

TRIAL AT HAVANA OF LOUIS SOMMELIAN.

The Prosecuting Attorney Makes a Strong Plea Against the Prisoner.

Insisting That Defendant Deserved a Life Sentence.

Even Though the Charges Had Not Been Clearly Proved That He Was Guilty of Conspiring Against the Spanish Government—Numerous Skirmishes Reported in the Island, in Which Spanish Troops Suffer Small Losses.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—The trial of Luis Sommelian, a naturalized American citizen, who is charged with conspiring against the Spanish Government, was continued at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Official duties prevented Consul-General Lee from being present, but he sent a representative to watch the proceedings in the interest of the accused.

After the witnesses had concluded their testimony, which contained nothing material to support the charge against the prisoner, the prosecuting attorney made a long speech that was full of patriotic Spanish sentiment. He said he despised those citizens of the United States who had enrolled themselves under the flag of a great and noble nation for the sole purpose of protecting themselves in their conspiracies against a nation with which the United States was at peace and on friendly terms.

He declared that if the material charges against Sommelian had not been clearly proved, there was a moral conviction that he was guilty, and was therefore deserving of being imprisoned for life. With much vehemence he urged the judges to remember Spain's honor above all other considerations and to decide the case according to their convictions.

The court then adjourned until Monday, when counsel for the defense will be heard.

The report that Domingo de la Garza, a Mexican citizen, had been murdered by Spanish troops in the province of Havana from Pinar del Rio. It is said that he has been ordered to proceed to the central trocha, which extends from Jucaro to Moron in the province of Puerto Principe.

The Queen Regent has conferred upon Senator Don Prudente Rabell, a prominent member of the Reformist party, and managing director of "Diario de la Marina," the title of Marquis Rabell. She has also conferred the great cross for naval merit upon the Mayor of Havana, Senator Don Antonio Quesada; the great cross for military merit upon Senator Don Jose Maria Gomez, Chairman of the Autonomist party, and the White Cross for military merit upon the correspondent of a New York newspaper whose dispatches always favor the Spanish cause, have created a decided impression in his favor among the military commanders here, who urged General Weyler to recommend to the Queen Regent that he be honored for his services in the interest of Spain.

TALKED OF REFORMS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A special to the "World" from Madrid says: The decisive stage is rapidly approaching for ascertaining the real drift in the relations between Spain and her West Indian colonies and between Spain and the United States. The king's recent visit entirely with the Madrid Government, as all aspects and the eventualities of the question have been kindly, considered, fully and frankly laid before the Duke of Tetuan and Premier Canovas very lately.

SCANDAL IN ITALY

Over the Building of the Monument to the Memory of Victor Emmanuel.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—There is promise of further scandal in Italy in connection with the national monument which is being erected to the memory of King Victor Emmanuel. The question is being asked what has become of the \$150,000 that was voted some years ago by Parliament for the purpose of building the memorial, which was to be a magnificent work of art. It was thought that this sum would be sufficient to complete the work, but it is said that the further sum of \$32,000 will be needed to complete the work as planned.

Destructive Fire at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—Fire broke out in the Anchor Flour Mill, in the mill district, at 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning. The fire was caused by a gas leak from a pipe, and for a time it was feared that the mill would be swept away by the flames. A second alarm was sent in, and the engines promptly responded. The fire started in the packing department of the Anchor Mill, and was confined to that point, through the prompt and vigorous work of the firemen, who succeeded in getting the blaze under control at 2 o'clock. The property loss is \$175,000.

Alleged Grants Another Pardon.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 9.—Governor Aligned to-day pardoned Joseph A. Jackman, a Chicago murderer, by commuting his sentence of fourteen years imprisonment in Joliet to five years, which releases the convict next month. The petition for executive clemency was signed by a large number of citizens, who claimed to believe the ends of justice would best be served by Jackman's release. The Governor gives no reason for his act.

Awarded a Gold Medal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The American Geographical Society has awarded to Captain Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., for his work in Greenland, the Colville gold medal, which will be presented at its annual meeting Tuesday evening. Mr. Peary is the first recipient of the medal for which funds were provided by the late General H. W. Cullum, U. S. A., Vice-President of the society, who followed its platform, and begin a campaign

TARIFF CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Delegates Take Action Upon the Report of the Committee of Five.

Which is an Indorsement of the McKinley Bill.

A Document to be Sent to the House Ways and Means Committee, Showing the Articles Which Affect California Interests, and Which Are in Need of Better Protection.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—A final session of the general body of the local tariff convention was held this morning at the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Hugh Craig occupying the chair.

