

pushing their way through the crowd in the corridor and getting into the room where Robin was.

Doctors Apply Stomach Pumps. Robin was immediately removed on a stretcher to a private room in the District Attorney's office, across the hall, and the stomach pump applied, and after he was temporarily disposed of Mr. Jerome, Assistant District Attorney Nott and Dr. Flint appeared before Judge Crain, to whom Mr. Jerome said that his client was in no condition to be arraigned.

"The man has taken a drug and cannot be stimulated," said Mr. Jerome. "Ambulance surgeons and a physician are now working over him. The drug was taken under unavoidable conditions."

Mr. Nott said he would like to examine Dr. Flint, and the physician was sworn on the witness stand. Dr. Flint testified that he had asked Robin what he had done and that the latter had said he had taken the poison tablets and was quite dead. Dr. Flint said that he found the prisoner's pulse to be 160 and very feeble, and the pupils of his eyes dilated, and that there was every other symptom of being poisoned.

He told me that he had taken twelve tablets of hyoscyamin three-quarters of an hour before I interrogated him," said Dr. Flint. "His sister told me that the tablets were in a bureau at her home, and that her brother had been accustomed to taking the drug in small doses to counteract the effect of morphine which was given to him to relieve pain."

Judge Crain asked the witness if hyoscyamin was used to counteract the effect of morphine. Dr. Flint said it was used in small doses. He said he understood that the tablets contained 1-12th of a grain each, about 3-10th of a grain in the whole dose Robin took, an amount which would probably not prove fatal.

Arraignment Postponed. No further court proceedings were held, and it was agreed to postpone Robin's arraignment indefinitely pending his recovery from the effects of the drug.

Robin talked considerably from his stuper after he was taken to the Tombs hospital ward, and was soon able to get into a ambulance with little assistance and be taken to the hospital. The contents of Robin's stomach were sent to the laboratory of the Health Department to be analyzed and determine whether or not he had actually taken the poison.

Robin arrived at Bellevue at 4:30 p. m. in charge of Harry Theiss, a keeper from the Tombs. He did not seem to be in a bad condition when he reached the hospital. The necessary papers were signed, and inside of ten minutes he was in his pajamas in a bed in the prison ward. He is held on the allegation of grand larceny, no charges being entered against him for attempted suicide.

Dr. Minus S. Gregory, of the psychopathic ward, talked to Robin for a short time. He asked him if he would have a glass of water, but instead of answering, he said Robin looked at the ceiling and walls.

Miss Eckhardt, of No. 587 West 184th street, was waiting in Bellevue, with a man who would not give his name, to see Robin. She spoke to Robin as he lay on the stretcher in the reception room, and afterward she said she thought he was in very good shape. Miss Eckhardt denied that she was in any way related to Robin, but she said she was his private secretary.

"I am attending to him now when he has no friends, because I believe in him," she added, "and because I am a good friend of his sister. Not half of the things said about him will be found to be true."

Robin's age was given as thirty-six years. At the hospital it was said that the usual dose of hyoscyamin was one-twelfth of a grain, but that a man who had been in the habit of taking it could stand a much larger dose.

Robin Well Throughout Night. Detectives Flood and Leigh, who spent the night at the Robinowitch home, said that Robin appeared to be in pretty good health. They said he talked considerably with his sister and a nurse and showed no signs of collapse until he was being taken out of the automobile at the Criminal Courts Building.

Dr. Walter Bense, sanitary superintendent of the Health Department, said last night that Robin could have taken twice as much hyoscyamin, and except for a heavy sleep, would have been none the worse for the experience. The drug is generally used hypodermically, according to Dr. Bense, and it would be difficult to say in a general way what amount would prove fatal.

"It is a strong alkaloid," said Dr. Bense, "and generally used in cases of serious nervous disorder as a sedative. It is often used when a patient is on the verge of delirium tremens."

It developed yesterday that the Public Service Commission some time ago denied the application of the South Shore Traction Company, one of Robin's concerns, to exercise a franchise obtained from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the construction of a street railway from the boundary line of Nassau and Queens counties through Jamaica and Long Island City and across the Queensboro Bridge to Manhattan. It was denied on the grounds that the interests of the city had not been properly guarded. On appeal the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court reversed the order and directed that the application be granted.

