

LIEUT.-COLONEL OF THE SIXTH.

Captain Johnson Selected to Succeed Colonel Chisholm,

But Not Till After a Stubborn Contest, Lasting Many Hours.

Burglar Filkins, Who Escaped From a Deputy Sheriff at Fresno While En Route to San Quentin, Recaptured at Los Angeles and is Again on His Way to the State Prison.

FRESNO, Jan. 6.—Captain W. A. Johnson of Stockton was at 1 o'clock this (Thursday) morning elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixth Regiment, N. G. C., to succeed Colonel Chisholm, resigned. The election was the most hotly contested ever held in the regiment. The candidates were Captain Johnson and Captain William H. Cook of Bakersfield. The first ballot resulted in a tie, the vote being 13 to 13. A deadlock of several hours followed, and not until this morning at 1 o'clock was it broken.

When Captain Johnson's supporters saw early in the evening that there was a deadlock they at once telegraphed to Merced for Second Lieutenant P. Vandenhuevel of Company H, the only company officer in the regiment who was not present at the meeting. He caught the train which arrived here at 1 o'clock, and he immediately proceeded to the Armory and cast the vote for elected Captain Johnson. The keenest interest was taken in the election.

About 11 o'clock the officers began to discuss a compromise. The discussion became quite acrimonious at times and Lieutenant Colonel Hay, who presided, had to call Major Grant to order for using violent language. Captain Johnson became indignant and wanted to quit, saying that he was not receiving fair treatment. He claimed to be entitled to the election, because of being the senior officer of the two aspirants.

Captain Cook's supporters offered to give Johnson the Lieutenant-Colonelcy if, when Colonel S. S. Wright resigns in the spring, as he has announced he would, the southern part of the valley would be given the Lieutenant-Colonelcy. But the southern part would make no promise, and all efforts to reach an agreement were futile.

Lieutenant J. D. Jones of Company F then announced that Colonel Wright would not resign, as he has stated he would. Fresno will retain the regimental headquarters until his term expires, and not till then will Lieutenant Colonel Johnson have an opportunity to become commander of the regiment.

The voting was confined closely to battalion lines. The officers of the First Battalion were sold for Johnson, and those of the Second stood solidly for Cook. There are twelve officers in each battalion. Colonel Wright cast the thirteenth vote for Cook, while Major Grant and Major Whitmore were for Johnson, making fourteen votes.

BURGLAR FILKINS.

The Escaped Prisoner Recaptured, Now En Route to Prison.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Burglar C. W. Filkins, who escaped from Deputy Sheriff Barnhill at Fresno on the night of December 19th while en route to San Quentin, has been recaptured, and is again on the way to State Prison, in the custody of Sheriff Burr.

The Sheriff conjectured that Filkins would try to rejoin his mistress, Frances Melendez, in this city, and the woman was closely watched. Filkins could not keep away from his mistress, and was this evening recaptured in a lodging house at No. 214 Wilmington street by a posse of Deputy Sheriffs.

GOOD ROADS LEAGUE.

The New Board of Directors Holds Its First Meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The new Board of Directors of the California Good Roads League held its first meeting to-day. J. L. Maude is president, with J. L. Maude as Secretary.

Among the speakers were F. L. Vassault, Seth Mann, Charles A. Adams, George A. Polk and G. M. Francis of Napa.

Encouraging reports were made as to the work of the organization, and it was determined to proceed with renewed vigor. The membership of the league is drawn from all parts of the State, and while politically non-partisan, it will support for the Legislature only candidates who pledge themselves to the good roads work.

BLTYHE ESTATE.

The Work of Carving It Up Has Begun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—A large number of attorneys appeared before Judge Seawell to-day to assist in carving up a portion of the Blythe estate. The representative creditors of Kate C. Byrne, formerly Kate C. Perry, the step-grandmother of Florence Blythe-Hinckley, under an agreement with the young heiress, Mrs. Byrne has a 10 per cent. interest in the estate. The amount to be awarded Mrs. Byrne from the Blythe estate is still somewhat uncertain. She claims the estate to be worth \$5,000,000, and asks 10 per cent. of that amount or \$500,000. Florence is unwilling to pay this amount. She estimates the value of the estate at \$2,800,000, and offers to pay 10 per cent. on that amount, or \$280,000.

