

PROSPECT OF TROUBLE.

Renewed Activity About the War and Navy Departments.

WILD RUMORS FLYING ABOUT THE CAPITOL.

Young Naval Officers in Fear of Being Ordered to Chilean Waters - The Cruiser San Francisco Anchored in the Stream - Admiral Brown Confident That She Will Give a Good Account of Herself if Trouble Ensnues With Chile.

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-URATOR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. - Around the State, Navy and War Departments to-day nothing was talked about but the prospect of the war with Chile. It is very evident from the precautions taken by the officials of these departments to prevent any news leaking out that some important news has been received from Minister Egan, and from the activity around the Navy Department it is pretty certain that our Government is preparing to make a sort of demonstration in Chilean waters. The officials of the War and Navy Departments go tip-toeing about with sealed lips, and the grave looks on their faces are portentous of troublesome times. Despite the precautions taken by the departments, some of the employees have been talking in a way to arouse apprehensions. The young naval officers of Washington society are living in fearful expectation of having to renounce their pleasant times in Washington society and ship for Chilean waters. All sorts of rumors are being spread about. One is to the effect that Minister Egan was a victim of violence in the streets of Santiago yesterday. A Navy Department official, who was in the State Department to-day was surrounded by correspondents and pressed for news of the immediate situation concerning the Chilean situation. After a good deal of importuning, he informed the correspondents that there had been fresh information from Chile, and that there was really "good prospects for trouble."

CRUISER SAN FRANCISCO. - The United States cruiser San Francisco arrived from the Marechal Ney yesterday morning and anchored at the wharf. Admiral Brown came ashore shortly after the vessel anchored and visited the United States officials. He and his staff had quite a long conversation with the officials at that place. Inquiries were made at the office regarding the immediate situation, and the reporter was informed that no orders, sealed or otherwise, had been received for the San Francisco. She is ready, however, to receive any orders, and as soon as the department wants her they have her at their disposal. Admiral Brown said it made little difference to him where the vessel was sent, but she was to enter Chilean waters for the purpose of fighting, he was not at all afraid to say that the vessel would give a good account of herself. He has plenty of fight in her. It is known that the San Francisco is heavily provisioned for a long cruise, and that she has a large, while an exceedingly large amount of coal is stowed away.

THE ENTIRE CARGO WAS STOLEN ON Monday taking in an immense quantity of the less than 200 tons stowed away in the ship's magazines. A large portion of this is labeled for the Charleston, and this will be transferred to that vessel just where to the south. To-morrow the San Francisco will still be in the bay. The latter vessel at some Central American point, probably Acapulco, where the ammunition was transferred, and both ships could proceed to Chile together. This is further borne out by the fact that the Charleston's mail is held here for the San Francisco. The crew is elated over the prospects of having a brush with Chile.

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charitable objects. At one time he owned considerable property on the Yuba River, in California.

AN UNWELCOME PASSENGER.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22. - The Rock Island train from the east came in to-day with a dangerous lunatic in the toilet-room of one of the coaches. He refused to come out. Train Master Blair, with the assistance of a porter, undertook to take him out, whereupon he pulled a knife, which he sheathed in Blair's leg. Blair then concluded to lock the door of the private room and leave him alone. Two policemen were called in to assist Blair. He gave the name of Thomas E. Harris, a laborer of San Francisco, who was returning home from a visit to Boston.

THE LATE WILLIAM FLORENCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. - The last World prints a partial fac-simile of the secret proclamation issued by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America to subordinate temples, which, it is claimed, disproves the charge that Florence abandoned Masonry some years ago, as it shows he died in full fellowship with the order. Last night he was proclaimed to the dead member. The Roman Catholic dignitaries were satisfied of the contrary, and accorded him the full funeral rites of the church.

BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22. - In the Circuit Court suit has been instituted by Miss Nellie Thompson, who demands \$20,000 damages from Arthur Russell for alleged breach of promise. Both parties are of middle age and the plaintiff is well known to society in Evanston, while Russell is said to have large mining interests in the State of Washington. Last night it was asserted that he is now out there, also that it has been discovered he is already married and that his wife, having heard of his infidelity, proposes to apply for a divorce.

KANSAS SENATORSHIP.

TOPEKA, Dec. 22. - Governor Humphrey indignantly denies the rumor that he will resign and allow for Lieutenant-Governor appoint him Senator to succeed Plumb. Ex-Governor Crawford, Joseph W. Ady, United States District Attorney, and Taylor Hudson, editor of the Topeka Capital, are mentioned as candidates for the vacancy. Governor Humphrey says he is in no haste to make the appointment.

HURRICANE IN IOWA.

MARSHALLTOWN (Ia.), Dec. 22. - A storm having all the elements of a summer hurricane struck this section shortly before 9 o'clock last night, causing much damage. The house of Andrew Oleson of this city was blown down and burned. Oleson was caught in the wreck and so badly injured that he will die. Many barns and buildings were demolished and trees uprooted.