It is known, however, that the commission has never been satisfied with its interpretation of the law. While the majority of the commission has never been friendly to the claims of the South Shore, it has never expressed any opinion on the question as to whether or not the real object of the enterprise might be to sell the unbuilt road, either to the Pennsylvania or other interests.

City's Money Deposited Saturday. Deputy City Chamberlain Walsh will consult to-day with Corporation Counsel Watson to ascertain whether it is not possible for the city to recover from the Northern Bank, independent of future adjustment, \$10,000, the amount of a deposit made by the Deputy Receiver of Taxes on Saturday.

The deposit was made late Saturday and is not thought to have been through the bank's books before the bank was closed by the State Superintendent of Banking, Monday having been a legal holiday.

Examiners from the Banking Department were hard at work on the books of the Northern and the Washington Savings banks yesterday, but it will be several days yet, it was said, before any

report as to their exact condition can be made.

The Northern Bank owes the State of New York \$8,186,217 for the taxes on the capital stock of the institution, and the Attorney General took steps yesterday to see that the state received its money, obtaining from Justice Amend an order directing Superintendent Cheney of the State Banking Department, in charge of the Northern Bank, to pay over the money due to the Receiver of Taxes. The money will be collected from the stockholders.

Justice Page signed an order yesterday turning over to Superintendent Hotchkiss of the State Insurance Department, the assets of the Rochester Title Guarantee Company, one of the concerns in which Robin was interested. Mr. Hotchkiss received the instruction of the court to wind up the affairs of the company.

The action of the court forestalls any effort to involve the company with other Robin concerns. The assets of the Rochester Title Guarantee Company were seized by the Attorney General last week, when the first rumors of trouble in the affairs of Robin reached Albany. The assets have a nominal value of \$180,000. The Attorney General told the court that in his dealings with this institution Robin had been guilty of questionable practices, declaring that Robin substituted questionable securities for good ones. One of the securities was a note for \$50,000 made to the Northern Bank. The value of the note is not known.

BURGLAR DIES FROM WOUND

"Kid" Howard, Shot Entering House, Succumbs in Hospital. Thomas Wandles, alias "Kid" Howard, alias "Tom" Hanley, who was shot on the night of December 9 while trying to enter the home of Peter A. Talpey, at No. 168 Pennington street, Passaic, N. J., died last night in St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, from the effects of the wound. Until yesterday it was expected that Wandles would recover.

Wandles had been sought by the police of several cities previous to his arrest for robbing Talpey's house. With "Wandles" on that night was a young woman known as Jean Mitchell. She appeared in the County Court in Paterson yesterday and pleaded guilty to being an accomplice in the burglary.

Mrs. Eurnar, of No. 209 Cumberland avenue, Brooklyn, said to be Wandles' mother, visited the hospital in the early part of the week. She said it was the fourth time she had seen her son in ten years.

INVADDED WOMAN'S BEDROOM

Yonkers Patrolman Was Only Obeying Orders, However. Patrolman Thomas Morrissey, the former Marathon runner, now on the Yonkers police force, saw a light last night in the second story of the home of Mrs. J. J. Warburton, 88 Warburton avenue. He rang the bell, but as his summons was unanswered he set a citizen to watch the house while he called the reserves. When reinforcements arrived they were posted around the house while Morrissey climbed up a porch post just as the light was extinguished.

Fighting his electric lamp into the room he surprised Mrs. St. John in the act of getting into bed. She whistled to her dog, but before "Tie" arrived Morrissey had begun an explanation of his presence. Police Headquarters had been asked to keep careful watch of the St. John house as the family was going away. Mrs. St. John had changed her mind about going away, that was why she was there.

OWES LIFE TO HER GRIP

Woman Slips on Fire Escape and Hangs Till Rescued. Mrs. Mary Northrup, who lives on the fifth floor of the double fire escape at No. 100 West 125th street, was hanging by her hands from the fire escape last night when the floor of the framework tipped upward, and she fell through. She managed to grasp a cross section of the fire escape as she dropped.

Mrs. Northrup is thirty-one years old, and she weighs over two hundred pounds. For fully five minutes she hung suspended by her hands, while women neighbors screamed for help. The woman's baby boy was in the kitchen a few feet away and began to call "mother." Mrs. Northrup, as she swayed fifty feet above the pavement, told the little fellow that "mother was all right" and that "he must not be anxious for mother, but would be saved." She feared the child would climb out of the window.

