

WALTER L. VAIL.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Well Known Capitalist and Cattle Man Dead as Result of Car Accident.

CAR VICTIMS IN 36 MOS.

Killed	161
Injured	1030
Total	1191

Walter L. Vail, capitalist and ranch owner, known in commercial circles as the "Cattle King," died suddenly at his home, 128 Burlington avenue, early yesterday morning. His death came as a complete surprise, as his physicians had pronounced him out of danger and he was thought to be in a fair way recovery.

Mr. Vail was struck by a Grand avenue car at Seventh street and Grand avenue Thursday evening, when he was driving with his wife, but he was not injured. He was returning from a trip to Reno, and he was knocked down, sustaining three broken ribs, a broken shoulder blade and internal injuries, but these were not considered serious until the day after the accident the physician was of the opinion that nothing was to be feared from this source.

There was continued and steady improvement in the condition of Mr. Vail until about 10:30 o'clock last night, when he had a sinking spell. He rallied and was thought to be feeling much better. Five minutes later he was dead. Mr. Vail was one of the best known men in Southern California and Arizona, where he also had large interests. For years he had been engaged extensively in raising and selling a large fortune. He was 54 years of age. He leaves a widow and seven children, Russell, Walter, Mary, Douglas, Marion, Edward and Margaret.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

APOSTLE DOWIE GOES MAD IN PULPIT.

Thinks Himself General, His Followers Soldiers, His Home on Battlefield.

FANCIES HE IS WOUNDED.

Appears From Mythical Battle With Limbs Bandaged and Minus Apostolic Robes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion City and first apostle of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, is insane. This fact was demonstrated today when Dowie, in an address to his followers in Zion house, describes himself as a general, his hearers as his soldiers and his home as a tent on the battlefield.

The spectacle presented by Dowie as he harangued his faithful adherents was pitiful. His eyes glared with the fire of madness, his manner was nervous and his address incoherent and rambling. He fancied he had just conducted his hearers to victory after a frightful battle in which his general was slain and himself sorely wounded, and he pointed to his warlike which lay in battle formation in the lake, their guns protecting Zion from hostile invaders.

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G. J. GRIFFITH LEAVES PRISON TODAY.

Millionaire Angeleno Who Tried to Slay Wife Finishes Sentence. Claims He Will Work for Penal Reform Laws and for Temperance



WILL RETURN TO LOS ANGELES AT ONCE.

Twenty Months' Prisoner Seeks to Go Out of San Quentin Secretly.

REFUSES TO QUIT CELL.

Convicts Lured by Money of Rich Criminal Flock Round Him in Penitentiary.

OPERA SINGER IS ROBBED OF GEMS.

Adaberto Reports Losing Satchel on Car Containing Her Fortune of \$4,500.

Adaberto, the star soprano of the Landmark opera company, who she was robbed on a Long Beach car Saturday night of a satchel containing \$4500 worth of diamonds and jewelry. She thinks a handsome woman with two companions, who sat behind her, is responsible for the loss, but detectives working upon the case have found no clue.

Adaberto, accompanied by Marco Vesella, leader of the Royal Italian band, and Bianca Pardini and Bartolotti of the opera company, left Los Angeles on the eleven o'clock car Saturday night to spend Sunday at Long Beach. Warned by Vesella not to trust her jewels out of her sight, Adaberto says she put them in a small black bag. The jewels as she describes them include a diamond necklace for which she paid 18,000 francs in Paris, a pair of diamond earrings, three diamond rings valued at \$200 each, a sunburst brooch worth \$150, and two watches worth \$100 each. She also had \$400 in money in the satchel.

As the singer describes the loss of the satchel it was left beneath the seat of the car when the party alighted to go to the Del Mar hotel. No one thought of it until they were entering the hotel. Vesella then turned and ran after the car but it went on to Seaside Park. He waited for it to return but as it was going only to the barns the crew refused to stop for him.