UNION PACIFIC TAXES.

OMAHA, Dec. 22. - The Union Pacific this morning obtained a temporary injunction restraining the city of Omaha from collecting taxes on the property of the road. The petition alleges that the city has already received an assessment to the State Auditor, and the collection of taxes by the city would be a double assessment.

DELSARTE'S DAUGHTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. - Marie Gerald Delarte, eldest daughter of the great teacher of expression, arrived here today. She will devote herself during the stay in America to night, causing much damage. The house of Andrew Oleson of this city was blown down and burned. Oleson was caught in the wreck and so badly injured that he will die. Many barns and buildings were demolished and trees uprooted.

TROUBLE MAY ENSE.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22. - The order to be issued by General Manager Merrill of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company, to the effect that conductors will on and after January 1st have to give \$500 bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, is meeting with strenuous opposition, and there are fears trouble will ensue.

SCARLES WILL CASE.

SALEM (Mass.), Dec. 22. - Counsel for Timothy Hopkins has filed a motion for a delay in the issuance of a commission to take the depositions of Newman and other prominent witnesses in the Scarles case. The delay was asked for several days on account of the absence of Timothy Hopkins from the State.

WELL-KNOWN HORSEMAN DEAD.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Dec. 22. - Colonel R. S. Strader, a well-known horseman, died to-day of pneumonia. He was Vice-President of the Trotting Horse Breeders' Association for a number of years, and in 1877 Senator Stanford made him Kentucky agent of the Palo Alto Farm.

ACCIDENT IN A PENNSYLVANIA MINE.

SHAMOKIN (Pa.), Dec. 22. - Slope No. 2 of the Lake Fidler colliery is choked with thousands of tons of rock, which fell with a mighty crash to-night. Anthony Sacha was in the chamber and may be killed. Some think a couple of night miners were also guilty.

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AUBURN'S CITRUS FAIR.

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A Dispute Between Chinese Vegetable Gardeners at Knight's Landing Results in a Fatal Shooting - Decided Meteorological Disturbance Over Central Washington Which Will Likely Terminate in a Visitation of Rain in California.

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-URATOR.

AUBURN, Dec. 22. - A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Courthouse last night, at which the citizens of this city endorsed the action of the County Board of Trade in reference to the State Circus Fair. The committees appointed by the board were approved and other committees appointed. The exhibition promises to be more general than at any previous Circus Fair. Arrangements are being made for daily excursion trains from Sacramento and Marysville. Space has already been asked from Humboldt, Solano, Yolo, Butte, El Dorado and Nevada Counties. A committee has been appointed to correspond and get the National Press Club to stop off at Auburn. Everything indicates a grand success.

MAY EXPECT RAIN.

The Storm Up North Heading for California. - SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22. - The Signal Service says there is a decided disturbance over Central Washington this evening that has given excessive rains in Western Washington and high winds in Eastern Washington. It has also given light rains in extreme Northern California. The severity of the storm was not heralded by this morning's reports, and its advance from the ocean to the north-western coast rapidly. The effect of this, should it be detected southward, would be to give a precipitation of heavy rain over the Northern California, Nevada and Utah.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22. - A heavy wind and rain fell in torrents for several hours, and the streets rose rapidly. The telegraph wires were prostrated for a time, but were recovered before midnight. No serious damage has been reported to shipping, but it is feared a number of vessels have been lost on the coast.

WILL CONTEST.

Walker's Heirs Get a Verdict in Their Favor. - CASA GRANDE (Ariz.), Dec. 22. - The Walker case, which has been contested in the District Court during the last two weeks, closed yesterday. The jury returned a majority verdict this morning for A. J. Doran, representing Walker Bros. and other heirs, against the widow of John H. Walker. The contest was for the administration of the Walker estate, valued at over a quarter of a million dollars. The heirs claimed that Walker was killed by the explosion of a mine at Casa Grande on September 15, 1887. The widow's attorneys filed a motion for a new trial. They propose carrying it to the highest court.

BUTTE COUNTY TEACHERS.

CHICO, Dec. 22. - The twenty-fifth annual session of the Butte County Teachers' Institute commenced yesterday, to continue four days. General John Bidwell addressed the Institute yesterday afternoon, welcoming the teachers. Last night Professor Griggs, of the Stanford Jr. University, delivered a lecture to the Institute in the Normal Hall. To-night the Chico teachers tender a reception to the Butte County teachers at the residence of Mr. J. Barnard. Over 100 teachers from all parts of the county are present.

TRouble Arising Over a Love.

