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THE CAPTURED ITATA.

Question as to Whether She Has Violated the Neutrality Laws.

CREDENCE GIVEN TO THE REPORT THAT SHE HAS NOT.

No Likelihood that the Officers of the Itata Will Jeopardize Their Liberty by Returning With the Vessel to San Diego—Secretary Foster Calls in $3,000,000 of Deposits From National Banks.

(Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, June 5. — Secretary Tracy says the next step will be to send the Itata back to the United States to stand trial. There is no expectation that the officers and crew of the Itata will jeopardize their liberty by returning with the vessel to San Diego, and in fact, as it was reported from Mexico that the commander of the insurgent warship Esmeralda acted as captain of the Itata as far as Acapulco, there are at least good reasons why he should not return to the United States.

In official circles it is believed the Itata is not likely to suffer heavily as the result of her escapade. Credence is given to the story telegraphed from Chile that the vessel took the contraband arms and ammunition from the Robert and Minnie outside of United States jurisdiction. If this is true, the offense against the neutrality laws is minimized, and it is very doubtful if a case would be made out against her in the present state of uncertain construction of the law.

There is little doubt that she can be held on other charges, such as contempt of court, in sailing away while under injunction, kidnaping the Marshal, and sailing without clearance papers. But these are minor offenses, whose punishment is likely to take the shape of fines.

The only dispatch received at the Navy Department to-day from Admiral McCann, at Iquique, was correcting the statement as to the location of the Itata when the arms were transferred to her from the schooner Robert and Minnie. This transfer took place off the San Clemente Islands, a few miles from the coast, instead of at San Diego Harbor. The location of transfer may be of importance in determining the question of jurisdiction of the United States Court.

According to a dispatch received to-day the Itata surrendered 5,000 rifles. What has become of the rest of the cargo of the Robert and Minnie? The latter vessel, according to the information received at the Treasury Department at the time she sailed from San Francisco, had 200 cases of rifles and 200 cases of ammunition on board. The impression prevails here that the Itata transferred the bulk of her cargo to the Esmeralda when the two vessels met off Acapulco, and that the turning over of 5,000 rifles is merely a bluff.

OFFERS OF MEDIATION.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Mail advices from Chile state that it has been announced by Government officials that the offers of the United States and France to act as mediators in the present struggle have been accepted, and a conference between both parties and the mediators will shortly be held in Santiago. The men chosen by Balmaceda for this delicate affair are said to be Eulogio Altamirano and Balisario Pratt. On the side of the insurgents, Pedro Moutt, Carlos Walker, Donaso Vermera and Melchior Concha have been selected.

A DISCREDITED REPORT.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The account which came from San Francisco yesterday of the naval engagement in Valparaiso harbor is received with incredulity at the Navy Department. Such facts as are officially known seem to discredit the story.

The engagement is reported to have taken place on April 28th, in the presence of foreign men-of-war.

Admiral McCann was there on that date on board of the Baltimore, yet in the report to the department on the next day he failed to mention any such event.

In addition to this the department officers say they have no doubt that if an engagement with such pronounced results has taken place, the news would have been promptly telegraphed to the United States, instead of taking the slower course of mail steamers.

THE ITATA UNFIT FOR SEA.

IQUIQUE, June 5.—The machinery of the steamer Itata is in a bad state and will require some days to put it in order again. The Junta alleges that arms and ammunition having been transferred to the Itata near the Island of San Clemente, the American law was not violated and is making strong representations to the United States Government with a view of getting possession of the munitions.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

Secretary Foster Calls in National Bank Depositories.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The net surplus in the Treasury to-day is $5,000,000. To increase this surplus Secretary Foster has called in $3,000,000 of depositories from national banks. The call reads: The Secretary of the Treasury has this day called upon a number of national bank depositories to transfer to the Sub-Treasury a portion of the amount of public moneys held by them, and not needed for the transaction of public business. These banks, which are mostly known as 'surplus' banks, had been notified by the late Secretary Windom, and had previously transferred the amount of two calls made by him. The amount to be transferred on or before June 30, 1891, under this call, is about $3,000,000. It is probable that other calls may be made from time to time on these national bank depositories until their holdings shall have been reduced to about the amount necessary to be kept therein for the proper transaction of current business."

SECRETARY FOSTER TALKS INFORMALLY.

NEW YORK, June 5.—In company with Murat Halstead Secretary Foster last evening visited the Union League Club in Brooklyn. At a subsequent reception he spoke in an informal way. He said, in part: "Our Democratic friends have had a good deal to say of late about a billion-dollar Congress. Every move we make our Democratic friends seem to think indicates poverty in the Treasury Department. Recently I thought it wise and prudent to propose an extension of the 4½ bonds. The Treasury Department is abundantly able to pay these bonds when they mature. In view of the fact that $50,000,000 in gold has been exported within a short period of time, I deemed it unwise to do anything just now to decrease the volume of currency in the national banks. My prediction to-day is that these bonds may be extended, and at the rate of 2 per cent. interest will bear a premium, a condition of credit that exists nowhere in the world beside the United States."