BOUND FOR ALASKA.

Over Two Hundred Passengers Sail on the Corona.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—The steamer Corona sailed for Alaska to-night with 225 passengers and every foot of freight space taken. Among the passengers who embarked here were two United States army men bound to Skagway as an advance guard for the

Government in the relief expedition work. They will journey across the trails with the intention of reconnoitering to handle the expedition on the trails. The men are from the Presidio Barracks, San Francisco, and would not give their names or the exact nature of their orders. One of them said that the Government intends to establish stations along the trail for the convenience of the resting and feeding of the men and animals of the expedition. These stations are, he says, to be about fifteen miles apart.

Superintendent Trowbridge of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, announced to-day that his company will have five passenger steamers in the Tacoma-Alaska trade shortly after the 1st of February. He says that the company would also have a number of freight steamers in the same trade.

The names of the new fleet are: The Queen, the Victorian, the Cottage City, the Curacao and the Al Kl. The company is the only vessel that the company now has in the Alaska passenger trade that will remain there after February 1st. These boats and those of other lines will give a departure from Tacoma for Alaska every few days.

The Queen has a carrying capacity of 500 people in the saloon and 300 second class. The greater part of her time is in the Tacoma-Alaska trade during the summers, and is especially fitted for the carrying of large parties in luxurious style.

RELIEF SUPPLIES.

Will Soon be on the Way to the Yukon Country.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS (Wash.), Jan. 5.—Captain D. L. Brainard in charge of the Government Klondike relief expedition to-day opened proposals for furnishing supplies to be delivered at the head of Lynn Canal, Alaska, February 1st. A large number of proposals were received from Pacific Coast points and elsewhere. The award has not yet been made, but will be published as soon as determined.

The Government pack train for the expedition assembled here is now complete, with the exception of four additional packers. It consists of 101 pack animals, 9 horses and 1 packer, in charge of Lieutenant C. H. Preston and J. A. Ryan of the Ninth Cavalry. As soon as the supplies purchased by Major Jacobs a few days ago are received, Captain Eldridge, Lieutenant Clark and fifty selected men of Company H, Fourteenth Infantry, will be ready to proceed to Alaska.

Telegraphic instructions have been issued from the War Department detailing Captain Rubien, Assistant Quartermaster of Fort Riley, Kans., to take charge of the transportation branch of the expedition which will be ready to proceed from here by the 12th inst.

RANDBURG RAILWAY.

The Road Completed and the Line in Operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The new Randburg Railway running from Kramer, on the line of the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad, to Johannesburg, in the heart of the new mining district in the Mojave Desert, is completed and in operation, and the Southern Pacific Company has joined with the new line and the Santa Fe in a joint freight tariff. The opening of the road has caused the abandonment of the stage from Kramer and Mojave, by which all supplies have been carried to the new mining district since the gold excitement started a little over a year ago.

Invitation to President McKinley.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met this afternoon, and in common with other similar organizations, passed resolutions extending to President McKinley an invitation to attend the trans-Mississippi Commercial Convention to be held at Wichita, Kan., in the fall of 1898. Senators White and Perkins have introduced a committee to extend the invitation to the President in person.

John W. Horn Missing.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—September 21st last John W. Horn left San Francisco for Tacoma with a letter of credit for \$25,000 issued by a San Francisco bank, since which time nothing has been heard of him. Horn was a returned Klondiker, and a letter to-day from relatives in Eldon, Ia., suggests that possibly he has been murdered. The police at San Francisco and Sound cities have been unable to learn anything of him since he stepped on the northbound train.

