

GEN. ROSEGRANS CRITICALLY ILL.

Though His Physician Says He Has a Fighting Chance,

It is Not Generally Believed the War Veteran Will Long Survive.

The Two-Year-Old Daughter of a Yuba City Citizen Fatally Burned, Her Clothing Catching Fire From a Burning Brush Fire.

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—General William Starke Rosecrans is lying critically ill at his ranch home a few miles south of this city, suffering from nervous prostration. His critical condition can hardly be said to be due to old age, for he has not yet reached the fourscore mark.

FLANNELLY MURDER TRIAL.

The Deceased's Partner on the Witness Stand.

SAN JOSE, March 4.—When Thomas Flannelly's trial was resumed this morning the jurors asked that the court stenographer read the testimony of Mrs. Patrick Flannelly, which was given yesterday afternoon. The poor woman was so weak and grief-stricken that she could speak but little above a whisper. This reading occupied some time, and the only witness put on this morning was Dan Doyle, the partner of the defendant in the dairy ranch.

Doyle said that Flannelly told him on October 12th that his father had notified him that they must pay him rent. On October 26th, in the evening, just before the killing, Doyle said a Constable served notice on them to vacate the ranch. He did not remember anything he said to the Constable except that he invited him in to have tea.

So far, of course, all the testimony is for the people. In this case, however, the defense brought out that Patrick Flannelly had been in the habit of keeping it under the head of his bed. This little comfort is all they have had.

In the afternoon the examination of Doyle was resumed. He testified that Flannelly told him he had a pistol before he left for the ranch to see his father, and that the defendant, while angry with the Constable for serving the papers, showed no ill-feeling toward his father.

Dr. James Crow, Coroner of San Mateo County, was the next witness. He arrived at Flannelly's house fifteen or twenty minutes after the shooting, and found the old man lying dead across the middle of the bed, with his feet on or near the floor. Witness also said that he found a pistol under the top mattress, with all the chambers loaded.

At 5 o'clock the trial was adjourned till Monday.

RAILROAD TO YUKON.

The Rothschilds Said to be at the Head of the Project.

JUNEAU (Alaska), March 1 (via Port Townsend, March 4).—That the Rothschilds will attempt to build a railroad to the Yukon is now believed a certainty. The steamer Walcott, which arrived here last night, landed a part of over forty men and equipments for railroad building at Pyramid Harbor near the Pyramid Harbor Salmon Cannery, last Sunday. S. Onderdonk, the engineer in charge of the party and of the construction, immediately ordered the men to locate and build houses upon the lands near the cannery. Lumber was taken along for the purpose. This move is made to hold the townsite. The place had been surveyed in January, and a plan of the district was submitted at that time to the Surveyor-General of Alaska. There was filed notice that a grant from the United States was wanted for a railroad terminal, trading post and factory, for a right of way, for a railway over the Dalton trail.

These transactions were all accomplished in the name of H. Bratrolter, who is known to the mining expert and mineral purchasing agent of the Rothschilds, and who a few weeks ago left for London to consult with the Rothschilds and to arrange with the Canadian Government for the privilege of crossing their territory.

Mr. Onderdonk reports that the grades are several per cent. less on the Dalton trail than on the Canadian Pacific, and that the climatic difficulties are no more difficult to overcome.

It is said here by those who accompanied Bratrolter on his expedition to the interior that he thinks that in several places where excavations for roadbeds are necessary enough low-grade ore will be loosened to finance many miles of construction.

Twenty or thirty employees of the Trailhead Company who have learned of the objects of the expedition have chartered a tug and scow, and will leave as soon as they can get their stuff loaded for Pyramid Harbor to squat upon town lots, that being a profitable form of investment in Alaska at present.

FIRE AT SANTA CRUZ.

Causes Losses Estimated at Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

SANTA CRUZ, March 4.—At 1:30 this morning a fire was discovered in the Bernheim building, owned by C. Hoffmann. After several hours' hard work it was brought under control, but the upper part of the building was badly damaged by the flames, while the stores on the ground floors were injured by water.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by a lighted cigar or cigarette dropped among the paraphernalia of Native Sons' Hall, where a meeting of Foresters was held, followed by a "smoker." The loss is estimated at \$15,000, fully insured.

Individual losses are as follows: A. C. Snyder, dry goods, \$2,500; S. J. Strauss, dry goods, \$3,000; A. Bage, confectionery, \$500; Dr. F. W. Bliss, dentist, \$2,000; Native Sons, \$1,000; C. Hoffmann, \$5,000.

