

BANK ROBBER CAPTURED.

Made Three Attempts to Burglarize a House at Azusa.

THE CASHIER WOUNDED BY A SHOT FIRED BY AN OFFICER.

Daring Robbery Perpetrated in the Heart of the Business Section of San Francisco While the Street Was Crowded With People—A Resident of Los Angeles Shoots Himself With Suicidal Intent.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—Details of an attempted robbery at Azusa have just been received. The bank there was entered a week ago Friday night and an attempt made to open the safe failed. The robber took a satchel lying on the counter containing money to pay the Azusa Valley Fruit Association, which was left in the bank by the President.

At the time of the first entrance, Book-keeper Anderson, sleeping in the rear room, heard the noise. He had no revolver and did not come out. The robber entered the bank again Saturday night and secured nothing. Last night Cashier Daniels and Bookkeeper Anderson, sleeping in the rear room, heard the chair move that he had left at the window where the other entrances were effected. This was at 10:15. They jumped out into the bank, Daniels with a shotgun and Anderson with a revolver. The robber jumped out of the window and ran. Daniels fired at him, when the shot was returned. Striking him in the left shoulder, it ranged down and lodged under the shoulder blade.

At the time Daniels shot, Deputy Constable Tom Stevens was passing the bank, and supposing that a robbery had been committed, Stevens opened fire in the direction of the window, which shot struck Cashier Daniels. Constable Crawford ran up at this time and gave chase to the robber, capturing him. His name is Ellsworth Meyers. He came to Azusa last December from Colorado, and has been hanging around here ever since. He claims that he did not fire the shot, and the revolver he had was found with one empty shell, which he admitted to have fired. Meyers was locked up.

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DARING ROBBERY.

Perpetrated Last Night on a Business Street in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—A man robbed Franklin's pawnshop on Dupont street, between Post and Sutter, right in the heart of the business section of the city, to-night of a tray of diamonds and other goods.

The robbery, which occurred at about 8 o'clock, was a particularly bold one. The street was crowded with people, when a boy slipped up to the open doors of the pawnshop and, closing them, he slipped a key into a trapdoor on the outside and locked Franklin in. At the same time a man smashed the show window and seized a tray of diamonds, probably of the value of \$10,000. The man, bolder than the rest, seized the robber from behind. With an oath, the thief commanded him to let go, at the same time firing his pistol. The shot did not take effect, but it scared the robber and he released his hold. The robber darted to an alley near by and, mounting a horse, was gone in a few moments. The exact value of the stolen diamonds is not known, but it is at least several hundred dollars.

TRIED TO END HIS LIFE.

A Resident of Los Angeles Shoots Himself With Suicidal Intent.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Marco Hellman shot himself with suicidal intent, in the Tufts Lyons Arms Company's store, this afternoon, and inflicted a wound which it is thought will prove fatal. He entered the store about 4 o'clock, and asked for a 38-Caliber revolver. He purchased one without question, and requested that it be loaded. The loaded weapon was handed to him and he cried "Good-by, all," placed the weapon in his breast and fired, the shot taking effect in the right side of the heart. He was conscious when taken to the Receiving Hospital, and said he had shot himself because his creditors were pressing him, and he was not able to pay them. The young man is a relative of Isaiah Hellman and Herman Hellman, the latter and his wife, Mrs. Hellman, are well known in the city.

DETECTIVE HARRIS SUCCEEDS IN GETTING HOLD OF HIS PLANT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Detective Harris of the United States Secret Service returned from Suisun to-day with the plant of Giovanni Montebalmo, a counterfeiter, who was captured at Vallejo a week ago.

Montebalmo, who is a Sicilian, made a counterfeit that all the banks of Solano County took without question. He selected a cabin a couple of miles from Suisun, on the side of a gulch, for his plant, and prepared a cave on the other slope of the canyon for his workshop. The cave was difficult of access, and the entrance was so arranged that the cave had been built to hold it, even if one had known of its existence. It was reached through a hole, which had a lid covered with earth and grass. The cave was a chamber with a chimney, the outlet of which was a clump of brush.

The counterfeiter was so careful in his work that he did not even keep his plant in the cave. When he had done with it he took the molds and metal and buried them in different points, and also buried his counterfeit money. This was the manner in which he carried out his work. A bag of the stuff was found at the foot of nearly every tree in the vicinity of the cave. Four plaster of paris molds of the make were found with the metal and metal. The compound used was of antiquity, and the pieces were ready to be used.

Montebalmo was liberal with the product of his mint. He lost his money at

JONES' SILVER BILL.