World's Fair Agents.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—It is agreed that the Government will defray the actual traveling expenses of five agents to be selected by Director-General Davis for duty in connection with the admission of foreign exhibits for the World's Fair.

Colonel Davis received a telegram this morning, notifying him of the death of his mother at Boston, and he arranged to leave for there immediately.

The Corwin Ordered to Behring Sea.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Acting Secretary Spaulding's instructions to the commander of the revenue steamer Corwin at San Francisco, to prepare that vessel for a trip to the Behring Sea, are in anticipation of an agreement by all countries interested for a closed season in the seal fisheries.

Explosion on the Cruiser Concord.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—News was received at the Navy Department to-day that an explosion occurred yesterday on the new cruiser Concord, which was on her way to Norfolk. The steampipe burst, causing the death of a fireman and coal-heaver. Several other persons were injured.

Coal Production in Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The Census Bureau bulletin on the subject of bituminous coal production in Pennsylvania, shows the output 36,174,089 short tons in 1889—nearly double that reported by the tenth census. The total value of the output is given as $27,953,215.

In the Fight to Stay.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The friends of Congressman Bynum contradict the report that he has withdrawn from the race for the Speakership. They say that he is in the race to stay and that his vote in the caucus will surprise the other candidates.

San Francisco Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The contract for the extension and alterations in the mailing-room of the San Francisco postoffice was to-day awarded to W. H. Wickersham on his bid of $7,958.

LONDON GOSSIP.

BALFOUR'S POLICY REGARDING THE CRIMES ACT.

All Provisions Directed Against Criminal Conspiracy to be Withdrawn.

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LONDON, June 5.—Balfour's proposal to relax the Coercion Act will not be explicitly announced in the Commons until next week, but enough is known as to what the Government intends to propose to justify the Conservatives in feeling some little pride over the results of Balfour's policy. All the provisions of the Crimes Act directed against criminal conspiracy will be withdrawn, whilst the other provisions, notably the secret inquiry section, will be retained. Balfour's first statement that there are 3,019 prisoners in Ireland who were sentenced under the Crimes Act, has been the occasion in the Unionist press of telling contrasts with the coercion policy under Gladstone, when the prisons were full.

In the face of prison statistics, and in the face also of the fact of absolute peace in every district in Ireland, and the cessation in the press and on the platform of expressions of discontent, the Gladstonian will find it difficult to respond to the Unionists' plans. The accepted Liberal explanation is that the pacification of Ireland is due as much to the Gladstone policy of conciliation as to Balfour's coercion. These explanations ignore the Gladstonian predictions when the crimes bill was under discussion in Parliament. Doubtless a number of causes operated to associate the Balfour regime with the steady cessation of disorder, but his administration has seen the National League broken to pieces, the plan of campaign collapse, and coercion suspended after four years of operation.

Gladstone's latest utterances of home rule is his writing to the Women's Liberal Federation that the Irish crisis is as acute as ever, and home rule is a fixed plank of the Liberal platform, as certain as ever, but that the Irish questions are asleep, as far as electoral interest goes with quiescent Ireland.

The land bill is still largely to occupy the House for a week. Balfour has sent a message of peace and good will to the evicted tenants in excepting the clause enabling the landlord to sell, holding over the head of the man in possession to the evicted tenant or his predecessor that the evicted tenant can claim a preemption right, and will only be able to benefit by the clause within six months after the Act passes, but the provision saves from ruin many victims of the plan of campaign.

The baccarat revelations have stirred to the depths the whole religious world. The news that the Prince is a habitual gambler, taking supplies of cards and counters wherever he goes, has blasted every chance of the Nationals granting him relief for his debts. The leading Baptist organ compares the Prince's taste for the race-course and gambling with the noble example of his father, who, if living, would share the grief of thousands of Englishmen.

BRIEF NOTES.

T. C. Snider and D. E. Keating will leave for the North to-night with their racing stables.

An inspection of the city sewers was made yesterday afternoon by Health Officer Nichols and Street Commissioner McLaughlin.

The six carloads of running colts shipped for New York from the Rancho del Paso some days ago, have been heard from. They arrived safely at Chicago.

Last Tuesday evening Misses Kate and Maggie Fitzgerald launched a new pleasure boat, called the Star and Garter, belonging to the Knights of the Garter Club.

At 6:10 o'clock this morning there will be a partial eclipse of the sun, lasting forty-eight minutes. It will not be visible to newspaper men and other sleepyheads.