"Vesella then went to the barns but the crew denied having seen the satchel. Inquiries have been made today without avail. Adaberto accepts her loss philosophically but says the gems were all she had.

GAS SHORTAGE AGAIN SEIZES CITY.

Supply is Meager From Noon to Night; Fails Entirely in Outlying Districts.

Gas was short all over town again yesterday afternoon.

In the outlying districts, especially in the southwest, the supply failed entirely last evening in many homes and business places. Near in, and on the main thoroughfare, the pressure was light, but nowhere outside of the downtown and business districts was there anything like a normal supply.

The shortage was more apparent about the supper hour, especially on the short and side streets in the newly built-up sections, clearly indicating that the main trouble was in the size of the mains, which are too small to carry a sufficient supply, as has been contended by the city meter inspector and Mayor McAlister.

Complaints also came in from outlying districts on the East Side, where there has been much building during the last few months and where only two-inch mains are on many of the streets.

Out in the University district the supply entirely failed for a time and during the greater part of the afternoon and evening there was more or less trouble.

After the supper hour there was a slight improvement, but not until a late hour was the service anything like normal.

"Poor pressure for a while, I guess," was the only explanation vouchsafed at the office of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company.

TIES UP RAILROAD TO SAVE BROTHER.

Conductor Backs Train 30 Miles, Rescues Lost Brake-man; Is Not Discharged.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 2.—The Santa Fe Central railroad was tied up during a wild rain and snowstorm last night, when Conductor E. E. Friday of a combination freight and passenger train, ordered the train crew to back the train for over thirty miles in a search for his brother, 21 years old, who fell from the roof of a car while setting a brake and was run over.

"What do I care for the railroad? He is my brother," said the conductor, when passengers protested. The boy was found with one arm crushed to pulp by the wheels and his head and face lacerated, trying to make his way along the tracks to the nearest station. He had saved himself from bleeding to death by tying his handkerchief about his left arm, shutting off the blood, which was spouting from a severed artery.

The young brakeman answered the signal for brakes at the top of Clark's hill, twenty miles from here. He slipped out over the slippery cars to set the brakes and was thrown under the train. His face struck a tie, cutting deep gashes, and a wheel crushed his arm, which was amputated near the shoulder.

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Griffith has schemed for weeks to make his outgoing as secret as possible, and he does not hesitate to assign as a reason the fact that he does not relish the notoriety given to him in simple measure, both at the time of the shooting and his trial and conviction.

Tonight he refused to leave his cell for an interview of any sort, and sent out word that he had no statements of any kind to make—that all he wanted was to be let alone. No strong was his stand on this point that, even though he has been a model prisoner, it is probable that he would have given nothing and any effort been made to take him from his cell to undergo the ordeal of an interview.

Weeks ago he ordered his clothing, and that is now on hand at the prison ready for him in the morning, when he will enjoy his first concession at the prison—that of being allowed to leave the institution in order to catch the first train for San Francisco.

Though Griffith has refused to talk from prison, he has not failed to tell his friends at the prison just what he intends to do after his release. In the first place, he is going to look after his wife's property interests, which he claims have been neglected since his imprisonment. He will attend to this first, and then society is to get the benefit of his two years of penal servitude. He is going to head—more properly, he is going to lead—temperance reform in this state. He says that he never knew that there was such a field for intelligent labor, and that the only thing remaining of his life shall be devoted to an effort to have the prison laws and methods changed and reformed.

Will Work for New Laws.

As a millionaire, dining on the best and mingling with the best, he never knew of the heartaches, sorrows and misfortunes of the convict class. He believes that prison should be a place where the man who is sent there for his crime is given a chance to reform. He will try to get the Legislature to take the paroling of prisoners out of the hands of the prison directors and place it in the hands of a special commission. He will try to get the Legislature to take the paroling of prisoners out of the hands of the prison directors and place it in the hands of a special commission.

Griffith feels strongly the need of a change in the law. If it had been as it was about the sixtieth on the list it could not be reached by the board of directors before the full term of imprisonment expired. Griffith has repeatedly declared to the people at the prison that these two matters will be his chief concern, though there is another of which he hints at in whispers—temperance.