Little Probability of Its Getting a Hearing in the House.

EVEN SHOULD IT BY CHANCE PASS THE SENATE.

The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures Narrowly Divided on the Question of Free Coinage, With a Possible Majority of One Against It.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The probability that the Jones silver bill will secure a hearing in the House, if it passed by the Senate, is very small. An apparently impassable barrier stands before the first step necessary to bring it before the House, the favorable report from the committee. The bill will be referred to the Coinage, Weights and Measures Committee, of which Mr. Brand, the silver advocate, is the Chairman, in the course of House routine, but, unfortunately for the silver men, that committee is very narrowly divided on the question of free coinage, with a possible majority of one against it. With a full muster of the seventeen members, there are eight to be listed on each side of the question, with Kilgore of Texas holding the balance of power. Kilgore was formerly a free-silver advocate, but has been recently thought to hold views antagonistic to free silver.

An additional factor in the balance of power is free silver found in the person of Sweet of Idaho, who is engaged in a contest for the Senate at home, so at least the silver men could only hope for a tie vote in committee. Chairman Brand says he will exert every influence in his power to secure a majority for the bill. He does not entertain strong hopes that he can secure a report on the bill. If it could be reported he could call it up as provided in the bill, and the body would be compelled to place itself on record on the silver question unnumbered by other issues, a proposition that it has not yet been called to vote upon.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Little Chance of Silver Legislation in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—At 9 o'clock to-night the Senate adjourned after a determined but fruitless effort on the part of the silver men, led by Jones of Arkansas, to pass the bill for the unrestricted coinage of silver. Jones himself made the motion to adjourn, after it had been made evident that a voting quorum of Senators could not be obtained in the Senate Chamber for an all-night session.

One of the surprises immediately preceding the adjournment was a resolution submitted by the silver men, that the active silver leaders, declaring that while the welfare of the country required the unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, yet in view of the situation of the law and the pressing demand of the appropriation bills, it was inexpedient to enter upon the consideration of the silver bill at the present session of Congress. No action was taken on the resolution, but it was regarded as significantly foreshadowing the fate of the silver bill when it comes up to-morrow.

The silver forces asserted their strength at the outset of the proceedings to-day, and they were not less active in the morning business and took up the silver bill before the regular order had been reached.

Visas of Wisconsin then took the floor for four hours, and in a carefully prepared speech defended the Administration for the recent bond contract. When the House met a quorum was present, and the session of the House was active steps were taken by the silver men to force a final vote. It was evident, however, that the opposition was ready to talk against the bill, and the debate broke through the night, if necessary, to a late hour.

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The House spent to-day in the further consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The point of order was sustained against the items for the increased enlisted force of the navy were overruled, and his amendments looking to their elimination were defeated. The committee on Naval Affairs were victorious on every test of strength taken to-day. The committee is sanguine that the increases in the amount of the appropriation bills, the determined opposition of Chairman Sayres of the Appropriation Committee, who announced to-day that he would fight the silver bill, and the fact that the bill is not yet reported, are all in its favor.

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PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBTS.

The House Committee Gives a Hearing to Representatives of the Roads.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Several members of the House Pacific Railroad Committee gave a hearing to representatives of the Union and Central Pacific roads concerning the proposition that the Government accept the principal of its debts in full payment of its claims upon the roads. A. Boissvain and Victor Morawetz, Charles H. Tweed and Sir Rivers Wilson appeared for the companies. The hearing was entirely informal.

Mr. Tweed stated that the Central Pacific people had discussed the plan since the last meeting of the committee, but considered their borrowing power was, and had come to the conclusion they could raise the required amount to pay the Government, if they could have the Government men as guarantors for the parties from whom they borrowed.

The question was raised by Chairman Wilson, who would be under this arrangement with the first mortgage bond, which fell due at the same time, and if an extension of them would not be necessary.

Tweed said that the company would be obliged to borrow for them, although it had no interest in their disposition until the debt was brought up.

Then the status of the sinking fund was discussed, and committee members argued that the Government would not be able to do its debt until the first debt was settled.

Tweed held that the sinking fund belonged to the Government absolutely, in any event, and that the company should be obliged to borrow for them, although it had no interest in their disposition until the debt was brought up.

In the course of the discussion Morawetz declared that the Union Pacific must be reorganized; that its continuance under the present charter was a mistake, and that it did not ask a new charter from Congress, as it could reorganize under State authority.