The special purpose of the meeting was to receive and take action upon the report of the committee of five which has during the last few days been taking testimony as to what is needed to protect the interests of California products.

The report, a very lengthy and exhaustive document, was presented and read by General N. P. Chipman of the committee, who had been especially charged with its preparation.

The paper, which is to be finally sent to the Ways and Means Committee of Washington, was given the following title: "Proposed Tariff Legislation, as It May Affect the State of California."

The report proper begins with this statement: "There is probably no State in the Union so vitally concerned in a protective tariff as the State of California."

All the fourteen schedules of the Act of 1890 are to be found articles of California production more or less affected by any duty that may be placed upon like articles of foreign production.

California is immediately exposed to the competition coming from British Columbia, China, Japan and Mexico. Chinese labor is largely used in British Columbia, and practically the rate of wages is not much different in any one of these countries from that of all others.

We are also separated by long distances and two great mountain ranges from the magazines of supply in the Eastern States, thus shutting out, in some instances, domestic products from our markets, which are supplied by foreign countries having the advantage of cheaper transportation.

A little further on the statement was made that the existing tariff schedules, with a few very exceptions, every rate recommended was identical with that of the Act referred to.

Following is a list of many of the articles considered, for all of which the McKinley bill tariff rates were recommended: Wheat, corn, barley, rice, cotton, wool, sugar, coffee, tea, oil, etc.

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NATIONAL DEMOCRACY.

General Buckner Presides Over a Meeting Held at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—General Simon B. Buckner presided over a meeting of the leaders of the National Democracy at the Auditorium to-night.

On taking the chair General Buckner declared the National Democratic party inaugurated at Indianapolis should follow its platform, and begin a campaign

EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF A FRENCH STEAMSHIP.

Her Boilers Blow Up, Resulting in the Death of a Number of Her Crew.

Two of Her Officers Engage in a Duel on the Vessel's Deck.

Two Young Men Who Had Committed a Theft at Salmon Bay, Drowned While Trying to Get Away With Their Plunder—A Napa Officer Shoots and Fatally Wounds a Thief.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The steamer Newport, from Pomona and way ports, brought news this morning of the rather exciting experience of the French steamer Madeleine, which is due here from Callao, Peru, to receive repairs. She is an oil vessel, and has been plying along the South American coast.

Shortly after she left Callao for this port her boilers exploded, killing several men. The accident compelled her to put into Acapulco, where, after receiving necessary repairs, she resumed her northern voyage. About seven hours later she returned to port flying a police flag.

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On leaving Acapulco, they renewed their troubles and the report said that one challenged the other and they fought a duel on the steamer's deck.

The second officer was killed and the Madeleine's commander retraced his vessel's course to Acapulco.

The owner of the steamer was aboard the Newport, bound for this city, and a message detailing the trouble was sent to him with a request for instruction.

The owner promptly went ashore and by telegraph communicated the facts to the French Minister to Mexico, who ordered the Madeleine held at Acapulco pending an official investigation.

In the matter, as regards the offense as common murder.

DUBOIS MEN SANGUINE.

Certain He Will be Re-Elected United States Senator from Idaho.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 9.—In the Idaho Legislature the Democrats and Populists unanimously determined to caucus separately, and there is little prospect at present of the breach between them being patched up. The Dubois men are sanguine, and all indications point strongly to their success.

The Democrats have absolutely refused to support Claggett, Populist, and some of his own party have gone back on him, so that to-night he is considered practically out of the race.

Johnson is urged by the Democrats, but only a few of the Populists are satisfied with him, and it looks very unlikely that the Democrats can agree upon any candidate. Neither Angell nor Cooper, Populists, can command even the full support of their own party, all of which goes to improve the chances of Dubois.

BOLD ROBBERY

Committed by a Footpad at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Mrs. John Pettee was assaulted and robbed by a footpad even while in a hundred yards of her own home at Francisco and Leavenworth streets. The assault was one of the boldest and most dastardly that has figured in the lists of such outrages for some time. Mrs. Pettee is one of the most prominent and active workers in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. She had just stepped from a street car at the corner, when a ruffian grasped her by the throat, snatched her purse from her hand and disappeared. Mrs. Pettee was supposed to have been collecting money for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and it is believed that the thief expected a rich haul, but he was disappointed, as she carried only a few dollars with her.

RAILROADS SOLD.

The Utah Northern and the Oregon Short Line.

SALT LAKE (Utah), Jan. 9.—The sale of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway, under the consolidated mortgage of August 1, 1880, was made to-day under direction of John B. Clelan, Court Commissioner.

Samuel Carr, Walter G. Oakman and Henry G. Nichols, representing the reorganization committee, purchased the property for \$5,447,500.