The screams of the women in the other apartments had sent several men racing up the stairs to the aid of Mrs. Northrup, and the janitor, Arthur Ericson, reached her by climbing up the fire escape ladders from the ground floor. The woman was saved by Ericson, who lifted her from below, and by George Schumacher, Mortimer O'Connor and Alexander Dempster, who forced their way into the Northrup apartment and aided the janitor by dragging the fainting woman into the kitchen window.

A physician was called when the rescuers had lifted her into the kitchen. A doctor and the neighborhood responded. He found that his patient's arms and hands were badly swollen, and that she was suffering from shock.

EARLE LOSES HIS AFFINITY

Julia Kuttner Gets Marriage Annulled on Technicality. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court granted to Julia Kuttner Earle yesterday an annulment of her marriage to Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the artist. The action was brought by Mrs. Earle to annul her marriage to Earle, which took place in Venice on March 17, 1908. It was just prior to this marriage that Earle took the public into his confidence by announcing he had discovered his "affinity."

Earle was married in March, 1903, to Marie Emilie Fishbacher in Paris, but abandoned her a few years later. In 1903 his first wife sued for divorce on the ground of desertion. She was successful, but neglected to "transcribe the executors part of the decree in the register of the 'et civil,'" where the marriage was recorded, which was necessary to make the divorce effective. Mrs. Earle complied with this technicality in May, 1903, two months after Earle's marriage to Julia Kuttner.

Her suit for an annulment had no legal effect. Mrs. Earle said Earle had no legal right to marry her, as he was still the husband of his first wife, and continued such until she had finally registered the decree of divorce, two months after the second marriage.

ASSISTANTS REMEMBER KOENIG. Albany, Dec. 30.—Samuel S. Koenig, Secretary of State, had farewell to the two hundred men and women employed in that department to-day through the first department. Thomas F. Fennell, chief clerk, presented Mr. Koenig with a large oil painting of himself and a cut glass flower holder. Secretary Koenig complimented the employees on their loyalty to him and to the state.

GOOD FEDERALISTS FED;

REBELS' LOSS SLIGHT

General Luque Loses Four Days' Fight, Is Report Received at El Paso. HIS TROOPS DEMORALIZED

Mexican Forces Win Battle at Mal Paso, Wednesday.—Insurrectionists Defeated at Tampichic.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 30.—A special to "The Times" from its correspondent in Chihuahua says: "Luque's relief column has encountered four days' fierce fighting with General Hernandez, who has been killed. The rebels' loss is slight. The column is badly demoralized. Navarro's command is still bottled up near Mal Paso."

Chihuahua, Mexico (via El Paso, Tex.), Dec. 30.—An official report was received to-day stating that Colonel Escudero, commanding a scouting force of the federals, encountered a band of rebels in Mal Paso on Wednesday, and that after some fighting the latter retired. No details were given as to the killed or wounded.

The report was sent by General Luque to General Hernandez, commanding the Chihuahua military zone. General Luque declared that the pass was cleared and it was he who asked for the repair train which left here yesterday afternoon. This train did not enter the pass yesterday, but at the railroad office to-day it was stated that the telegraph line probably would be restored to-day.

In the absence of details, officials believe it was only a small band of scouting rebels that was encountered. It is certain that Luque would not have ordered an unprepared repair train into the pass unless he felt certain there was no formidable opposition.

Runners which have been current for five days continue to the effect that there has been serious fighting. There is no confirmation of the reports.

At noon the telegraph line was working only as far west as San Antonio, where, it was said, soldiers were putting up the second station of the proposed wireless system. The guard is occupying the route fortifications made of quartz erected by the remnant of the Guzman command, which was ambushed at Mal Paso two weeks ago. Every preparation has been made here for the reception of federal wounded, but it is insisted that this is for the wounded of previous fights. The wounded must be brought through Mal Paso, if transported by train, which is the subject of further information of the official report that Mal Paso is clear of rebels.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 30.—The first skirmish with the rebels and the first bloodshed in Sonora in the present insurrection is reported in a message received to-day from Moctezuma. Fifty rebels and an equal number of civilians, organized by the prefect of Moctezuma, clashed at Tampichic, twenty miles southeast of Moctezuma.