On Thursday T. H. Douglass, a brakeman on freight train No. 5, had one of his hands caught while coupling cars at Blue Canyon. The hand was badly bruised and lacerated.

Yesterday afternoon James Ryan was arrested by officer Simmons. He had two pairs of ladies' shoes in his possession, and they await an owner at the station-house.

On Thursday the children of the kindergarten school at Twenty-third and K streets were given a picnic at East Park. They were taken there and returned free of charge by R. S. Carey.

J. P. Melchoir is lying dangerously ill at his home on the bank of Sutterville Slough, where it would be difficult for a cast-iron lion to hold its own against the disease-breeding sewage.

A young lady named Miss I. Lee, residing at 2309 G street, has been suffering from hysteria since Wednesday, resulting from a nervous shock occasioned by having her teeth operated on by a dentist. The latter thinks that the hysteria is not the result of the administration of an anesthetic.

Yesterday the funeral of Mrs. Charles Askwith took place in this city. The lady, with her husband and four children, removed from here a short time ago to Fresno, where Mr. Askwith has been employed in the railroad shops. Her death occurred there last Tuesday. A large delegation from the Molders' Union attended the funeral.

EASTERN HAPPENINGS.

Haggin's Firenzi Meets With a Serious Mishap.

IT MAY CAUSE HER RETIREMENT FROM THE TURF.

Harvard Students Fined by Court for Keeping Liquor in Their Rooms—A Californian, Being Taken for the "New Messiah," Meets With a Rather Exciting Experience in Kansas City—Trial of Chinese for Evading the Immigration Laws.

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NEW YORK, June 5.—Haggin's Firenzi, the queen of the turf, the best loved mare that has raced in this country since the day of the peerless Miss Woodford, has met with a serious injury that will prevent her from starting in the Suburban and may retire her forever.

It was Mat Byrnes' intention to start her to-morrow in the New York Jockey Club handicap and on Thursday she was sent on the track to do her final trial. In a gallop she struck herself below the knee and pulled up a little lame. The injury was not regarded as serious at the moment, but the lameness increased rapidly and on a careful investigation it was found that the cannon bone and tendons were badly bruised. The leg has "filled" and it is believed that a small piece of bone was chipped off. If such be the case, and there is scarcely any doubt of it, Firenzi's racing days are over.

Haggin intended sending her to the Rancho del Paso with Salvator, but Byrnes begged hard to be permitted to keep her just one year more on the turf, and finally gained his point. She was taken up late, and was receiving a slow preparation for the Suburban, for which she would have had a great following. She was a thorn in Colonel Pulsifer's side. Tenny's chances in the Suburban are brighter a hundred fold.

Dr. Hall, the veterenarian, and Byrnes will not admit that the grand little mare is hopelessly gone, but good trainers say that she will never race again.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

A Californian Has an Exciting Experience in Kansas City.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Schweinfurth, the Rockford "Messiah," who had been worrying the people of Kansas City so much of late, left there last night for Chicago, and incidentally A. McCartney of California, who much resembles Schweinfurth, and who was traveling East with his daughters, had a very exciting experience.

He had been observed about the city yesterday, and quietly trailed by some people, who supposed him to be Schweinfurth, and when he started for the Kansas City depot last night with his daughters word quickly spread about that Schweinfurth was leaving town with two Kansas females. A crowd of infuriated citizens hastened to the depot, and when the McCartneys arrived in a carriage, a rush was made for them.

Mr. McCartney was considerably surprised at the hostile demonstration, but promptly whipped out a young cannon and ordered the crowd to stand back. He then explained to them whom he was, whereupon one of the leaders of the mob told him they had confounded him with Schweinfurth, and the crowd dispersed.

All this time, it is said, Schweinfurth was snugly encouched in a berth in a sleeping-car, listening to the tumult outside.

THE IMMIGRATION LAW.

Ingenious Way in Which Chinamen Evade Its Provisions.

NEW ORLEANS, June 5.—Many Chinamen pass through this city each year, in transit from China to Cuba. They are practically in bond. They are kept on the cars of the railroad while here to prevent them from running away. The Treasury Department suspected that some of them did not go all the way to Cuba. The Inspector arrived several days ago, and made himself acquainted with the Chinamen in town. Meanwhile a consignment of Chinamen for Cuba reached here from China, by way of San Francisco, and when they boarded the steamer Aransas, bound for Havana, the United States Inspector examined them, and at once declared that several of the men were New Orleans Celestials. An investigation proved this to be correct. It seems that several of the Chinamen in bond had determined to stop over here and settle in this country, and had changed places with the domesticated Mongolians, the latter receiving from $150 to $200 to act as their substitutes. The investigation further proved that this practice had been going on for years. A regular brokerage business in substitutes has been going on here. The substitutes were compelled to surrender the money paid to them, and were arrested for violating the laws.