The Native Sons' Hall and club-rooms are a total wreck.

DEFENSE FOR SAN DIEGO.

Work of Placing the Third Gun for Ballast Point.

SAN DIEGO, March 4.—The third gun for the fortifications at Ballast Point is now at the end of the Spreckels wharf, and a force of men were at work to-day getting ready to move it upon a large lighter. It will be put on board the lighter at high tide to-morrow morning and towed to the fortifications. All the material for the fortifications at Point Loma is now here and all that remains is to mount the guns, the last carriage having been delivered last week.

There is now a force of between thirty and forty men from Battery D making roadways and other preparations for the handling and mounting of the guns. The original intentions of the Government were to allow the placements and cement work at the point fully six months to set and harden before the guns and carriages with their enormous weight were put in place, but present orders are to hasten the work at least to a point where the guns can be put in promptly if needed.

Boilers Refuse to Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The Naval Reserve steamer Pinta, which started for San Diego last night got no farther than Black Point. Had she gone outside Golden Gate she would probably now be drifting about on the ocean with a limited spread of canvas. The Pinta's boilers refused to work, and steam escaped as fast as it could be made. It will be in no condition to warrant taking her to sea. She had just been turned over to the Naval Reserve by the Mare Island navy yard, and was supposed to be in perfect condition.

Brookliss Must Stand Trial.

GENOA (Nov.), March 4.—The motion to dismiss the case against Sheriff John Brookliss of Douglas County, who was indicted by the Grand Jury for willful misconduct in office in permitting lynchings to hang over on December 8th, was today overruled by Judge Mack. The motion has been on the grounds that the facts alleged did not constitute willful misconduct, but felony. Judge Mack decided that they constituted either or both.

Incendiary Fire at Placerville.

PLACERVILLE, March 4.—The Pacific Box Factory and Planing Mills in this city were burned down this morning at 4 o'clock. The loss is estimated at \$6,000; insurance, \$3,000. The fire is supposed to have been the work of a incendiary, as it is the second time the factory was burned within four years.

Two Days Without Food.

SANTA CRUZ, March 4.—Two Indians from Victoria, B. C., who belong to the sailing schooner City of San Diego, arrived here to-day in an Indian dugout. They deserted from the vessel near Pigeon Point, and got into a northwester and were two days without food or drink.

Fatal Accident at Santa Monica.

SANTA MONICA, March 4.—Edward H. Clark, only son of J. H. Clark, formerly a prominent business man and capitalist of Minneapolis, Minn., to-day fell from the roof of the Women's Christian Temperance Union building, breaking his neck and killing him instantly.

Harvesting Will Not Appeal.

SANTA CRUZ, March 4.—Ex-Constable Joe Harvesting, convicted of mayhem, his victim being a barber named Harris, will be taken to San Quentin to-morrow to begin a fourteen years' sentence, having decided not to appeal.

A Child Fatally Burned.

YUBA CITY, March 4.—The two-year-old daughter of Mark Plast was fatally burned this afternoon, her clothing catching fire from a burning brush pile.

COAST AND EASTERN RACES.

FOG A STRONG FACTOR AT THE INGLISIDE TRACK.

Only One Event Decided With an Unobstructed View of the Horses—At New Orleans.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Fog was again a strong factor at Ingliside to-day. One event only was decided unobstructed view of the horses. The favorites met with three reverses. Tod Sloan piloted three and Thorpe two winners. Results:

One mile, Twinkle Twink (Thorpe), 7 to 10; won; Dancer (Shields), 8 to 1; second; Whirlwind II (H. Martin), 10 to 1; third. Time—1:44. Santa Clara, Salas, Rockefeller, Terra Cyba, Malpique and Jay Wheeler also ran. Six furlongs, selling, Punter (T. Sloan), even; won; Prompter (Clawson), 15 to 1; third. Time—1:14. Zamar II, Callerte, Montalado and Sybaris also ran.

Four furlongs, Gold Scratch (Thorpe), 12 to 1; won; Primavera (E. Jones), 7 to 2; second; Moss Brae (Clawson), 10 to 1; third. Time—0:50. Ach, Formero and Lobos also ran.

One mile, selling, Refugee (H. Brown), 10 to 1; won; Rey Del Tierra (H. Martin), 2 to 1; second; Fashion (Plate Conley), 4 to 1; third. Time—1:43. Serena, Mascoro, Claudiana, Soniro and Mamie Scott also ran.