BROUGHT HIS MAN DOWN.

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Whereabouts of a Former Citizen of Amador County Learned.

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LEPROSY AT LOS ANGELES.

A Large Number of Cases Discovered in the Chinese District.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—A large number of cases of leprosy are reported to have been discovered in Chinatown. The Chinese, who are usually indifferent in such cases, have become alarmed and one merchant said to-day that they intended asking the authorities to help rid them of the pest. They did not know exactly where to apply for relief, but if they decide on any action the Health Department will take charge of the matter at once and remove the affected persons to the lazaretto. The Government is establishing a lazaretto on the island along the Pacific coast.

YOUNTVILLE VETERANS HOME.

The Property to be Turned Over to the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The Veterans' Home Association held a meeting this afternoon and decided by unanimous vote to turn the institution at Yountville over to the care of the State. By resolution the association asked the Department Commander, G. A. R., to convene the annual encampment of the Department of California, G. A. R., at an earlier date than that previously set, that the department may ratify their action so that it may come with unquestioned authority before the present session of the Legislature.

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A Crowd of Visitors at the Place Terrorized From Giving Alarm Until the Bandits Had Accomplished Their Object—The Robbery Occurs Early in the Evening, the Whole Transaction Occupying Less Than Five Minutes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Three men, armed with revolvers, held up a saloon in State street, Chicago's busiest thoroughfare, at 8:30 o'clock to-night, knocked the proprietor unconscious, robbed the till of the day's receipts, walked out the front door and escaped.

The saloon was well filled with customers when the three robbers entered the place. The highwaymen walked up to the bar and ordered the bartender, Alexander Lewis, who is also proprietor of the place, to hand over the contents of the money drawer. Lewis refused, and was reaching under the bar for his pistol when he was struck on the back of the head with a revolver and fell to the floor. One of the men quickly ran behind the bar and emptied the cash—\$50—into a little sack, while the other two kept the terrorized crowd from giving the alarm. When all was ready the men backed out slowly, and mingling with the throng on the busiest part of Chicago's Bowery made their escape.

The whole transaction occupied less than five minutes.

JOE MURPHY WON.

Given the Decision in His Fight With Kearney.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Three bouts, two of ten rounds each and one of seven rounds, made up the boxing exhibition at the Broadway Athletic Club to-night. Manager O'Rourke announced before the contests began that as a matter of fact the pugilists had been examined by physicians, to see if they were in fit condition.

The star bout of the night was between Joe Murphy of Providence and Patrick Kearney of Paterson, at 122 pounds. Murphy had the best of the contest from the start, and the ringing of the gong at the end of the sixth round saved Kearney from being knocked out. At the end of the tenth round he was nearly out again. Murphy was declared the winner.

The first bout, which was between Dick Connor of this city and Joe Elms of Boston, was stopped during the seventh round by the referee and declared in favor of Elms.

The second bout, between Jack Smith, of Norfolk and Tom Hayes of this city, was declared a draw.

A RUNAWAY PASSENGER CAR

Collides With a Trolley Car, and One Man Fatally Injured.

WILKESBARRE (Pa.), Jan. 9.—An empty passenger car attached to a freight train on the Wilkesbarre and Northern Railway broke its coupling this afternoon near New Dallas and dashed down a heavy grade for several miles. When nearing Luzerneborough at a crossing, and at a frightful rate of speed, it collided with a trolley car. The force of the collision hurled the trolley car through the side of a dwelling house, and one passenger, David Smith, was fatally injured. Two brakemen were on the passenger coach, and they put on the brakes, but the chains refused to work, and they jumped to save their lives. The passengers in the electric car saw the danger ahead and made a rush for the doors. All escaped injury with the exception of Smith, who was dug out of the wreck.

JOHN O. HOWARD DEAD.

Assisted in the Capture of Jefferson Davis, the Confederate President.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—John O. Howard, who was second in command of a detachment of the Chicago Board of Trade battery which captured Jefferson Davis in Erin County, Ga., was buried yesterday. He died suddenly of a stroke of his home from a stroke of apoplexy Thursday evening.

Failed to Show and Lecture.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Captain Francis Nelson, an alleged agent of the Cuban junta, who has been recruiting volunteers in this city, disappeared under suspicious circumstances to-day. It is understood that the junta disavowed any connection with Nelson, who was billed to lecture to-night on Cuban affairs, but who failed to show up.

Suicide by Drowning.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 9.—Charles Ferris, aged 25, was found in the bay this afternoon. He lived at Escondido. After writing a farewell letter to his wife, he walked to this city Wednesday night, a distance of thirty-five miles, and drowned himself. He had been in poor health.

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