Farmers' Institute.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—The third and last day's session of the Farmers' Institute was devoted to reading and discussing papers on the San Jose scale and the handling of milk. Max Melberg, of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, talked to the farmers about the establishment of a Produce Exchange in this city. The sessions have been well attended throughout the meeting.

Outlook for a Soaking Rain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The long-expected rain began falling this evening, and though not heavy, there is a steady downpour. The wind and other conditions are favorable for a continuation of the storm. The outlook is for a soaking rain, which, if it extends over the coast, will be of great benefit to the farmers and fruit-growers.

Sentenced to be Hanged.

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—Henry Craemer was to-day sentenced to be hanged March 25th for the murder of Mrs. Phillip A. Muller and child. This third time that sentence of death has been passed on Craemer. Craemer's only hope now lies in Governor Rogers.

Murder Charge Dismissed.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—The charge against T. J. Golden, accusing him of complicity with Patrick Savage in the killing of William Roche at San Pedro on October 15th, was dismissed to-day, because of lack of sufficient evidence.

Webb's Trial Continued.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—The trial of School Director Walter L. Webb for alleged extortion before the Board of Education was continued to-night until Monday night, owing to the death of the wife of his attorney.

A Death at Sonoma.

SONOMA, Jan. 5.—Robert Hall, aged 75 years, died here to-day. He will be buried at San Jose Friday.

Butterworth's Condition Improved.

THOMASVILLE (Ga.), Jan. 5.—Dr. McIntosh reports Mr. Butterworth's condition improved to-day. He recovered consciousness this morning for the first time since he was attacked with uremic convulsions on Monday, and has been conscious all day.

SENOR CANALEJAS COLDLY RECEIVED.

Was Hissed on the Streets of Santiago de Cuba.

Spanish Believe That He Will Advise Spain to Abandon the Island.

General Segura Declines to Remain in the Field, in Spite of the Appeals of Generals Blanco, Parrado and Pando, Declaring That He Does Not Wish to be Responsible for Future Development of the Disgraceful Spanish Rule.

HAVANA, Jan. 5.—Senor Canalejas was coldly received at Santiago de Cuba. The Spanish refused to tender him a banquet, and he was hissed on the street. It is understood that the position taken is due to the fact that he is the editor of "El Heraldo de Madrid," which has violently attacked General Weyler. It is reported that his impression regarding Cuba are pessimistic, and that he will advise the Spanish Government to abandon the island.

To-day General Blanco, General Parrado and General Pando called upon General Segura at the Hotel Florida to induce him to remain in the field. He refused. He does not wish to be responsible, he declares, for the future development of the disgraceful Spanish rule in Cuba.

General Segura is an intelligent and honest fighter, and is wholly disgusted with General Pando's method of campaign. He says Pando spends more money in greeting autonomy than in fighting insurgents, and adds that in his opinion Cuba is lost to Spain, unless the Government sends General Polavieja or returns General Weyler. The latter he considers out of the question, because Weyler was relieved of his command at the request of Washington.

General Segura also believes war inevitable between Spain and the United States, and that the pretext for it will be the filibuster expeditions. He is carrying out the orders of General Gomez not to allow grinding, and they set fire to the cane fields wherever possible, from one end of the island to the other.

The insurgent General Ducassé in sight of Bahia Honda, with 600 men. Troops headed by General Pando, and Senator Marcos Garcia, civil Governor of Santa Clara, reports that 800 reconcentrados died in this city during December last and over 1,000 in November. He predicts that about the same number have died during the present month.

Consul-General Lee to-day called upon General Blanco with regard to the distribution of food and relief to the reconcentrados in the Province of Santiago de Cuba.

The report of the death of the insurgent leader Luis Delgado is believed to be unfounded. He is believed to be in the German Hills, where he was summoned by General Alejandro Rodriguez. There has been an alarming spread of malarial fever at Puerto Principe, both among the inhabitants of the city and in the reconcentrados. No fewer than 2,500 persons have been affected by the disorder.

ACTOR RATCLIFFE.