COLLEGE FRACAS.

In Consequence of Which Many Bandaged Heads Were Visible.

BELOIT (Wis.), June 5.—There was much excitement to-day over a fracas of college and academy students last night, which resulted in an incipient riot. The senior academy class was to have an annual banquet, which occasion for years has been the cause of more or less of a muss. Usually members of the banqueting class are kidnaped by other classes or otherwise detained from participating in the festivities.

Last night some of the college and academy men made a charge on the banqueting class. One student was shot inside by another, but the wounds are not dangerous. The windows were broken where the supper was being served. The toast-master was taken from his home to the banquet-hall under guard of the police. There were several bandaged heads at the recitations to-day. It was the roughest event the college boys ever engaged in here.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

The Supply of Evaporated Peaches and Apricots Very Small in the East.

NEW YORK, June 5.—The supply of evaporated California peaches and apricots in first hands is down to very narrow dimensions. One commission firm, in a position to know, asserts that New York, Philadelphia and Boston have not over five carloads, all told, outside of jobbers' hands; the peaches remaining in commission merchants' hands consists chiefly of bagged fruit, the better grade, and 10½ to 11c, is considered a close value. At the present time the holdings of apricots are of boxed fruit, a fine quality, for which 13½ to 14c is asked. Odd lots of prunes are offered at rather low prices, and there is some pressure to work small-sized raisins off at the lowest prices of the season. Several parcels of two-crown stock have been sold at 90c@$1 per box this week, and there's still some offering at inside figures. Choice three-crown loose fairly hold their own. Layers are not doing relatively as well.

A COLLEGE SENSATION.

Students of Harvard Fined for Having Liquor in Their Rooms.

BOSTON, June 5.—This morning thirty prominent students of the Harvard members of the Alpha Delta Phi Club, whose rooms were raided by the police this week and large seizures of liquor made, were fined $65 each in a Cambridge court. Among the culprits were Arthur J. Cummock, Captain of the university football team, and First Marshal of the coming class-day exercises; Dudley S. Dean, Captain of the university nine; also, Class Officer James A. Lowell, son of Judge Lowell; James Wendell, Jr., a poet, and one of the society men of the college; Bennie Trafford, the well-known full-back of the football team and first-baseman of the university nine. The second raid was made to-day on the club-room of the Zeta Psi Society, where about half a gallon of liquor was seized.

Will Not Entertain Harvard Students.

BOSTON, June 5.—J. Reid Whipple & Co., proprietors of Young's Hotel and the Parker House, two of the largest and best-known hotels in Boston, have notified the Faculty and under-graduates of Harvard University that hereafter no party of Harvard men will be entertained at those houses. This is the result of the little exhibition that the members of the Institute of 1770, one of the Harvard's swell organizations, made of themselves last week. They kept every guest of the Parkers awake all night and nearly killed a waiter, and were finally ejected by the police.

General Schofield Will Wed.

CHICAGO, June 5.—General John M. Schofield, Commander of the Army of the United States, visited army headquarters this morning, and smilingly admitted to General Miles that the report that he was soon to be married to Miss Georgie Kilbourne of Keokuk, Iowa, was true. The wedding will be solemnized at Keokuk on June 18th.

Ran Into a Tornado.

JEFFERSONVILLE (Ind.), June 5.—The Indianapolis and Louisville fast train ran into a tornado near Crothersville last night. The engine of the train swayed fearfully, and the passengers were panic-stricken. The train was running nearly fifty miles an hour, and it is believed its speed saved it from being wrecked.

Charged With Robbing Mails.

LITTLE ROCK, June 5. — A *Gazette* Waldo (Ark.) special says: Ex-Mayor J. P. Johnson, J. T. Faulkner and Ed. Waller, the most prominent citizens in town, were arrested to-day by a United States Mail Inspector, charged with robbing the mails at McNeil on March 16th.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

W. C. Goode has removed to San Francisco.

Colonel Creed Haymond is sojourning at Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beaton of Auburn are at the Capital Hotel.

Freet F. Strother of San Francisco is registered at the Capital Hotel.

Drs. G. L. Simmons and W. R. Cluness returned from the Bay yesterday.

W. M. Coward, the Woodland real estate man, is at the Capital Hotel.

Miss Bessie Crouch of Sacramento is visiting Miss Ella Bender of Carson, Nev.

Miss Katie Weller of Coloma, El Dorado County, is visiting friends in Sacramento.

J. A. Fillmore, General Superintendent of the Southern Pacific Company, will arrive from the East to-day.

Congressman McKenna and wife will pass through the city on this evening's overland train, en route East. They expect to return about the middle of September.