The fight lasted the entire morning of December 23. The rebels were driven from cover. The prefect reports the rebels routed, leaving one dead, four wounded and ten prisoners.

Denver, Dec. 30.—Brigadier General Combs, commanding the department of the Colorado, to-day ordered the Mexican frontier a company of infantry and one troop of cavalry from Fort Douglas, Utah; Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and Whipple barracks, Arizona.

General Thomas said the duties of the troops will be to keep Mexican revolutionists from crossing the border. The troops will be distributed at several points.

DOG SPEAKS GERMAN

Scientists Say It Has a Vocabulary of Seven Words. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The claim of a gamekeeper near Hamburg that his dog can speak German and has an understanding of the language sufficient to answer questions intelligently has been taken so seriously by German scientists that Professor Pfungst, of Berlin University, headed a committee of investigation.

It is stated that they found the animal possessed of a vocabulary of seven words and that a government attempt to regulate possession of have failed. Questioned concerning the Portuguese rumors last night, the Marquis de Soyer, Portuguese Minister to Great Britain, declared he knew nothing of them. If there had been any truth in them, he would have had nothing to do with it, and neither had he to the suggestion that it was due to the Duke of Oporto was perfectly absurd.

A special dispatch from Madrid reports discussions in the Portuguese Ministry. It says that the Minister of Justice has alienated all his colleagues and made himself immensely unpopular by violent legislative proposals, and that he will soon be compelled to resign.

JEWIS WARNED IN DOUMA

Revolutions Will Pass Over Their Corpses, Says Nationalist.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—After an exciting debate in the Douma to-day the members of the Right, the Nationalists and the Octobrists, by combining their votes secured the rejection of a motion urging the necessity for an interpellation on the recent student disorders in Odessa. The Douma then adjourned to January 20.

In the course of the debate M. Schulgen, Nationalist, declared that the student disorders were inspired by the Constitutional Democrats and Socialist parties for the sake of sowing revolutionary seed. These parties, the speaker declared, were acting under the orders of Finnish Jews, who were financing them.

M. Schulgen warned the Jews against such alleged actions, concluding his remarks by saying: "Every revolution in Russia will pass over Jewish corpses. For the Jews are on the side of least resistance and the infuriated mobs will not spare them."

WORLD'S DISTANCE RECORD

Tabuteau Flies 362.66 Miles, Winning Michelin Cup.

Buc, France, Dec. 30.—Maurice Tabuteau, contesting for the Michelin Cup to-day, broke the world's aviation record for distance, covering 362.66 miles in a continuous flight of 7 hours and 45 minutes. Tabuteau had before made the best mark in this year's competition for the Michelin Cup, having on October 23 last flown 258 miles.

The cup is awarded annually, along with a cash premium of \$4,000, to the aviator making the longest sustained flight within the twelve months.

FRENCH AVIATOR KILLED

Lieut. Caumont Falls to Death Testing New Monoplane.

Versailles, France, Dec. 30.—Lieutenant Caumont, of the Army Aviation Corps, while testing a new monoplane to-day fell from a height of 1,000 feet. Both arms and both legs were broken.

The injured man was taken immediately to the military hospital, where he died to-night.

As soon as he learned of the accident General Brun, Minister of War, nominated Lieutenant Caumont for the Legion of Honor, but death occurred before the cross could be taken to him.

MESSINA'S FLAMES CHECKED

Fire Under Control After Destroying Several Buildings.

Reggio di Calabria, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Firemen and police summoned from here to help fight a fire at Messina returned to-day. The flames were controlled after the postoffice, the city hall and a dozen wooden huts had been destroyed. There were no casualties. The burning of the telegraph office interrupted wire communications with the outside, but the service will be resumed to-night.

AMERICANS AND GERMANS ASK SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO SEND TROOPS

Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 30.—The strike of 12,000 dockmen and coal heavers has tied up completely the business of this port. No ships are being loaded or discharged.

The American and German mercantile houses have petitioned the Governor to send troops to the port to enable them to remove the accumulated merchandise.