Likely to be Prosecuted on the Charge of Bigamy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The argument on the application for a certificate of conviction of Actor Ratcliffe for wife beating, was on again to-day before Justice Dickey in the Supreme Court of Brooklyn. Should the certificate be granted Ratcliffe would be released on bail pending an appeal to the higher courts.

Assistant District Attorney Lloyd says that the Grand Jury will be asked to indict Ratcliffe on the statement of Caroline Ravelhill of London that she married her in 1883, and deserted her and her baby in September, 1888.

Caroline Ravelhill testified on his own trial for beating Alice De Lacey Ratcliffe that the latter was his only wife.

District Attorney Gardiner has cabled to London asking Caroline Ravelhill to come to New York and appear as a witness against Ratcliffe.

GENERAL YEATMAN-BIGGS.

The British Commander on the Frontier of India Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—According to a special dispatch from Peshawar, Major-General Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, in command of the second division of the Tirah expedition in the northwest frontier of India, died on Thursday of dysentery. The news is confirmed from various sources.

Major-General Yeatman-Biggs was a son of the late Harry Farr Yeatman of Manston House, Dorset, and was born in 1813. He entered the army in 1830, and was a Captain in 1874, a Major in 1880, Lieutenant-Colonel in 1882, Colonel in 1886 and Major-General last year. He served in China in 1862, during the South Africa war in 1879, and with the Egyptian expedition in 1882. In 1878 he assumed by royal license the additional surname of Biggs. He was created a Companion of the Bath (military) in 1891, and from 1895 had commanded the Residency of the District of Bengal. Some of the most effective

work of the British forces on the northern frontier of India during the campaign against the rebellious tribesmen had been done by the troops of the Second Division. The most brilliant exploit of the punitive expedition was the storming and recapture of Dargal Ridge, on the Samana range, by the Gurkhas and the Gordon Highlanders of the Yeatman-Biggs brigade last October.

CLIPPERTON ISLAND AFFAIR.

No Difficulty Attending the Hauling Down of the Flag.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 5.—A high official of the Department of Foreign Relations said to-day regarding the Clipperton Island incident:

"The sending of the gunboat Democrita on a visit of inspection to portions of the Mexican territory was a fact attended with no conflict or difficulty with the individual Americans found there, and in no event could that visit have given rise to international questions, inasmuch as the occupation of the islands, if occupation it be called, was the act of private persons having no official character."

"The American flag was found flying there, but the Americans themselves, on hearing from the lips of Mexican officers that the island was Mexican territory, hauled it down and placed the party of Mexicans to run up the flag of this country without the slightest opposition, either in fact or in word."

"There was no ill-feeling or bitterness between Americans found on the island and the expeditionary party. On the contrary, nothing but good will and friendly disposition was displayed on both sides."

"The claim made in behalf of France by 'La Liberté' of Paris is regarded as a canard. France never held the island."

CLUBBED TO DEATH.

A White Woman Murdered by a Seminole Indian.

WICHITA (Kan.), Jan. 5.—Mrs. Julia Leach, a white woman, was murdered by a Seminole Indian yesterday evening four miles east of Maud, Oklahoma Territory. The crime was committed in the presence of the woman's children.

Earlier in the afternoon Mrs. Leach had frightened the Indian way, threatening him with a rifle. Later she stepped out of doors, carrying her baby, and the Indian stole into the house, securing the rifle and attempted to shoot her, but the cartridge failed to explode. The Seminole then attacked her with the butt of the gun, clubbed her to death, and ravished her body. He hurled the baby into the house through the open door.

Several Indians have been arrested, but the murdered woman's eight-year-old daughter, the oldest of the family, has been unable to identify any of them as the murderer.

MASKED ROBBERS.

Brutally Assault a Man and Wife in Colorado.

DENVER (Col.), Jan. 5.—A bold attempt was made to rob the home of Peter Magnes at Roseland, two miles southwest of Littleton by two masked men, who brutally assaulted both Mr. Magnes and his wife before they were repulsed by neighbors.