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Chairman Wilson proposed to the representatives of the companies a new plan for the settlement of their debts, which was practically a variation of the present bill. He proposed that instead of raising the first mortgage debt, and extending the Government debt should be extended, the Government should issue bonds to pay the principal of the government debt into the treasury; that the interest on the Government debt should be extended, and the principal of the government debt should be paid in installments through a period of five years, with interest at 6 per cent.

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The representatives of the Union and Central Pacific took the suggestion under consideration, and will give their views on it in a few days.

STEAMSHIP QUARANTINE.

An Editor's Wife's Efforts to Secure the Release of Her Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The steamship City of Sydney is in quarantine at Mission Rock, because a man was put ashore at Acapulco, nine days ago, with symptoms of smallpox. Among those quarantined are Colonel John Bradbury, proprietor of the Los Angeles Herald, and his wife, Bradbury's mother, brother and sister. The passengers on a trip to the Rosario mines in Mexico, accompanied by Colonel Polk, Superintendent of the mines, were also quarantined.

Colonel Bradbury went out on the customs boat to meet his relatives, and was ordered to quarantine along with the passengers, while his wife and mother and sister were naturally annoyed at the detention, and his young wife, left alone at the Palace Hotel, used every effort to secure her husband's release. Failing in this, she hired a row-boat and quietly approached the steamer.

The boat was warned off by the patrol boat, and the wife was ordered to get out. Mrs. Bradbury secured permission from the Pacific Mail officials to board the steamer, and the following day went out to the steamer. She announced her intention of sharing the exile with her husband, and is now on the steamer, which is the special guest of the Pacific Mail Company.

Hardly a Heat But That Some One Was Hurt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The second night of the bicycle tournament proved to be much worse than last night as regards accidents. There was hardly a rider left on the stage at the end of the night. Frank Fuller of the Olympic Club was the victor in the fourth heat of the half-mile Class A handicap that he may ride. The accident occurred in the last lap, and three men were banished and riding turned out. The victor was Frank Fuller, who was riding a new bicycle, and he was riding a new bicycle, and he was riding a new bicycle.

Flames Break Out at the Big Hall in the Masonic Temple.

STOCKTON, Feb. 19.—Fire broke out at midnight on the stage of the big hall in the Masonic Temple, one of the finest buildings in Stockton, and before it was discovered and an alarm turned in, the great hall was filled with smoke and fire, which were bursting from every window. The firemen had a terrible battle before them, owing to the fact that the interior of the hall was in a condition of great heat, and the fire was burning in several places. The firemen announced, however, that the fire was under control, and looks as if the building would be saved.

Important Case.

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 19.—An important case was brought to trial before the Superior Court to-day by the Riverside Fruit Exchange against C. W. Atwood. He then moved to substitute for it a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to assign as many officers and soldiers of the marine corps to active duty on the secondary batteries of the warships as he might deem necessary.

The committee rose temporarily, in order to give McMillin, from the Ways and Means Committee, an opportunity to present the conference report on the joint resolution to extend the time for making income tax returns. The report was agreed to, and the naval bill was again taken up.

At 5:10 P. M. the House adjourned.

Ross Appointed Circuit Judge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The President has nominated Ernest M. Ross of California.

SWINDLER TRUESDELL.

Wanted at Syracuse, N. Y., on Two Charges of Forgery.

WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Secretary Carlisle Sends a Reply to a Senate Resolution, in Which He Issues Bonds to Meet Deficiencies in the Revenues, Believing None Will Occur During the Present Fiscal Year.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

EMPORIA (Kan), Feb. 19.—Hartwell P. Heath, or Frank Truesdell, the swindler, who was arrested yesterday with numerous bogus drafts in his possession, and who had just attempted to pass one at the Citizens' Bank, still refuses to talk to any one. He maintains his usual self-possession, and to all questions gives the invariable answer: "See my lawyer."

Truesdell to-day received a request from the Chief of Police of Syracuse, N. Y., saying that Heath was wanted there on two charges of forgery and urging the prisoner's detention. County Attorney Simpson thinks Lyon County will not care to incur the expenses of bringing witnesses from California to convict the prisoner, but local bankers say the witnesses will be here, nevertheless, and that Heath will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

HEALTHY TO THE FUTURE.

CHICAGO'S GOVERNMENT.

Almost Absolute Power to be Vested in the Mayor.

SPRINGFIELD (Ill), Feb. 19.—There was introduced simultaneously in the House and Senate to-day a measure that, if passed, will completely reorganize the city government of Chicago. It is prepared by the Legislative Committee of the Civic Federation.

