassy, who will go to Japan with them, and by several servants. The party expects to arrive in San Francisco January 1st, or 5th.

Given a Send-Off  
Official and diplomatic Washington was well represented at the station by Viscount Aoki and his wife good bye. Every member of the cabinet...

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## LIGHT IS THROWN ON MYSTERY BY IDENTIFICATION OF BODY

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Some light was thrown today on the mystery surrounding the death of the woman whose nude body was found last Thursday half hidden in the muddy ooze of a pond near Harrison, N. J., when Mrs. Frank Hull of this city, went to the Newark morgue and declared positively that the dead woman was Mrs. Annie Young, who formerly lived with her and later with Mrs. King in Brooklyn. The police believe that Mrs. Hull's identification is correct. Mrs. Hull said that she went to Jersey City with Mrs. Young on Christmas day. Following luncheon she parted with her companion, who, she understood, was going on to Newark to join a household party. When Mrs. Hull learned of the murder through the newspapers and saw that the description of the dead woman seemed to fit her friend she informed the police that she believed that the murdered woman was Mrs. Young, who had been employed at one time as a stenographer and typewriter in a west side hotel. She said that Mrs. Young was the wife of an engineer but that she had not lived with her husband for several years. Mrs. Hull said that when they left Mrs. King's home on Christmas morning Mrs. Young had \$300 in her purse and wore a diamond ring. On their arrival at Jersey City they were met by a man whom she named with whom they had luncheon. When the luncheon party broke up Mrs. Hull returned to this city.

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FAIR AND COLDER  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday, fair; brisk west to northwest winds.