Six furlongs, selling, Hurley (Bury) (T. Sloan), 4 to 1; won; Bonito (Gray), 12 to 1; second; Chihuahua (Clawson), 15 to 1; third. Time—1:14. Zamar II, Callerte, Montalado and Sybaris also ran.

Mile and a sixteenth, handicap, Oster Joe (T. Sloan), 13 to 20; won; Fiorian (O'Connor), 12 to 1; second; Fionavannah (Clawson), 4 to 1; third. Time—1:48. Greyhurst also ran.

RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—Weather fine; track lumpy. Results: Six furlongs, Belle of Fordham won, Serviver second, Duchess of York third. One mile, Nellie Prince won, Pancy H. second, Lafayette third. Time—0:52.

One mile, Mount Washington won, Van Brunt second, Rockwood third. Time—1:48. One mile handicap, Elkin won, David second, Tabouret third. Time—1:45. Seven furlongs, Nabob won, Domsie second, The Doctor third. Time—1:33.

CARPENTER HAS A GRIEVANCE.

Has Filed a Suit Against Those Who Prosecuted Him.

Asks the Superior Court of San Joaquin to Grant Him Heavy Damages.

The Rothschilds to Build a Railroad Through Alaska to the Yukon, Probably Over the Dalton Trail.

STOCKTON, March 4.—A. H. Carpenter, one of the attorneys accused of grand larceny, brought suit for damages to-day against District Attorney Nutter, who prosecuted him; Justice of the Peace Parker, who held him to answer on two charges of grand larceny; J. W. Wernberg and Louis Sapiro, who swore to the complaint, and B. F. Langford and W. H. De Vries, Mr. Nutter's bondsmen. The action is against the bondsmen for \$1,500, the amount of their liabilities, and against the rest for \$47,500. Of this amount Mr. Carpenter thinks he is entitled to \$500 for counsel fees in the grand larceny cases, \$200 for loss of time, and the rest "on account of mental suffering and injuries sustained in his business and social relations, and his good name and reputation and his future and continued suffering and injuries by reason of the wrongful acts of the defendants."

The complaint declares, first, that the District Attorney, Justice Parker and Messrs. Wernberg and Sapiro "did for the purpose of injuring plaintiff in his social and business relations, and of exposing to the public hatred and contempt, wrongfully, unlawfully and maliciously conspire, combine, confederate and agree together to falsely charge and accuse the plaintiff with the crime of grand larceny, a felony," and Mr. Nutter compelled him to give bail in the sum of \$2,000; that knowing there was no cause or ground or reason to believe a crime had been committed, he "wrongfully, corruptly and maliciously, and in violation of his oath and duties as such District Attorney," prosecuted him; that he requested the Judge of the Superior Court to increase the bail "for the purpose of subjecting plaintiff to the humiliation and shame of pleading to said charges and undergoing trials by jury for said false and malicious charges." He sets forth the fact that the proceedings were published in the newspapers.

Mr. Carpenter is his own attorney in the case. The complaint bears the partnership of Carpenter & Fleck, but the last named says that he has nothing personal to do with the matter. The information charging Carpenter with the crime was set aside by Judge Budd in the Superior Court the first of the week.

STABBING AFFRAY.

Philip Kelly Probably Fatally Wounded Near Gilroy.

GILROY, March 4.—As the result of a stabbing affray which took place on the ranch of Thomas Nihil, the latter is in jail awaiting the outcome of the wounds which he inflicted upon Philip Kelly, who is lying at death's door at the County Infirmary.

The feeling between the two men has recently been engendered because of a suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Nihil, who is a cousin of Kelly. From the appearance of the houses occupied by them, the fighting took place in both directions, which are in close proximity. Kelly received twenty-four deep wounds on his head and breast, made with a large pocketknife, while Nihil had two severe cuts in his right arm.

STEAMER WHITELAW.

Reported to Have Gone Ashore Near Taku Inlet.

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 4.—The steamer City of Seattle, which arrived from Alaska to-night, reports that the steamer Whitelaw of San Francisco is ashore on Sheep Creek, in Cannington Channel near Taku Inlet. The bar is a sandy one, and it is expected that the Whitelaw will be floated without injury.

Another steamer is reported ashore on Shelter Point, this side of Nanaimo. She did not want assistance. Her name could not be learned.

