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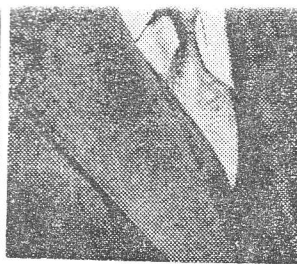
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Active until he became ill in 1956, Judge Sloss' interests were many and diverse, ranging from the mediation of labor disputes and the practice of law to participation in philanthropic programs for which he once sounded this keynote:

"Pity and compassion are the two noblest qualities in the character of man . . . In the presence of stark tragedy, it is worse than inhuman for any who is himself not actually impoverished to turn a deaf ear to appeal . . ."

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### Doubt Voiced—

Officials said they knew of no new kinds of equipment other than that previously announced—tanks, tear gas bombs, helmets, gas masks and ammunition. But they said more of these than originally agreed upon were on their way.

The implication was that the Air Force might airlift

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# Philanthropy Marks Distinguished Career

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mento, they moved here in 1861 and Judge Sloss' father became head of the Alaska Commercial Company.

Judge Sloss was born in New York in 1869 while his parents were on a trip to the East.

Judge Sloss attended the San Francisco public schools, including the old Boys' High School, now Lowell, and Harvard University, where he received an AB degree in 1890 and his law degree, plus an MA degree for distinguished work, in 1893.

After his graduation, he and the former Hattie Hecht of Boston were married, making their home here where he began the practice of law and his wife began a career as one of the city's cultural leaders.

Then, in 1900, he was elected to the Superior Court bench, where he remained until 1906, when Governor Pardee elevated him to the State Supreme Court. Justice Sloss was then only 35, the youngest man to hold the position.

Judge Sloss remained an Associate Justice of the State's high tribunal until 1919 when, in March, he resigned to return to the practice of law in San Francisco.

He was active in the affairs of the firm of Sloss & Eliot, with offices at 351 California St., until his illness. Two sons, Frank H. Sloss and Richard L. Sloss, both prominent in civic affairs, are members of the firm.

In the early 1920's, he was a leading figure in the formation of the Community Chest, forerunner to the United Community Fund of San Francisco, and was the organization's first budget committee chairman.

From 1930 until 1950 he served as a trustee of Stanford University and at the time of his death held the distinction of trustee emeritus.

Throughout his life, Judge Sloss was active in Jewish affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Jewish National Welfare Fund and its

president for 15 years. In 1936, he was a member of the national committee that raised \$3,500,000 for overseas relief and rehabilitation.

During the depression, Judge Sloss' humanitarianism found many outlets, including service as chairman of the San Francisco Emergency Relief Commission and chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Unemployment Relief Bonds.

In World War II, despite his years, Judge Sloss undertook a number of activities, including the first chairmanship of the National War Labor Board's regional advisory committee.

In addition, Judge Sloss was a member of the American Law Institute, a member of the Board of Governors of the California State Bar and a trustee of the San Francisco Public Library.

He held memberships in the Society of California Pioneers, the Stock Exchange Club, the Concordia-Argonaut Club, the Bohemian Club and the Family Club.

His active life was summed up on his 75th birthday when he found himself the surprise guest at a St. Francis Hotel luncheon. Walter A. Haas, speaking for the Jewish National Welfare Fund, said:

"It is hard for us to believe that man so active both physically and mentally could have piled up such an impressive number of years.

"Judge Sloss, to me, and to all assembled, is, above all people, the embodiment of tolerance—that tolerance every one is so quick to demand for himself and so slow to extend to others."

Judge Sloss is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Hecht Sloss; two sons, Frank and Richard Sloss; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Sloss Kuhns; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be conducted by Halsted & Co. The family has suggested contributions to the M. C. Sloss Fund at Stanford University.

Firm Hand Set  
To Quell Rioters

BY PRESTON GROVER  
PARIS, May 17.—(AP)—

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# Louis Sloss, Civic Leader, Dies at 59

## Death Follows Operation

Louis Sloss, prominent San Francisco business and civic leader, died in Franklin Hospital yesterday of complications following an abdominal operation. He had been in apparent good health until two months ago.

Mr. Sloss, whose family has long figured with distinction in the history of San Francisco's growth, was born fifty-nine years ago in this city, the son of the late Leon and Bertha G. Sloss. His father was president of the Northern Commercial Company and the Alaska Commercial Company.

### Stanford Grad—

Educated in the local public schools, Mr. Sloss received a degree in mechanical engineering at Stanford University in 1915. Following his graduation he was associated for a few years in an engineering capacity with the Great Western Power Company. From 1923 to 1929, he was secretary of Columbia Steel Company. In 1930 he became vice president and director of H. S. Crocker Company, Inc.

Although remaining a director of the Crocker firm, he resigned as vice president June 1 to become vice president and secretary treasurer of the Shanzer Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of agricultural machinery.

### Many Activities—

Outside his business interests, he was active in numerous civic affairs. He was a past campaign director of the Jewish Welfare Fund, a director of the San Francisco Hearing Society and for many years participated in activities of the California Historical Society.

In the mid-thirties, during his tenure as president of the Printers Board of Trade in San Francisco, he was a strong advocate of a far-sighted attitude toward the labor situation.

He often praised the employer-employee relationship in the

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printing industry, suggesting that if other unions enjoyed the same attitude, the city's labor situation would cease to exist.

Typical of his great love for San Francisco and California and everything related to the progress of the State was an incident during a tour of the East. He found it almost impossible to buy California wine in New York restaurants or hotel dining rooms.

On his return, he complained that eastern distributors were buying California wine and bottling it bulk under their own label. As a result, his observation set in motion a campaign which subsequently resulted in helping immeasurably the State's vineyardists and the industry in general.

It was typical of his interest in virtually every phase of progress in his city and in the State.

### FOUGHT FOR PROGRESS.

Countless times, he made similar contributions of his talent and energy to causes that advanced progress of all kinds.

No civic duty was too big nor too small.

In 1939, at a time when his business and welfare activities seemingly extended 'round-the-clock, he served as a member of the Federal grand jury here. Again, it was another example of his often expressed belief that every citizen should do his share, in the service of his community as well as his country.

Through the years, he had a tremendous gift for friendship. Countless friends, here and across the State, will mourn his death.

In 1918, while in training with the Army Air Force in the East, he married his wife, the former Margaret Koshland, member of an equally prominent Bay area family.

He is survived by her, three children, Louis Sloss Jr. of Portland, Mrs. William L. Lowe of Woodside, and Mrs. Edwin Cohn, currently of Ankara, Turkey, where her husband is on duty for the State Department, and by his sister, Mrs. Lloyd S. Ackerman of San Francisco.

Mr. Sloss was a member of The Family, the Concordia-Argonaut Club, the Olympic Club and the Presidio Golf Club.

Private funeral services will be conducted from the Halsted & Co. Mortuary, 1123 Sutter Street.

### Taft's Son to Wed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.— (AP)—Horace D. Taft, 27 year old son of Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican of Ohio, obtained a license yesterday to marry Mary Jane Badger, 22, New York City. They will be married here next Tuesday in St. John's Episcopal Church.

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