The city will be in almost absolute control of the Mayor. Instead of departments, as now exists, the Mayor will have a Cabinet similar to that of the President of the United States. It does away with the Board of Public Works, and provides for the election of one Alderman from each ward for a term of two years, and twelve Aldermen-at-large for a term of four years. The Mayor will have the power to appoint and dismiss the Commissioner of Public Safety, to be in charge of the Police, Fire and Health Departments, and the Corporation Counsel.

The salary of the Mayor is to be \$10,000 a year, the salary of the Aldermen is to be \$2,500 a year, and they will not be allowed to hold any other office. The Mayor will exercise the veto power of his Cabinet at any time, and is given absolute veto power. The Board of Control shall say in what banks the city's money shall be deposited, and shall have the right to give bonds. All franchises must be passed upon by the Board of Control, and shall be sold to the highest bidder at public auction. Purchases of land shall be made on terms which they consider will be most advantageous to the object the syndicate has in view. The building up and the improvement of the city shall be the duty of the Mayor, and he shall be held responsible for the same.

BELOMONT-MORGAN LOAN SYNDICATE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The managers of the Belmont-Morgan Government Loan syndicate issued their prospectus for the American half of the new four per cent. bonds to be issued by the Government. The syndicate is composed of the following members: J. P. Morgan & Co., J. D. Rockefeller & Co., and the National City Bank of New York. The syndicate is authorized to issue \$100,000,000 of four per cent. bonds, bearing interest from February 1, 1895, and maturing February 1, 1905. The price is 112 1/2 per cent. on the amount, and the remaining 100 per cent. on or before March 1, 1905, upon delivery of the bonds as provided in the prospectus. The syndicate is authorized to issue the bonds in any way they may deem best. At least one-half of the bonds will be allotted in London on such terms and conditions as may be provided in the London circular. Our allotments will be made within four days from date by the syndicate.

WHEELMEN'S LEAGUE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—When retiring President Charles H. Luscombe called the convention of the League of American Wheelmen to order to-day all the delegates were present. The first business was on section 15 of Article I, relative to the meeting of the division board of officers. The amendment was then substituted "on the second Wednesday in December" for "in the month of December." It was decided to leave it as it is.

It was decided to change the date of the National Assembly meeting from the third to the second Monday in February of each year.

A resolution was adopted providing that within two months after a league had failed to pay their dues, they should be dropped from the roll of the league.

An amendment by Delegate Laymond, favoring the omission in the racing rules, which provides that Class A riders shall be limited to medals, diplomas, jewelry and cycling sundries, was adopted without discussion.

When the by-laws came up for discussion President Luscombe made a motion to reduce the salary of the Secretary from \$3,000 to \$2,000, which was indefinitely postponed.

An amendment providing that one day of each national convention shall be set aside for the consideration of ways and means for the advancement of the work of road improvement in the

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GENERAL MASSACRES THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

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BOSTON, Feb. 19.—A letter referring to the massacre of Armenians, just received by a resident of this city, who, for obvious reasons does not wish his name mentioned, is of great interest, because of having been written from a part of Turkey entirely remote from that whence the letters hitherto published have come. It indicates a more important state of affairs. Under date of January 15th the writer says:

"The extraordinary quarantine precautions taken by the hitherto immovable Turk with regard to cholera, that was still far away, have now been explained by tidings that have come from Moosh. There is very strong evidence that a general massacre or a series of massacres of Christians has been understood by local governments to be the order of the day. There is an activity and energy displayed by the Government in recent efforts to compass the Christians and put off their names, and to prevent the people from a newly formed plan to be put in execution with as little waste of time as possible."

Referring to a case which came under his own notice the writer says: "A Protestant woman was assaulted by three Turks. They were tried and found guilty, but an infamously low jury, under the influence of the still more infamous government, reversed the judgment and released the guilty men."

From the state of things there is no remedy the writer says. No appeal can be made, and such crimes will become more frequent than ever. Terror and amazement have taken hold of the people to such an extent within the past few months as to become manifest even in their countenances. Attempts have been made by officers and soldiers to draw Christians into a quarrel, but have so far failed. Most of the officers are taking possession of the property of Christians and doing just as they please without regard to law or justice.

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Distinguished Attention Paid to Americans in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—President Diaz to-day received ex-United States Senator Henry G. Davis of Virginia, in the Lieutenant-Commander H. M. G. Brown of the United States Navy, executive and disbursing officers of the International Railway Commission, and party. Since their arrival they have been the recipients of distinguished attentions from the Chief Executive, who at once on their coming sent the chief of the Mexican Navy, and dispatched several of the palace coaches to bear the party to a private residence, where they were to remain.