Captain Roberts says the longshoremen at Skeenau are still on strike for 70 cents an hour.

Mrs. Hincley Wins Another Suit.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Mrs. Florence Blythe Hincley has added another victory to her score. Boswell M. Blythe brought suit for the entire estate left by Thomas H. Blythe, and to-day Judge Seawell of the Superior Court sustained Mrs. Hincley's demurrer, without giving the plaintiff permission to amend his complaint, and forthwith gave judgment for the defendant. This is in line with the decisions of the California Supreme Court.

Spreckels Makes a Purchase.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Claus Spreckels has purchased the Rancho Tesquisquillo, near Gilroy, from the Miller & Lux estate. The property consists of 10,000 acres, and the deal is one of the largest of the kind made in Central California in several years' past. Both parties decline to state the purchase price, but it is stated that Spreckels will devote the land to the culture of beets.

Glove Contest at Grass Valley.

GRASS VALLEY, March 4.—Ed Hennessey, the New Jersey middle-weight, and John Johnson of Maryland, will box ten rounds here to-morrow night. Frank Crowley, a local man, will also box with Biddy Bishop, the Southern feather-weight.

Rehearing of Spark's Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—In the case of the application for a rehearing in the case of Andrew Sparks, serving sentence at Sacramento for petit larceny, the Supreme Court on motion of S. R. Hart of Sacramento, to-day set the date of hearing for next Tuesday.

A Pickpocket Gets in His Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—G. P. Smith, who arrived in this city to-day from Stockton on his way to the Klondike, was relieved of \$175 at the Mining

Fair to-night by a pickpocket. The police have a slight clue.

A Chinese Commits Suicide.

ST. HELENA, March 4.—A Chinese threw himself in front of the north-bound passenger train to-day and was beheaded by the wheels of the engine.

TRYING HARD TO BE GOOD.

The Butler Started in to "Swear Off" Too Literally.

The Irish butler had a statuesque presence and a good pair of calves, but he could smash more china in a given time than any other butler in the business.

His name was Bull—Michael Bull—and whenever destruction was noisily wasting at noonday in the butler's pantry, and Mrs. Debuture cried, "What's that?" her answer was master would usually mean "Only the Bull in the chinchashop, my dear."

The butler was wholly without prejudice in his specialty. With equal thoroughness he would smash ordinary china, Dresden, Wedgwood or any "old blue" thing.

New Year's morning came, and Mr. Debuture decided that it was time the butler turned over a new leaf.

"Michael," he said, as he presented the butler with a substantial New Year's present, "you are breaking too much china. To-day is New Year's. You must turn over a new leaf—swear off. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sor; I will, sor," was the reply. "Very well; be sure you do," said Mr. Debuture, as he left the dining room.

An hour later there was a loud crash somewhere in the rear of the house, and with a loud exclamation on her face, Mrs. Debuture hurriedly opened the dining room door a trifle and listened. A second later she turned a shocked countenance to her husband.

"What's he breaking now?" Debuture growled.

"Breaking!" gasped the horrified woman. "Judging from what I hear, he is breaking one of the commandments!"

Debuture stepped to her side, listened a moment and then hurried out to the butler's pantry. A broken dish lay on the floor.

"Such language!" cried Debuture. "What do you mean, Michael?"

"Shure, sor," the butler said, coolly. "I'm only swearin' off, sor. That's all!"

AMERICA PREPARING FOR WAR

NEGOTIATING FOR PURCHASE OF WARSHIPS.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Fully realizing the importance of the preparations for any emergency, the President has directed the Navy Department to open negotiations looking to the purchase of warships.

This fact is now for the first time made public. It probably would not have transpired at this juncture but for the excitement caused by the statement published in the newspapers that the officials of the Administration and obtained an official admission—made for the first time—while the President does not anticipate war he recognizes that there is a possibility of hostilities growing out of the Cuban question and the Maine disaster, and that he proposes to be prepared for it.

There has been ample evidence to this in the preparations, patent to every body, which have been in progress for some time, but there has been no official admission to this effect until now. Eight men-of-war which are practically completed in foreign shipyards have been ordered for sale in the United States.

The President has given consideration to the advisability of placing an option on them.

The Navy Department has been carefully watching the construction abroad through the eyes of its naval attaches in London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Vienna and Rome. This surveillance has been maintained for two months, but more especially since the Maine disaster.

