SHOAF IS SLUGGED!
Strange Disappearance of Appeal's Correspondent Working on McNamarra Case---Documents Disappear.

George H. Shoaf, staff correspondent of the Appeal to Reason, who has been working up the Times explosion case in Los Angeles, is reported missing. Circumstances point to kidnapping or possibly worse. He may have been killed outright and his body destroyed; or, while unconscious, taken to some unknown place and will be held until after the trial of the McNamaras, so that the evidence he has secured may not be used.

The documents he had have disappeared. He had written that he was going to print in the Rescue Edition of the Appeal the name of the man Otis hired to destroy the Times, and submit sufficient evidence to warrant the indictment of Otis for the crime.

He returned to his room at about 11 o'clock Sunday night, August 13. The landlady says she heard the sound of scuffling and the fall of a heavy body. The next morning Shoaf's hat, badly battered, and a bludgeon loaded with lead were found in the hall, and Shoaf had disappeared.

The manuscript he was to have sent out has not come, and it is presumed someone who knew of its nature and purpose put him out of the way. The Appeal has put Shoaf's father, formerly chief of police of San Antonio, Texas, on the case to hunt his son. It will be remembered the Appeal three weeks ago printed a private message from Shoaf saying that his danger was great, he being shadowed everywhere he went, but the Appeal had confidence in his ability to care for himself, and is profoundly shocked at the outcome.

The Appeal has no information other than that contained in the telegrams from Alexander Irvine and Job Harriman, and the Associated Press dispatch printed on this page. Any new developments will be reported in special editions from day to day.

**How the News Was Received**

The first intimation had of the disappearance of Shoaf came from Alexander Irvine, who is now in Los Angeles in charge of a church. The telegrams followed:

"Shoaf missing since Sunday night. Battered hat and piece of rubber hose filled with lead found in hall. Police baffled in search. Do you know anything of him?"

*ALEXANDER IRVINE.*

**Appeal Asks Information**

Immediately the Appeal sent out the following telegram to Job Harriman, one of the attorneys in the McNamara case:

"Irvine reports Shoaf missing since Sunday night. Start search. Spare no expense. Draw on the Appeal for all funds needed. Keep us informed daily wire.

*APPEAL TO REASON.*

**Harriman Wires Particulars**

On Thursday morning, August 17th, the Appeal received from Job Harriman in answer to its telegram of inquiry the following:

"Shoaf disappeared Sunday night. Called on cousin. Spent evening there and left at 9:30. Told them of success of his efforts to run down perpetrator of "Times" outrage. Said was going to spring the biggest sensation of the case. Told Irvine had succeeded in effect and thought would send story to Appeal by 9 a.m. Irvine Sunday afternoon returned with valuable papers and data from his room. Understood him to say he was going to take it to court for safe keeping. At midnight Mrs. Gibbe and others of family heard scuffle followed by terrific sound of falling body. Next morning Shoaf's derby hat was crushed, and rose pipe filled with lead found in front hall. Police notified and James Hensh, police detective who is under investi-
gation for kidnapping John McNamara in Indianapolis, was put on the case. He took hat and hose pipe to station, labeled it and threw in property clerk's shoe. Shoaf's name on inside of hat. He kept from newspapers and relatives; was public today. Held off hoping Shoaf would return. Has recently expressed belief of Munich operatives were on his trail. Been taking great chances in his investigation. Have put Wolfe on case and he is leaving no stone unturned in his investigation.