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 22. - Charles Lucke has been arrested and charged with a deadly assault upon George Bihman. These parties have been engaged in both legal and personal encounters for some months past. The trouble arising out of the fact that Bihman wants to maintain the levee which cause water to stand on Lucke's land. An order of the court move the levee. Bihman refused to move the levee. Lucke used a pair of iron jaws to let Lucke use the draining ditch.

CASUALTIES OF THE WEST COAST WRECK.

MENDOCINO CITY, Dec. 22. - Following is a list of the drowned in the West Coast wreck: First Officer, Tanlander, married; Chief Engineer, James Morrison, married; Second Engineer, Edward Morrison, married; Steward Edwin Wilson, married; all residents of San Francisco; Chief Mate, Charles H. Brown, of San Francisco; Seaman Archie Stewart, of England; Alexander Overman, Finland; Bernard Anderson, Sweden.

SNEAK THIEVES AT CHICO.

CHICO, Dec. 22. - Sneak thieves entered the residence of W. J. Pulliam yesterday afternoon while the family were away, and stole a new suit of clothes, two silver watches, three gold rings and \$8 in silver. In their hurry to get away, they left the vest and coat, the pocket of the former containing a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles, a gold ring and a gold scarf-pin, which the thieves evidently had stolen elsewhere.

FOUR BUSINESS BUILDINGS BURNED.

MONROVIA, Dec. 22. - A fire at 2 o'clock this morning consumed four of the largest business buildings and their contents. Large W. Wheeler's furniture store, A. Holdeman's dress shop and M. Adams' and Adair's meat market and carriage repository were totally destroyed. The Johnson block was partly burned. The loss is heavy on all, and there is but little insurance. The fire was caused by a defective flue in the harness shop.

A CHINAMAN KILLED.

WOODLAND, Dec. 22. - Coroner Bean last evening received a telegram to come to Knights Landing immediately and hold an inquest on a Chinaman that had just been killed. It appears that Sing Fat and Jim Sing, who were partners in a vegetable garden about two miles below Knights Landing, had got into a dispute over some financial matter, when Jim Sing shot and instantly killed Sing Fat.

FIRE AT FORT BRAGG.

MENDOCINO CITY, Dec. 22. - A fire started in the Donohue Opera-house, at Fort Bragg, this morning at 4 o'clock, totally destroying the Kimball Hotel. Ward's barber shop, St. John's jewelry store, Leiser & Sternberg's store, the

banking institution of H. A. Weller & Co., Keichum's saloon and McMullen's saloon. The insurance and cause of fire are unknown.

FRESNO BRIEFS.

FRESNO, Dec. 22. - United States patents were filed here to-day granting the Southern Pacific Company 366,888 acres of land, in accordance with certain Acts of Congress, passed in 1874. Another solid train load of twenty cars of raisins left for New York to-day. Each car contains 20,000 pounds, 1,400,000 pounds all.

THE DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

VACAVILLE, Dec. 22. - There has been a good deal of excitement here over the trial of Thomas Buckley, who was arrested in Winnemucca recently and brought back on a requisition. He was charged with having ruined Emma J. Pyle under promise of marriage. After a long examination the defendant was discharged.

OREGON WHEAT CROP.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. - The Oregon Weather Bureau has collected statistics of the crops of the State for the year 1891. Wheat reports represent 637,000 acres, which show an average yield of twenty-four bushels per acre, making a total yield of over 15,000,000 bushels.

AB DOO WANTED IN OREGON.

SALEM (Or.), Dec. 22. - Governor Penney has issued a requisition on the Governor of California for a warrant of arrest for Ab Doo, who is wanted at Portland for the murder of a Japanese woman last spring. Ab Doo is at San Francisco.

A CARPENTER'S TERRIBLE FALL.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. - W. E. Russell, a carpenter employed on the new Oregonian building, fell this afternoon, down the elevator shaft, a distance of 140 feet. Nevertheless, he proves that he is not as old as he is thought he has received no fatal injuries.

BARN BURNED.

BRENTWOOD (Cal.), Dec. 22. - A barn belonging to the late W. E. Russell was burned this morning. Loss, \$700; no insurance.

PUGILISTIC.

MYERS AND CARROLL FIGHT AT NEW ORLEANS. - The Latter Defeated in the Forty-third Round - Sullivan and Slavin May Meet.

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First round - Carroll feinted with his left, and Myers dodged. Second round - Carroll landed a heavy left on Myers' ear and another on the stomach, receiving a light return. Third round - Myers landed a heavy right on Myers' nose, nearly upsetting him. In the seventh round Carroll landed a heavy left on Myers' nose, nearly upsetting him. Myers landed a heavy body blow, driving Myers to the ropes. In the eighth the men clinched, being separated by the referee. In the ninth Carroll landed a right on Myers' nose, and another on the ear. Both exchanged heavy rights and lefts, then came to a clinch. In the tenth Myers landed a heavy right and left on Myers' nose, and both men fell in the rally.

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