Through the attaches and from the ship-builders themselves the Secretary of the Navy has learned that he can now purchase two small-sized battleships, two armored cruisers and four torpedo boats, all at a comparatively low price. The builders have promised that they can deliver the vessels at a time complete in every respect, and all that will be necessary for the administration to do will be to order the necessary details of officers and men to proceed to the ship yard, go on board and take them to any points which may be desired.

The builders have urged that the purchases be made at once, as they say that a declaration of war between the United States and Spain would result in the enforcement of neutral measures, and prevent the sale of the ships.

The battleships and armored cruisers have been built by England and German firms for governments which are now unable to pay for them; also, that this Government would be able to obtain the vessels by simply putting down the amount of cash. The four torpedo boats have been offered by the Thornycroft Ship Building Company, whose boats are recognized by experts to be among the best in the world.

While your correspondent was unable to learn the names of the ships which have been offered to this Government, there is reason to believe that among them are three powerful ships under construction at the Vulcan Works, Stettin, Germany, for the Chinese Government.

The battleships are 8,000 tons displacement, contracted to make 19.5 knots and will be able to carry not less than a thousand tons of coal in their bunkers.

There is also reason to believe that in the purchase of these vessels the Government would be able to obtain the purchase from Japan the Kaisaig and the Chiosa, which are near completion at Philadelphia and the Union Iron Works. The official with whom your correspondent talked had no doubt that Japan would be willing to aid the United States by selling the warships before the commencement of war.

Not a Current Question.

An appetizing article in one of the magazines entitled "Meals in the Thirteenth Century." This is all very well, but what troubles the impecunious half of the population is how to obtain meals in the nineteenth century.—Folk-Me-Up.

If we listen to the troubles of other people it sometimes makes us better satisfied with our own.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

McGOY WAS THE VICTOR.

DOES UP BURLEY IN VERY SHORT ORDER.

Puts His Opponent Out After a Minute and Forty Seconds in the Second Round.

HOT SPRINGS (Ark.), March 4.—Kid McCoy, champion middleweight pugilist of the world, met and defeated Nick Burley of California in the arena at Whittington Park to-day. The Californian was knocked out in the second round. The fight was the most exciting and interesting ever witnessed in this city. The fact that it was pulled off in direct disregard of the Governor's instructions increased the general interest in the contest. The large attendance, 2,000 persons, surprised everybody in view of the fact that it was declared off to-day, and consequently the public had only a few hours' notice this morning by means of handbills and streamers on the street cars.

Though the promoters were busily engaged in arranging for the affair yesterday afternoon, their work was done so quietly that no one knew the fight would take place until a late hour last night, and the only "a very few," McCoy having been advertised yesterday to give an exhibition to-night at the Opera-house. This ruse worked like a charm, so far as the local authorities were concerned, and no one was on hand to interfere. Prosecuting Attorney Cloud, who had been ordered here by the Governor from Benton to stop the contest, returned yesterday after having satisfied himself that it would not take place. The Sheriff failed to put in an appearance until the fight was over. He was busy at the telegraph office, arranging matters with the Governor during the progress of the fight. The Governor wired him that he had been informed it would take place and in his instructions, looking to it and in his (the Sheriff's) judgment it was a prize fight he should stop it at all hazards, and arrest all interested parties. As yet no arrests have been made, and none are likely to be made.

Governor Jackson, who is in Hot Springs, Missouri, to hold the train at Malvern, so that he could reach the city on a special train, but his instructions were either ignored or misinterpreted.

McCoy entered the ring at 12:30 p. m. with his seconds, amid loud cheering. He was followed at 12:34 by Burley, with his seconds, and the cheers were divided. The men stripped at 12:35. The song sounded at 12:40.

First round—McCoy led with his left, Burley followed. A clinch followed. Then there was sparring for an opening, McCoy being the aggressor. McCoy landed his left on the jaw, and stopped a left lead. Burley countered with a left-hand hook. McCoy forced Burley across the ring. Burley landed a heavy right on the heart. An exchange of blows and clinch followed. McCoy put three lefts on the jaw in quick succession. Burley landed a left and McCoy a right. Clinch. McCoy landed a right on the heart, and Burley on the mouth, drawing first blood. Burley swung, but McCoy ducked. The round ended in a rally. McCoy was cool and confident. It was McCoy's round.