*JOHN HARRIMAN.*

**Shoaf's Last Letter**

The last word that was heard from Shoaf himself is in the form of a letter sent C. L. Pfiffer of the Appeal editorial staff, under date of August 12th. It is a remarkable document from the fact that it outlines the matter which he had been able to dig up during his six weeks' efforts in Los Angeles. The mere fact that he was ready to "charge Otis with the full responsibility of the "Times" explosion, naming the man he hired to destroy the building," and that he intended to proceed "with more than sufficient to warrant the immediate indictment of Otis by the grand jury" gives a motive for the murder of this intrepid investigator. Perhaps the contents of this letter in some way got into the hands of Otis' friends, and as a result Shoaf was made away with. In the letter Shoaf gives an outline of his scheme of things, and he might fall a victim to smugglers employed by Otis. The concluding paragraph of this letter will become in time a revolutionary classic. A better analysis of Shoaf's character it would be impossible to make than that by himself makes in this letter. When he says, "All that I am and have and hope to be long ago" he reveals the devotion that is the very heart of the Socialist movement. And his closing phrase, "Yours for Socialism," shows that he faltered not to the last. Following is the letter:

"Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 12, 1911.

Dear Pfiffer,—In another cover I am sending you some photographs and drawings of the "Times" building. Two of the photographs MUST be returned to you by return mail. The Appeal has no other copies.

By Monday night I expect to have my story in shape to send to the Associated Press. I hope it is a good one and will create sensation from coast to coast. In it I charge Otis with the full responsibility of the "Times" explosion, naming the man he hired to destroy the building.

The story will contain statements and facts and figures, and the relation of circumstances, more than sufficient to warrant the immediate indictment of Otis by the grand jury. As the story will shortly be with you I will not discuss it here.

At one time I expected to fall victim to smugglers employed by Otis, but I believe now I have thrown suspected ones completely off and will emerge unscathed. Of course, after the publication of my story there is no telling what these fellows may try to do. But I have a good revolver and I never go unarmed. Besides, I am not afraid, and that is nine-tenths of the battle.

I want to do the best I can at all times. This fight with me is the business of my life. All my life I have sacrificed and toiled for my ideal. I am never with my family, much so I would love to be, and more than once I have incurred personal danger in the performance of my work for the Appeal. All that I am and have today I owe to the ability and energy which I brought to the work of bringing to light the facts about the manipulation of those who told. In a word, I will serve the Appeal to Reason in giving the Appeal to Reason its due. I am dedicated to this work and I am not quitter.

Yours for Socialism,

GeG. H. SHOAF."
HELL IN CALIFORNIA

A Fake Right.

Last week'sHerald story about a letter written by Father John J. Connolly of the New York Times, Earl, is no longer
will be repeated.

The story, which appeared in the Times, was about the
traveling right between Paris and the Pope.

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Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas, August 26, 1911

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Some Moving Pictures

Purpose of a Court.

This is the story of a court, as told by the people who had been there. It is the story of how the case was tried, how the evidence was presented, and how the verdict was reached. It is the story of how the court worked, how the justice was done, and how the law was followed. It is the story of how the court was conducted, how the trial was held, and how the community was affected.

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Hong sees a Sign.

W. A. Magee, a sign painter, has been painting signs in the city for the past ten years. He has painted signs for every business in the city, and has made a name for himself as the best sign painter in the city. He is a man of the people, and he is respected by all.

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1912 Calendar

The 1912 calendar will be the greatest of all. It will be filled with the events of the year, and will be a reminder of what has happened. It will be a guide to the future, and will be a source of inspiration for all.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO

President Taft has thrown the ball. Now only he can announce the score. He has done some for the prestige of the office, but he has not enough common sense to realize the conditions of the United States.

The futility of politics in the West is best illustrated by thepopulists. Their candidates in New Mexico and Arizona have failed to realize the fact that the votes cast for them are only a protest against the policies of their political parties.

The idea of a presidential veto is an excellent one, but it has not been properly utilized by the President. He has failed to understand the true meaning of the veto power.

The veto is a great weapon, but it is only effective when used in the interests of the nation. The President should use it sparingly, but with determination, when he believes that the interests of the country are at stake.

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CROSSED WIVES.

"There's a story of a wife and her husband who lived in the same room. One day the wife came home from work and found her husband asleep. She woke him up and said, "What are you doing here?" He replied, "I'm just trying to get used to the idea of being a husband.""

The wife was very disappointed. She said, "I thought you were going to be a husband."

The husband said, "I am. I'm just trying to get used to it."