Mrs. H. Love and Mrs. G. W. Daugherty, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flumer of Sacramento, have returned to their home in Jackson, Amador County.

A special train will leave San Francisco this morning for Eschol, Napa, where Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brown will celebrate their golden wedding by giving a dinner, to be served in a tent on the lawn. A large number of friends will attend, returning in the afternoon. Mr. Brown has resided in Napa Valley for thirty-five years.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: S. R. King, M. S. Bendett, Syracuse, N. Y.; F. E. Bates, San Diego; T. Binford, Iowa; J. E. Moore, agent for "Mr. Barnes of New York"; I. Simsheimer, New York; Alex L. Garrow, Stockton; J. B. Cooley, St. Joe; L. Robinson, Geo. P. Stoddard, New York; W. A. Ross, A. C. Roam, Chicago; L. Jacobs, Miss Seno Jacobs, San Bernardino; Albert E. Kennedy and wife, Philadelphia; E. E. Whaley, N. S. Keith, John D. Stange, James Gartlan, William A. Bernheim, J. J. Scanlan, San Francisco.

Arrivals at the Capital Hotel yesterday: W. H. Hood, W. N. Coward, Woodland; H. T. Lufkin, Walnut Grove; E. Wolfskill and wife, Mrs. J. B. Wolfskill, Winters; E. D. Wenban, J. T. Sheridan, Santa Cruz; Norman Beaton and wife, Auburn; James O'Neil, city; J. L. Hanson, Ontario, Cal.; Miss Frinni and two sisters, Fleet F. Strother, Miss Hattie McDonald, F. J. Tyrell and wife, Thos. Wilson, wife and child, San Francisco; J. F. Sheridan, Dan Long, Lew Hardie, Joe Cantillion, Henry Youngman, Wm. Garfield, George Stephens, Henry Hines, John Cahill, Ira Phillips, N. O'Neill, Oakland baseball club.

The Weather.

The Signal Service temperatures at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. yesterday were 54° and °80, while the highest and lowest were 84° and 51°, with fresh southerly winds and a cloudless sky.

There was an appreciable precipitation yesterday in Washington, Oregon and on the coast of California as far south as Eureka.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 87° and 52°, and one year ago to-day, 90° and 59°.

Auctions.

Bell & Co. will sell at auction to-day, at 10 A. M., a fine lot of furniture, household goods, horses, buggies, etc. The sale takes place at the salesroom, 519 J street.

On Wednesday next W. H. Sherburn will sell to the highest bidder the north quarter of lot 5 in the block bounded by N and O, Sixth and Seventh streets, together with a two-story brick house of modern construction.

The Babel Divorce.

The divorce case of Lini Bable against Frederick Babel, came up before Superior Judge Van Fleet yesterday, on Mrs. Babel's petition for $100 per month alimony, pending the hearing of the suit proper. Babel contested the demand, and pleaded poverty. The court finally ordered that Babel pay his wife $25 per month until further notice.

Collision on the Front.

Stephen Little, driver of the Ashland Dairy's milk wagon, was delivering milk at Front and N streets last evening, when a team owned by an Italian gardener named Marco, which was running away, ran into Little's vehicle. Little's wagon was badly wrecked, but nobody was hurt.

The profits of the late spring racing meeting amounted to $800, which will give the Turf Club a good send-off next season.

DOUBLE FRATRICIDE.

Terrible Deed of a Young German Near Waterville, Wash.

HE SHOOTS TWO OF HIS BROTHERS TO DEATH.

A Prominent Mining Man Murdered and Robbed Near Salt Lake City—Fatal Cutting at San Francisco—The Head Clerk of a Real Estate Firm Leaves for Parts Unknown, Taking With Him Several Thousand Dollars Belonging to His Employers.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SPOKANE (Wash.), June 5.—Passengers in from Coulee City bring additional particulars of the double murder near Waterville Wednesday. Four brothers named Von Bremen, Germans, young and unmarried, occupied two homesteads fifteen miles northwest of Waterville, on the Columbia River. Two of the brothers had lately arrived from Germany. The murderer was named Robert. He committed the crime with a shotgun, and is still at large. The remaining brother, who can speak very little English, carried the news to a neighbor, who rode that night to Waterville.

The Sheriff left at midnight with a posse in pursuit of the murderer, but so far nothing further has been learned from the scene.

It is known that John and Jake had been on bad terms for some time and would have nothing to do with each other. The partition of their stock had been one cause of contention.

Peter, the surviving brother, said that Henry was plowing and had in his team a horse which belonged to Jake. The latter came after his horse and a quarrel ensued, during which John rode up on his horse. Peter, who was not far distant, heard a number of shots fired and went up to see what was the matter. He found two of his brothers dead or dying and the third standing near.