The man who knew Griffith as a "bull fellow with me," a hard drinker, who saw him year in and year out tread the prison's path of pleasure, scattering his wealth at the expense of a harvest of cocktails and headaches—these boon companions will see in the Griffith the best of the old Griffith, a better man of all those fleeting pleasures. Two years of quiet, regular and simple life have changed his views on many subjects by giving him time to think.

He has always claimed he was drunk and crazy, and that he was not sane during all of the twenty months that he toiled in stripes. It is more than possible that the flowing bowl was his bitter foe of all those fleeting pleasures. Two years of quiet, regular and simple life have changed his views on many subjects by giving him time to think.

SEARCH FOR DENTIST TO FILL ELEPHANT'S TOOTH

Public Feeds Animal Candy; It Goes Mad With Pain.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The directors of the zoo at Barnum are at the end to find a dentist to fill an elephant's hollow tooth. When the public feeds the animal with cakes and candy it goes mad with toothache, but objects to being operated upon.

Some time ago a dentist undertook the job, but the elephant chased him away. The man is now suing the directors for damages for the shock he received in a ridiculous term for the score given him.

POPE ORDERS PRIVATE RAILROAD CAR REBUILT

Has Not Been Used Since 1870; Excited Belief He May Leave Vatican.

ROME, Dec. 2.—The state railroad department has received orders to reconstruct the "Popo" car, which has not been used since 1870. It is a special car with golden angels at the four corners. Inside there is a portable altar and the upholstery is of white velvet. This new car is a magnificent work of art and interest and people are wondering if it means that the Pope is about to leave the Vatican.

YOUNG SON BEATS OFF ASSAULT OF MOTHER

Brakeman's Skull Fractured by Blow of Ax in Reunite Attack.

\$50,000,000 MINE MERGER

ABSORBS \$4,000,000 FIRM

Holdings of Combination Become Part of Consolidated Company.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 2.—United States Senator Nixon and George W. H. Ransome, principal holders of the stock of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company, familiarly known as the fifty million dollar merger, have closed a deal in the sum of \$4,000,000 for the purchase of the Combination Mine and Mill Company to add to the holdings of the merger company. The consolidation already included four of the giant companies—the Mohawk, Junco, Red Top and Laguna.

GOSSIP NAMES SIR ALAN JOHNSTONE AMBASSADOR

Diplomat Whose Wife is American Mentioned as Durand's Successor.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Sir Alan Johnstone, British minister at Copenhagen, continues to be the most likely of Sir Marjorie Durand's successor as British ambassador at Washington. Sir Alan's wife was a girl from the only daughter of J. W. Pincher, Sir Alan Johnstone is a diplomat since twenty-seven years. He married Antoinette Pincher fourteen years ago. They have one son and one daughter.

ONE KILLED; 15 INJURED IN STREET CAR CRASH

Electric Hits Wagon Filled With

ATLANTIC SHIPPING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Arrived—Steamer C. F. Tietjen, Copenhagen; Minnetonka, London. Sailed, Menasha, London.

Weather at the Old Home.

By Telegram From Washington.

	Mean Temp.
Buffalo, cloudy	34
Chicago, cloudy	34
Denver, clear	40
Des Moines, fair	40
San Francisco, clear	50
Seattle, clear	50
St. Louis, clear	40
Los Angeles, light rain	51

PHILAN BUILDING TO BE REBUILT FOR \$2,000,000

Steel Ordered for 10-Story San Francisco Structure on Old Site.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The Philan building will be rebuilt, at a cost of \$2,000,000, at the corner of the greater part of the afternoon and evening there was more or less trouble.

3 FIRMS IN COURT FOR SELLING BIRDS' PLUMAGE

Kansas City Houses Prosecuted for Violating Game Laws.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2.—Benjamin Janney, a deputy game warden, swore to a complaint yesterday against the River, Bird