

ROBBERY IN FRESNO COUNTY.

The Postmaster at Clifton Held Up by Two Masked Men.

Guarded by One Robber, While the Other Loots the Mail and Till of Store.

The Amount of Money Taken Not Known, Though Thought to Be Small—The Hold-Up Took Place at Six O'Clock Last Evening, When the Store Was Deserted, Except for the Postmaster.

FRESNO, Dec. 6.—At about 6 o'clock this evening two men entered the Postoffice at Clifton, twenty miles south of Fresno, on the Valley Road, and held up A. T. Wilkinson, the Postmaster. After searching him for weapons and money, one of the robbers watched over the Postmaster, pistol in hand, while the other looted the mail and the till of the store.

The robbers then took their departure, commanding Wilkinson not to budge from the store for ten minutes, threatening to do him up if he disobeyed. Deputy United States Marshal Boust of this city was notified of the robbery, and is organizing a posse to pursue the miscreants.

No additional information concerning the holdup at Clifton Postoffice is obtainable here at a late hour to-night. The place is some distance from Del Rey, the station on the Valley Road, from which the telegraph message to Deputy United States Marshal Boust of this city was sent by the Postmaster. The message was a brief one, and did not state the amount the robbers got away with, but it must have been small. The robbers chose their time wisely, waiting for the supper hour, when country stores are usually deserted.

No description of the men was given by Wilkinson, leaving the officer nothing to work on. He merely stated that after leaving the store the men went in a southerly direction. Deputy Marshal Boust tried in vain to reach Clifton by telegraph, but did not succeed. All he could do, therefore, was to telegraph down the line to various officers to keep on the lookout for suspicious characters. He himself will leave for the scene of the holdup in the morning.

BALDWIN HOTEL FIRE.

The Remains of Another Victim Taken From the Ruins.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Workmen engaged in clearing away the debris caused by the destruction of the Baldwin Hotel to-day came across the body of John J. Carter, the well known Eastern horseman, who has been acting as a judge at the Oakland and Ingleside meetings.

Judge Carter occupied a room on the fifth floor of the Baldwin Hotel, and during the early progress of the fire it was thought that he had escaped, but as he had not put in an appearance it soon became certain that he had been lost. His body was positively identified this afternoon.

Edward Pryor, a bookmaker, is still missing, and it is certain that he also suffered the same fate as Carter. An organized search is being made for more bodies.

NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS.

Five Hundred Return From Honolulu on the Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The steamship Australia arrived in port to-day from Honolulu with 520 officers and men of the New York regiment. The returning soldiers consisted of companies A, C, D, I and L, and were under command of Colonel Barber, who was accompanied by his staff.

The New Yorkers, with a few exceptions, were in splendid condition, the sea voyage of seven days had worked wonders with them.

When the Australia arrived at her dock military discipline was enforced and guards were posted. Many friends

of the returning soldiers were on hand to receive them, and Colonel Barber allowed his men half an hour's freedom on the dock. When the bugles sounded the assembly, the men fell into line and headed by the band, started on the march to the Presidio, where they are now encamped.

Only four cases of sickness were on board, one of typhoid and three suspected. Out of the full strength of the regiment, 1,300 officers and men, it has suffered a loss of thirteen in the ranks from various causes.

The balance of the regiment will arrive next week on the Alameda, and the combined companies will go on to New York to be mustered out. Some of the officers and men are anxious to remain in the service, but the majority favor the return to civil walks.

PROTEST FROM FRESNO.

Objection to the Putting of Zante Currants on the Free List.

FRESNO, Dec. 6.—A meeting has been called for this evening of the Directors of all commercial bodies in this city, also of representatives of banking interests and public men generally, to formulate a protest against the recommendation of President McKinley in his message to the effect that the mention of reciprocal commercial relations between America and Greece, including the restoration of Zante "currants" to the free list, is under consideration.

The excitement here over this proposed move is not shared by the California Raisin Growers' Association, deeming it a vital question to raisin growers, has taken up the matter, and to-day wired to all fruit-raising associations throughout the State urging its executive officers to flood the President with similar protests. It was the combined fight emanating from this part of the valley that brought about the placing of a tariff on so-called Zante currants, which are held here to be nothing more than cured grapes, and therefore coming in direct competition with the local product.

Trial of Mrs. Botkin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Ten jurors were selected to-day to determine the guilt or innocence of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, accused of the murder of Mrs. J. P. Dunning of Dover, Del. When Judge Cook adjourned court this afternoon the venire of talesmen had been exhausted, but it is thought that there will be no difficulty in filling the balance of the jury at to-morrow's session of the court. So far the case has progressed with wonderful unanimity on both sides, and once a jury is chosen it is expected the trial will proceed with great rapidity.

Three Chinamen Murdered.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 6.—News of the murder of three Chinese near Queen's was received here this afternoon. The only particulars at hand are contained in a telegram received by Superintendent of Police Hussey from Officer D. H. Anderson, stationed at Quenelle, who states that three Chinese have been killed near Chinwood, and that he has seen the bodies. He further states that he has arrested six other Chinese on suspicion, but believes that one of the men hanged himself after killing the other two with an ax and attempting to kill a third.