Mr. Magnes is suffering from three deep gashes on his head, inflicted with a revolver used as a club. Mrs. Magnes is almost prostrated from the numerous wounds on her face and body made by the men, who beat her into insensibility.

The purpose of the robbers was to open the safe, in which it was thought there was a large sum of money, but it was frustrated by the escape from the house of Daniel Young, the 17-year-old nephew of Mr. Magnes, who summoned help.

KANSAS CITY TRAIN ROBBERS.

Said That They Got Away With Nothing of Value.

KANSAS CITY (Mo.), Jan. 5.—Last night's robbery of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railway appears to have proven a wind fall. Wells-Fargo express messenger, M. E. Hayden, who was bound and covered by one robber while the other rifled the local safe, sent his company a message this morning to the effect that the robbers took nothing of value. The local officials of the express and railway company assert that only a few packages of jewelry of no particular value and no money was secured.

Load Postal Bill Reported.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The Committee on Postoffices and Postroads reported the Load bill, remedying abuses in the post offices of second-class matter to the House today. Chairman Loud, in making the report said Congress must remedy the second-class matter abuses, or the Government should go out of the postal business.

Bartley's Sentence Affirmed.

LINCOLN (Nebr.), Jan. 5.—The Supreme Court this evening rendered a decision affirming the penitentiary sentence of twenty years imposed upon ex-State Treasurer Bartley, convicted in the District Court of Douglas County of embezzling \$755,000. Bartley, since his conviction, has been in the County Jail at Omaha.

Will Not Be Court-Martialed.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—The question of calling General Weyler to account for protesting to the Queen Regent against the wording of President McKinley's message is closed, the public prosecutor having informed the Supreme War Council that there is no ground for prosecution.

An Alaska Railroad Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Among the numerous bills introduced in the Senate to-day, was one by Mr. Lodge, granting a right-of-way through Alaska to the Alaska and Northwestern Railway Company from the Lynn Canal via Chilocho Pass to the northern boundary of the territory.

Part of a University Burned.

OTTAWA (Ont.), Jan. 5.—The east wing of Ottawa University (Catholic) was destroyed by fire to-day. Loss on building and contents \$70,000; fully covered by insurance. All the sacred vessels and statues were gotten out.

Bill to Repeal Pelagic Sealing Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Johnson of North Dakota to-day introduced a bill to repeal the law which has just gone into effect relative to pelagic sealing and the importation of sealskins taken by pelagic sealers.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

THE REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE BOTH HOUSES.

Subjects Dealt With in the Message of Governor Black—State Revenues.

ALBANY (N. Y.), Jan. 5.—The Legislature of the State of New York organized to-day. The Senate, with a membership of fifty, has a Republican majority of twenty; the Assembly, with 150 names on the roll, is Republican by eight.

In both houses the Republican caucus nominees were elected without any unusual incident. The Speaker of the Assembly is J. M. E. O'Grady, who presided during the session of 1897.

In his message, Governor Black said that the State tax for the present year is two dollars and fifty-seven cents on a thousand dollars. This rate produces the sum of \$12,633,081. Of this amount more than nine million dollars is paid to run the public schools and for the care of the insane. The receipts from licenses to sell liquor, tax on inheritance, etc., were \$8,245,172, an excess over last year of \$314,944. The expenditures for asylums, hospitals, reformatories, etc. were \$7,255,245. The total funded debt of the State on September 30th was \$5,765,640. During the year just passed, the revenue from the liquor tax law has increased more than \$438,000.

Less than two-thirds of the work of deepening the canal has been provided for by the State. The balance of the people. If a further sum be expended for the continuance of the work, it also should first receive the people's sanction.

One-third of the \$12,275,247 received last year from the operation of the excise tax was paid to the State, and the other two-thirds was divided among the different localities. Under the present law receipts nearly quadrupled, and the number of licenses decreased almost one-sixth, and notwithstanding the increase in population, the cases of drunkenness fell off to one-third. If amendments were proposed which would improve the present Act, the Government would favor their adoption.