Jake told Peter that he had killed his brothers, and was going away, never to return, and directed him to go and tell Mr. Downey of the affair. The murderer then mounted his brother John's horse and rode away. A shotgun and revolver were left on the ground. Every barrel of each weapon had been discharged.

Jake's horse came back Thursday morning, and his brother thinks he committed suicide. It was learned that Jake was wounded when he left.

GONE TO A HEALTHIER CLIME.

A Real Estate Clerk Departs With the Firm's Funds.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—It has been discovered that Benito Fernandez, head clerk in the office of H. P. Moreal & Co., real estate agents, disappeared about a week ago, and that there is a shortage in his accounts. As soon as Fernandez disappeared his employers discovered that he had recently collected rents which he had failed to hand over to the firm, and had also appropriated money intrusted to him for the purpose of paying interest. The amount of the defalcation is not known yet, but it is said to be several thousand dollars. It is also said that Fernandez was married recently, and has taken his bride with him.

LURED TO HIS DEATH.

A Prominent Mining Man Murdered in Utah.

SALT LAKE, June 5.—Ed. Callahan, a well-known mining man, was murdered early this morning on the road south of this city. He had been out to the roadhouse with a sporting woman, and she says that while returning a masked man stepped out into the road, fired three shots at Callahan, and dragged him from the buggy. When she drove back, after quieting the horse, Callahan's body lay dead in the road, his pockets turned inside out.

He is known to have had $600 on his person. The woman is suspected of being a confederate, who lured the man to his death.

Methodists of the Pacific Northwest.

PORTLAND, June 5.—A large convention of representatives of Methodists from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, which has been in session here for three days past, under the Presidency of Bishop C. H. Fowler, adjourned to-day. The convention was held in the interest of the Protestant University, and considered general questions of higher education in the Northwest. Before adjournment a resolution was adopted providing for a commission consisting of twenty ministers and laymen from the field represented and three Methodist Bishops, to unify the educational interests of the church in the Pacific Northwest.

A Physician Missing.

MARYSVILLE, June 5.—Dr. L. C. Crossman of Brownsville left home on Sunday, May 24th, and came to Marysville with the intention of purchasing some furniture for his new house. When leaving home he said he would return on Tuesday, the 26th, and when he arrived in this city he stayed, as was his custom, at the United States Hotel. He left the hotel on Tuesday morning and went to San Francisco. As he has not been heard of since his family has become very anxious about him, as when he left home he had no intention of going to the city. The doctor is about 55 years of age.

San Francisco's School Census.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—The School Census Marshal has about completed his report. This year there is a gain of 1,312 children over last year, there now being enrolled 62,456. This is the largest increase in any one year that has been noted for a long period. There are 934 Chinese children, as against 907 last year, and 248 negroes, as against 244 last year. The gain in white boys and girls is 1,281. There are 24,037 children under five years of age. This, added to the children of school age, gives a total of 86,493. There are 38,145 children attending the public schools.

Fatal Stabbing Affray.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—Late this evening Jack Ratto, once messenger in the Coroner's office, was fatally cut by William Raymond. Ratto has been living with a woman named Brinkman for some time. A short time ago he met Raymand, whose acquaintance he had made in the County Jail, and took him home with him. Soon the woman and Raymond became intimate, and forced Ratto to leave the place. To-night he went back for his clothes. He and Raymond quarreled over them, ending in the cutting.

Returned to His Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—H. L. Conkling, the grocer who has been missing from home since Tuesday last, returned this morning from Hanford. His family state that his mind has been somewhat affected at times, owing to blows from a sand club, at the hands of a foot-pad four years ago, and that his aimless trip to Hanford occurred during temporary aberration.

The Will Broken.

SANTA ROSA, June 5.—The contestants in the matter of the will of Dr. J. B. Smith, were victorious. The case was on trial for four days before a jury. The property involved amounts to upwards of twenty thousand dollars. The will was broken on the grounds of the incapacity of testator and undue influence exercised by H. H. Atwater.

Hale Murder Trial.

MERCED, June 5.—The testimony in the Hale murder case to-day was confined to identifying the boot prints from the Middleton house to the gate at the residence of Hale, the prisoner. Kelly, who owns the ranch adjoining that of Hale's, testified that he found fresh tracks fitting Hale's boots perfectly.

Boy Drowned.

MARYSVILLE, June 5.—This afternoon several boys were wading in the backwater of the Feather River, south of Yuba City, when one of them, named Grant, about 14 years old, stepped into a hole and was drowned.

Willows Election Fraud Case.

MARYSVILLE, June 5.—Arguments in the Willows election case were made for the defense by General Chipman and A. L. Hart. The case will probably reach the jury to-morrow night.

Nomination for Mayor.