An Absconding Clerk.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Charles Thompson, who was clerk of Company A of the late Seventh Regiment, has fled from this city with \$100 collected from members of the company for the purpose of purchasing a farewell present for Captain Wankowski. He is believed to have started for Chicago, and telegrams to officials along the route to intercept him were sent out to-day by the authorities here. He was at one time clerk of the Hollenbeck Hotel here.

Two Suicides at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—John O'Connor, an aged laborer, committed suicide to-day on Fourth street by swallowing poison. Madeline Wittmeier, proprietor of a beer hall, committed suicide to-day by taking an overdose of strychnine. Both were despondent.

Torpedo Boat Farragut.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The official time of the torpedo destroyer Farragut has been computed and her record is 20 1/2 knots an hour with 420 revolutions of the screw. This will be the return made to the Navy Department by the trial board. The Farragut is the fastest vessel flying the American flag.

Missing Sealing Schooner Pioneer.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 6.—The steamer Willapa, which returned from the West Coast this morning, brings no news of the missing sealing schooner Pioneer, which is now given up for lost. Nothing has been heard of the

ROCKY BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

steamer Excelsior, which was reported a few days ago to be returning to this port with her machinery broken down. It is suggested that the break has been repaired and the vessel has proceeded on her way to Copper River.

Los Angeles Will Boom the Canal.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—At the Chamber of Commerce in this city to-day a meeting of prominent business men was held to map out a plan of action for boosing the building of the Nicaraguan Canal. It was decided by the meeting to send a number of workers to Washington to carry on a campaign for the canal there. Another meeting to select the men to represent this section in Washington was called for next week.

Death From Beri-Beri.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Sunzo Kanda, a young Japanese, died to-day of beri-beri, a contagious disease which prevails in the tropics. The records of the Health Department tell of only one previous case in this city, which also proved fatal, and as in the present case the victim was a Japanese.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Comment of British and French Journals on the State Paper.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The afternoon newspapers here expressed satisfaction at President McKinley's message to Congress, with the exception of the allusion to the Nicaraguan Canal, which does not show sufficient appreciation of British treaty rights.

The "Pall Mall" Gazette says: "In language of studied moderation, but which leaves no room to doubt its meaning, the President foreshadows the fixed determination of the Government to stand by the policy of the open door in the East. That declaration brings the United States in line with us, if ever the time comes to speak with enemies in the open doorway."

The "St. James Gazette" says: "The message will be read with pleasure. The President faces new issues in a broad minded way and suggests the solution of their problems on large and generous lines."

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The "Liberte" referring to President McKinley's message, says: "The message which under the circumstances was awaited with national impatience, satisfies all curiosity; it constitutes a true manifest of new imperial policy of the United States. The American Republic, which has hitherto been voluntarily isolated, enters with wings fully outspread into the concert of the Powers, and intends henceforth to be heard and will make its intentions felt wherever it seems good to it."

The "Journal des Debats" welcomes President McKinley's hope that a Franco-American understanding will shortly be reached, "as evidence of the friendship, which was doubtless promoted by the important role recently enacted by the French Ambassador to Washington." It adds: "Not a Power interested in the far East is disposed to deny to America the practical and reasonable demands of President McKinley."

The "Temps" thinks that after perusing the message no one will be the wiser in regard to what can be hoped from friendship of the United States or feared from her enterprises. "As regards Cuba, it may be remarked that the President's declaration is absolutely identical with the declaration of Great Britain when that country entered Egypt, where she still remains."

THE MARIA TERESA.

Findings of the Court of Inquiry Into Her Abandonment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The findings of the court of inquiry concerning the abandonment of the Infanta Maria Teresa were made public to-day. The finding is summed up in the statement that the court finds the abandonment not due to any fault or neglect on the part of any officer of the navy, and that the most interesting part of the message, according to the "Journal des Debats," is the fact that Great Britain's warm words of fraternalization are not loudly echoed in it.

This settles the contention advanced before the meeting of the court that Commander Harris exceeded his authority in taking charge of the cruiser. The pleasure of doing good is the only one that never wears out.

THE REICHSTAG FORMALLY OPENED.

Emperor William Reads His Speech From the Throne.

Says Germany's Relations With Foreign Powers Continue Friendly.

Declares That While Conscientiously Respecting the Well Acquired Rights of Third Parties, the German Government Will Direct Its Efforts to a Further Promotion of Its Economic Relations With China, Which Are Yearly Growing More Complete.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—Emperor William opened the Reichstag in the White Hall of the royal castle here to-day, in the presence of the members of the Bundesrath, the Generals and other military officers, who were grouped around the throne, in front of which the Reichstag Deputies assembled. The Emperor sat in the grand balcony, and the members of the diplomatic corps occupied the adjoining gallery.

His majesty, who arrived at noon, was accompanied by his sons and by the Persian Prince Mirza. After the Centrist leader, Lingens, had called for cheers for his majesty, the Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenzollern, handed the speech to the Emperor, who read it in a loud voice.