The Governor recommends that a commission be created to examine into the commerce of New York, the cause of its decline and to report conclusions. Governor Black promised to recommend such practical plans as met the approval of military men, whereby the National Guard might be further reformed from political control.

In dealing with the labor problem, the Governor made these suggestions: First, that immigration be checked; second, that a fair rate of wages be paid laborers; third, that in opposing strikes by armed men some method should be adopted which would not, at first discharge of a firearm, produce fatal tragedy, such as caused a recent event to be universally deplored.

CHARLES PAGE BRYAN.

Nomination as Minister to China Presented to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The name of Charles Page Bryan to be Minister to China was presented to the Senate in executive session to-day, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. When the nomination was first received from the White House the Vice-President withheld it from the Senate at the request of the President, who was induced to prefer the request by Senators opposed to Mr. Bryan's confirmation. The nomination has been held up thus for three weeks or more. Mr. Bryan's friends now accept the release of the nomination as an indication that the President desires confirmation.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

A Split in the Ranks of Republican Members of the House.

ANNAPOLIS (Md.), Jan. 5.—The split in the ranks of the Republican members of the House of Delegates which developed at last night's caucus continued to-day, with the result that the House was compelled to adjourn until to-morrow without having organized, and there seems no immediate prospect of a settlement of the difficulty.

The trouble arises from the position assumed by eleven members of the Baltimore City delegation, who say they are in rebellion against the rule of United States Senator Wellington, Governor Lowndes and other party leaders. Without the aid of seven of the seceders, the Republican majority cannot elect a Speaker, and with four of them the Democrats will have the number necessary under the Constitution to effect an organization.

The situation is having a serious effect upon the fight for the United States Senatorship. United States Senator Wellington and Governor Lowndes have both declared for Judge McComas for that office, while Major Alexander Shaw, General Thomas Sherreck and Congressman Sydney Mudd are making an active canvass in order to see how the land lies.

Ballooning for a Successor to United States Senator Gorman will be begun next Wednesday.

WILKESBARRE (Pa.), Jan. 5.—David Powell, David F. Jones and John Evans Jones, miners, were killed in the Avondale mine to-day by an explosion of gas.

The Nonpareil Dress Goods 25 cts. per yard THIS MORNING. Canton Flannel, 5c per yard. Gray Cotton Blankets 69c pair. Flannelette Wrappers \$1 48 Instead of \$2 25. Handsome Silk Waists Reduced to \$4 48. Winter Cloakings Reduced to 65c and 98c yard. Black Cheviot Jackets, \$5. WASSERMAN, DAVIS & CO. THE BIG STORE K STREET, BET. SIXTH AND SEVENTH.

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GOAST AND EASTERN RACES.

ATTENDANCE AT INGLESIDE AS LARGE AS USUAL.

Favorite Wins Three Out of the Six Events—Results at New Orleans.

FOUR PEOPLE INJURED.

Head-on Collision at Rock Island Junction, Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—At Rock Island Junction, Kan., this morning a head-on collision between a Union Pacific work train and an eastbound Rock Island stock train resulted in four people being injured, but not seriously. The fronts of both engines were jammed in, but none of the cars were wrecked. The collision is attributed to a dense fog.

Shot by an Insane Man.

DES MOINES (Ia.), Jan. 5.—An insane man named John Stone to-day stepped on the store of C. L. Kahler, stepped on to Frank Kahler, the son of the proprietor, and deliberately shot him in the abdomen, from which he died within an hour. Stone then turned upon Mr. Arvis, one of the partners of the firm, and shot him through the left arm. Earl Smythe, a clerk, disarmed the lunatic, after a desperate struggle.

A Crank at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A crank from New York named Jacob Clements, a German, was arrested to-day at the White House, where he created a disturbance after having tried in vain for three days to see the President. Yesterday he wrote to the President, and to-day he called and announced that God had sent him; that he bore the mark on his brow, and that he must see the President.