PORTLAND (Or.), June 5.—The Citizens' Committee this afternoon nominated a ticket to be voted for at the city election on June 15th. W. S. Mason was named for Mayor.

Michael Davitt.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5. — Michael Davitt and wife arrived to-day. He is undecided how long he will remain on the coast.

IS IT MURDER?

GHASTLY FIND THIS MORNING IN A BURNED BUILDING.

Evidence Tending to Show That a Dastardly Crime Has Been Committed.

Evidence of what has probably been a brutal murder was discovered at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Shortly before midnight an alarm of fire was turned in from box 51. The fire was on Sixteenth street, between H and I, and was the cottage owned and occupied by John Olsen, an aged man who has for some years been a street-sprinkling contractor. The building was completely gutted before the fire department subdued the flames.

GHASTLY FIND.

After the fire was extinguished a fireman, in rummaging about in the wreck, found the charred and smoking remains of a man in what was the dining-room of the house.

The Coroner was notified and Deputies Fenton and Clarence Clark, accompanied by a RECORD-UNION reporter, hurried to the scene.

Upon examining the remains it was found that the right side of the skull had been crushed as if struck by a hammer or some heavy instrument.

The police were then notified, and Captain Lee and Officers Ferral, Lowell and Snook were soon there and investigating.

WAS IT OLSEN?

John Olsen has occupied the house alone for a long time. Last Wednesday, however, he left the city, saying that he would return either yesterday or to-day. He left the place in charge of Joseph Lathem, a former employe.

Lathem was seen at the house yesterday afternoon and it was at first believed that it was he whose remains had been found. Inquiry at Lathem's residence, at Eighteenth and P streets, however, proved that it was not him, he being found there enjoying a sound sleep.

It was then agreed that it must have been Olsen himself—if he returned home last evening, as it was expected he would.

The police and those who were on the ground this morning, were fully convinced that the man, whoever he was, had been murdered, and the house afterward set afire. Everything indicates that such was the case.

Olsen was known to be in rather affluent circumstances, and he may have been murdered by robbers.

MUST HAVE BEEN DEAD.

Just woen the fire broke out Hugh M. Larue, Jr., who resides near the Olsen cottage, rushed over to the house, and, tearing off the shutters of the dining-room, called out loudly if anybody was within. He received no answer. At that time the flames had not gained much headway, and if there was anybody within who was alive, Larue's call would have been heard—particularly as he shouted into the very room in which the body was found.

Some persons say they heard a noise, as if there had been an explosion, just as the fire started, and it is possible that the unfortunate individual, whoever he was, lost his life in this manner, but it is doubtful. It was generally agreed by the police that the man's skull had not been crushed by falling timbers, as most of the scantlings were not harmed by the fire, and besides there were none heavy enough in the building to have caused such a wound.

When the RECORD-UNION went to press Captain Lee and his men were still investigating the matter.

ON THE TURF.

A Jockey Seriously Injured at the Westchester Track.

WESTCHESTER (N. Y.), June 5.—Between 7,000 and 8,000 persons attended the races to-day. In the first race George Taylor had the mount on Bellwood. In the second break the horse got his fore legs crossed and pitched forward. In trying to arise he struck Taylor on the head with his hoof, inflicting a painful wound at the base of the skull. In the fourth race Judge was odds on favorite and ran a good race, but his weight told at the end, and Frontenac beat him in 1:47, within a second of the record.

Six furlongs, Leveler won, Dalzyrian second, Sequence colt third. Time, 1:12¾.

One mile, Vordee won, Joe Courtney second, Atlantic third. Time, 1:41¼.

Five-eighths of a mile, Anna B. won, Natalie second, Marina third. Time, 1:00¾.

Mile and a sixteenth, Frontenac won, Judge Morrow second, Woodcutter third. Time, 1:47.

One mile, Picnicker won, Montana second, Laureston third. Time, 1:40¾.

Six furlongs, Merry Monarch won, Arnica second, Hyacinth third. Time, 1:14¼.

Dispatches received from different parts of Lower Austria, Moravia and Hungary, report tremendous damage done in the wine-growing districts of those sections by storms.

THE BACCARAT SCANDAL.

It Outrivals Theatrical Attractions in Point of Interest.

BUT THE SCENES ENACTED LOWER THE DIGNITY OF THE COURT.

Sir John Macdonald's Condition Rapidly Growing Worse — His Death Looked For at Any Moment—The Behring Sea Closure Bill Passes the Commons—England Not Pledged to Defend Italy in Case of an Attack by France.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, June 5.—All exhibitions, theaters, musical entertainments and other such attractions have been fully eclipsed, shadowed into almost complete neglect by the interest which has been taken in the great baccarat show which has been presented throughout the week at the Queen's Bench Division of her majesty's High Court of Justice. The court has been crowded daily with the "smartest" Londoners, those who were able to obtain the necessary "season tickets," and the familiar criticisms of the English newspapers to the effect that there is considerable lack of dignity in the United States courts has been so weakened that they should never again be reviewed in the face of the fashionable display of luncheon exhibitions and other scenes witnessed during the progress of the baccarat case.