One of the first bills mentioned was an anti-strike measure, providing for the punishment of those who intimidate non-strikers, but not interfering with the workmen's rights of coalition.

The Emperor, after announcing the introduction of a series of social and labor bills and the completion of the organization of the army, says that Germany's relations with the foreign Powers continued to be friendly, and that the principal object of his policy would be to contribute to the maintenance of peace. "Therefore his majesty hailed with warm approval the Emperor's magnanimous proposal for the furtherance of that object."

Continuing, the Emperor referred to the assassination of the Empress of Austria as a savage and ruthless act which caused him deep pain and which had evoked the most sincere sympathy throughout Germany.

Alluding to the anti-anarchist conference at Rome, the Emperor said the readiness with which the invitation had been accepted by the Powers justified the hope that its deliberations would have practical results.

Alluding to the war between Spain and the United States, his majesty said Germany's neutrality was conscientiously and loyally observed toward both belligerents.

Then, taking up colonial affairs, Emperor William pointed out the measures taken for the economic development of Kiao Chou, declaring that while conscientiously respecting the well acquired rights of third parties, the German Government would direct its efforts to a further promotion of its economic relations with China, which are yearly growing more complete.

There was a special message devoted to the inspection of meat, on which subject his majesty said: "In order to avert the dangers involved in the traffic of unexamined meat intended for humans, whether of home or foreign origin, the question of the general introduction of a system of inspection for slaughter-houses and meat is being considered. The Federal Government will engage to do the subject well, hope occupy your attention during the present session."

The Emperor concluded with a reference to his visit to Palestine, saying he hoped the brilliant reception accorded him by the Sultan and Turkish people everywhere would prove to be of permanent benefit to German prestige and the national interests of Germany.

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His majesty's speech was repeatedly cheered.

Count von Lothenfeld, the Bavarian Plenipotentiary, called for three cheers for the Emperor, after which Emperor William and his sons left the hall and the Deputies proceeded to the Reichstag, where Herr Lingens took the chair as senior member.

After the usual formalities of the opening the Reichstag adjourned until Wednesday.

Considerable surprise is expressed at the omission from Emperor William's unusually long speech of any reference to the agreement with Bavaria about military judicial procedure or to the alleged new understanding with Great Britain.

The evening paper notes that the Emperor spoke of the czar as his "dear friend," and of Emperor Francis Joseph as his "faithful ally." They argue, therefore, that the trend of foreign pol-

THE NON-PAREIL STORE



Young Ladies' Dress Shoes, \$2.50 pair.

This illustration of a young lady's dress shoe is a perfect likeness of one, made on the very best vici kid, on the latest round toe last, fancy vesting cloth top, lace; sizes 11 to 2, any width, \$2.50. See cut.

Orthopaedic Last, \$3.00 pair.

Ladies' extra fine vici kid, lace, made over one of the greatest comfort lasts known; the Orthopaedic, handsome vesting cloth top, hand sewed welted soles; any size or width; \$3 pair.

Boys' Lambeau Calf, \$1.95 pair.

Big boys' excellent calf stock, tanned by the Lambeau process, which makes them soft and pliable, never get hard or look rough, stout soles; sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. Price, \$1.95 pair.

Children's Eiderdown Coats, \$1.25 each.

An entire new line of these soft, warm, eiderdown long coats for little tots, ages 6 months to 3 years; they're in colors blue, pink, tan, buff, green, etc., mixed with white in odd and mottled effects; they're white satteen lined, and have a row of white, long, silky, wavy angora fur around collar; they're moderate in price, yet attractive and warm, for a gift to some little tot.

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WELCOMING HEROES HOME.

A Familiar Sight at Old Cambridge in the Football Season.

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Warm Underwear for Women and Children.

Ladies' knit ribbed cotton socks, fast black, with colored borders. Price, 50c.

Ladies' jersey ribbed wool and cotton mixed vests, color natural, high neck, long sleeves. Price, 75c.

Drawers, ankle length, to match above. Price, 75c.

Ladies' jersey ribbed, fleece lined union suits, color coru; sizes 8 to 6. Price, 50c.

Children's jersey ribbed cotton vests, fleece lined, color natural, high neck, long sleeves; sizes 18, 15c; 20, 16c; 22, 20c; 24 to 28, 25c; 30 to 34, 35c.

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Holiday Glimpses.

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Fine French pearl opera glasses, with handle, \$12.00 to \$20.00.
Fine French pearl opera glasses, with handle, genuine Lemaire, \$18.00 to \$20.00.
Opera glass holders, finest make, in silver and gold plate, \$2.25 to \$3.00.
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Opera glass bags, in silk plush, chamois, and knitted silk, 75c to \$2.00.
Latest style gold filled eye glass chains, 60c to \$1.50.
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Lorgnettes in sterling silver and genuine shell, \$4.50 to \$10.00.
Field glasses, Luvieu Groviere make, \$5.00 to \$12.00.
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