Second round—McCoy led and missed. Both men landed. Burley landed on McCoy's jaw. Burley led with his left, but fell short, but later landed left on the jaw. Burley was bleeding badly from the mouth. McCoy was doing the leading. Burley swung short with his left. McCoy put his left on the stomach, and repeated the dose twice. Burley was very groggy. Burley swung with his left, and swung the right on McCoy's shoulder. No damage. McCoy retreated while both were fighting like demons. McCoy felted with his left, and followed with a heavy right on Burley's jaw. Burley was counted out.

The time of last round was one minute and forty seconds. There were loud cheers for McCoy, while the crowd surged for the ring to shake the hands of the victor.

A \$17,000 FIRE.

Burning of Rummelsberg's Store at Dunnigan.

By a telephone message from the Woodland "Mail" last evening it was learned that a costly fire occurred at the town of Dunnigan, Yolo County, yesterday morning.

Just before daylight flames broke out in the large store of A. Rummelsberg, which was completely destroyed. The loss on the building was \$5,000, and on the stock \$12,000.

Mose Rummelsberg was asleep in a room adjoining the store, and barely escaped with his life.

Refuting a Slander.

A rural citizen, having been slandered by one of his brethren in the faith, vents his feelings in an open letter to the public, as follows:

"To the Public: About a Slanderer, I forbear to Denounce the sneakin devil as he Deserves, but a Chystin, an follower in the Golden Rule, though a Free Silver Man in Politics, but I want to say, if I had seen Sister Mully Higgins and that the Prescher and I used Heethen Missions must be dam, he is a Lier in Prayer Meetin an enduring Church, an I kin whip Him with one Hand tred him my back—week-day or Sunday!"—Atlanta Constitution.

He Placed Him.

"The chorus is just assembling," said St. Peter to the newcomer. "Step lively, please."

"Say," said the stranger, "give me a front seat or something just as good."

"From Ohio, aren't you?" queried the ancient gatekeeper.

"Yep," said the stranger.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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EVERYTHING FOR MEN.



Men's Unlaundered White Shirts.

A word about Men's Unlaundered White Shirts. We have just secured the agency for Men's White Unlaundered Shirts, Wamsutta muslin, either long or short bosom, of pure linen double front and back, and have the patented split neck band to protect the back of the neck from collar buttons; all seams double sewed and all points well stayed and gusseted; there is nothing in the city to compare with them. Price, 50c. Heavier grade unlaundered shirts, open bosom and back, 75c.

Shirts for Working Men.

We have secured a line of Workmen's Shirts that has no equal in fit and durability; made of the best shirting, in colors that will withstand the hardest washing; sewed with linen thread; full length; pointed yoke; collar has the patented lap; every shirt guaranteed not to rip. Price, 50c. Levy, Strauss & Co. Overalls, 50c. Boys' Bib Overalls, good ones, 25c. Gingham Blouses, strongly made, 45c. Heavy Suspenders, best quality, 45c.

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K STREET, BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH.

INQUIRY INTO THE MAINE DISASTER.

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"It will also record any information that it may be able to obtain by testimony and evidence as to any person or persons not connected with the navy of the United States who are, in its opinion, responsible, in part or wholly, directly or indirectly, for the explosion and loss of the Maine, and will include their names in its opinion, together with degree of such responsibility in each case.

M. SICARD, "Rear Admiral, Commander-in-Chief, United States Naval Force, North Atlantic Squadron."

EXTERNAL ORIGIN.

The Maine Was Not Wrecked by an Explosion on the Inside.

CLEVELAND (O.), March 4.—Dr. F. Biggar, one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Cleveland, has just returned from Key West, where he was in the midst of the excitement which followed the blowing up of the battleship Maine, and conversed with several of those who were on the ill-fated ship at the time of the disaster. He found that all of those who were willing to discuss the matter at all were convinced that the explosion had been caused by an outside force, probably a torpedo.

"The officers were very reticent, but from their manner it seemed that they had no doubt as to the origin of the trouble," said Dr. Biggar. "Some of the 'middies' and sailors were more outspoken, and did not hesitate to say that the work had been done by a torpedo. They offered several reasons for this belief, all of which seemed to justify them in thinking as they did. For instance, the mast was lifted right out of its place in the vessel, and the men were sure that this could only have been done by a force from underneath. If the explosion had been on the inside, they argued, the mast would have been shattered and thrown sideways."

"The bow of the Maine was split just as if a wedge had been driven at the bottom of the boat on the outside, and the hull was bent forward as if by an external force applied directly under it."