Lady Coleridge, wife of the Lord Chief Justice, has been seen each day seated on the bench at the right hand of her husband, entertaining her numerous circle of friends, laughing and talking when she has not been writing notes for her husband, and sending them around the court with the same freedom as if she had been at a garden party. Sir Charles Russell was obliged more than once to suspend his examination of the witnesses on account of the lack of decorum displayed in the court.

In this, the fifth day of the trial of the famous baccarat scandal suit, there was a repetition of the scenes witnessed during the previous days. The cross-examination of Mrs. Lycett Green was resumed. Edward Clarke had the young lady go again all over the grounds he covered yesterday.

After some further questions Mrs. Arthur Wilson, mother of Arthur Stanley Wilson, was called to the stand.

Mrs. Wilson, when asked by Sir Charles Russell as to whether she had seen Cumming cheat, replied with great emotion: "Yes, unfortunately, there is no doubt about it."

Mrs. Arthur Wilson said she was present at Tranby Croft, in the room where baccarat was being played, September 6th. She distinctly recalled her son Arthur looking at her with a puzzled expression on his face, and that he afterward made a "horrible communication" to her. It was to the effect that he had seen plaintiff, Cumming, cheat while playing cards. Witness then repeated in detail the evidence which had already been given as to the manner in which the Baronet cheated.

Lord Coventry followed Mrs. Arthur Wilson into the witness-box. His testimony covered all that gone over by the other witnesses. Coventry said General Williams and he told the plaintiff, after the accusation of cheating had been made, that Lycett Green and one of the gentlemen who had witnessed the acts complained of, had announced a desire to be confronted with Sir William. "But," added the witness slowly, "plaintiff did not express any desire to meet Mr. Green, or to be confronted with his accusers." The earl produced a note-book, in which he had entered memoranda of the principal events which tood place at Tranby Croft in September last.

Sir Charles Russell read the entries referring to the baccarat scandal which had been made there by Coventry. It was soon seen that the account in the book agreed in all the main particulars with the evidence already presented upon behalf of defendants. The memoranda closed with the words, "Was induced to recommend this course in order to avoid scandal, and in order to keep the Prince of Wales out of it. I concluded I had done my duty to society, so far as the case permits, by insisting that the accused shall never play cards again."

This concluded the case for the defense, and Sir Charles Russell, in behalf of the defense, addressed the jury.

Sir Charles, in his address, severely scored Sir William Gordon Cumming. He asked how the plaintiff's conduct could possibly be considered consistent with innocence. The defendants had been blamed for not at once publicly exposing Sir William Gordon Cumming, if he was really detected in cheating, but the jury would admit that it was too much to suggest that men, honorably believing themselves to be acting as the plaintiff's friends, should be treated as coming into court and not believing him guilty because they did not issue against an unmerciful edict of irrevocable condemnation. Could anything be imputed to witnesses to justify the assumption that they were not credible? He had not known in his experience five witnesses who gave such concurrent evidence which was so absolutely untouched by cross-examination.

At the conclusion of the address the court adjourned to Monday next.

PROTEST FROM THE METHODISTS.

CARDIFF, June 5.—The Methodists of South Wales have adopted a resolution expressing regret at learning that the Prince of Wales took part in the game of baccarat at Tranby Croft. It adds: "We respectfully submit to his royal highness that by his conduct he offends the religious sense of the people and draws the royal house from the high position in which it stood, and tends to lessen that loving and devoted affection to the throne which has ever been cherished by us."

England Not Pledged.

LONDON, June 5.—Relative to the letters published in the Paris *Figaro* to the effect that England has given a written pledge to send a fleet to protect Italy against an attack upon the part of France, Ferguson, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, to-day denied that England is pledged to the defense of the interests of Italy.

Irish Land Bill.

LONDON, June 5.—In the debate on the Irish land bill in the Commons last evening, Russell, Irish Liberal-Unionist, offered an amendment giving the benefits of the bill to tenants evicted within the last five years. The amendment was accepted by Balfour and later by the House.

Catholics in Prussia.

BERLIN, June 5.—The lower house of the Prussian Diet has adopted a bill restoring to Catholic clergymen the stipends formerly allowed by the Government, but which were withdrawn under the operation of the Kulturkampf.

Behring Sea Closure Bill.

LONDON, June 5.—The bill providing for the issue of an order in council prohibiting the taking of seals in Behring Sea by British subjects passed the Commons, notwithstanding some opposition to it.