DISSENSIONS AMONG RAILROADS GIVEN

Rome, Dec. 30.—The hope of the authorities that the threatened general strike of employees of the state owned railways may not materialize rests chiefly on dissensions among the men. The latter are divided into two camps, one of which advocated violence, while the other, wishing to secure the promised increase of \$4,000,000 in the total annual wages, is concerned only with the manner in which the increase shall be distributed.

Meanwhile, the railway men are holding secret meetings. The committee of the railway workers has recommended to the men blind obedience to their leaders. It warns them, however, against precipitate action, declaring that the French Premier, M. Briand, triumphed over the workmen in the last general strike in France because he succeeded in making the railway man prematurely start the agitation.

The committee says that in Italy the opportunist moment for the commencement of a strike would be the beginning of the festivities of 1911 commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of Rome as the capital of the kingdom of Italy. The danger for a strike will not be given by telegraph or through men in motor cars, as was the case in France, but by a system that is being kept secret.

PORTUGAL IS TRANQUIL

Peace Reigns Throughout Republic, Says Foreign Minister.

NO FEARS OF AN UPRISING

RIOTING ON ISLAND OF MADEIRA A PROTEST AGAINST MEASURES TO PREVENT CHOLERA SPREAD.

Lisbon, Dec. 30.—Senator Machado, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, to-day received the foreign newspaper correspondents and declared to them that tranquillity reigned everywhere in the republic. The financial situation, he said, was improving daily, discipline in the army and navy was perfect and the religious agitation had died out.

Contrary to mendacious reports propagated by enemies of the republic, Senator Machado added, elections would be held in April, and the people would be allowed the full liberty to take part in them. The minister said also that orders have been given to the telegraphic authorities to suppress all false news. Senator Machado declared that the British minister at Portugal had asked his government to send a warship to the Tagus.

It was reported that reserves of the 27th Infantry, stationed on the island of Madeira, Portuguese possession, off the Moroccan coast, were called to the colors to-day with the object of assuring order on the island. Serious rioting has occurred there recently as a result of the stringent measures taken by the authorities to prevent the spread of cholera.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Senator Baudelaire, the Portuguese Chargé d'Affaires here, received a dispatch from the Foreign Office at Lisbon this afternoon stating that three warships had been sent to Madeira on account of the trouble there.

The dispatch also said that there was no trouble in the army or navy in Portugal, that there had been no discovery of a royalist plot and that no arrests had been made for political reasons.

In an interview Senator Baudelaire said he had received official dispatches from Lisbon, the tenor of which indicated that there is no serious danger to the republic. He said the rumors to the effect that a revolution was impending were unfounded.

The government, the chargé d'affaires said, is embarrassed by a radical and conservative split among the Republicans, each faction struggling to gain control. There are some discontent among the people and some strikes of employees of the public service corporations. But Senator Baudelaire declared, these disputes are on the eve of a settlement, and the "situation is not critical nor is the republic menaced."

CONFLICT IS IMMINENT

Correspondent Says Portuguese Republic Faces Crisis.

London, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of "The Daily Chronicle" who wrote the brilliant account of the Lisbon revolution in an article in "The Chronicle" to-day on the present situation in the new republic says that everything points to a coming conflict in which the battles will not be between Royalists and Republicans, but between moderate Republicans and extreme revolutionaries. The hidden spring of the conspiracy, he says, is the Camorra, or secret society, which corrupted the army from its allegiance to the monarchy and is now busily engaged in corrupting it afresh, in order to have a powerful lever ready to hand against the provisional government.

All the government's attempts to stabilize the situation are being frustrated. The correspondent considers that a source of great danger to the foreign business folk in Lisbon is the possession by the people of large quantities of explosives and firearms, which were distributed on the eve of the revolution, but not needed then, which a government's attempts to regulate possession of have failed.

EXPLANATION BY PORTUGAL

Will Not Seize Private Property of Religious Corporations.

Washington, Dec. 30.—With the idea that the attitude of the Portuguese government with regard to the property of religious corporations held to be illegal is misunderstood in this country, Viscount de Alente, the Portuguese Minister, made the following statement to-night: "Directly the congregations were dissolved an inventory of their property was taken with a view to its proper protection and in order that it may be surrendered to the rightful owners."

"The Portuguese government does not interfere in the matter, and will certainly make no attempt to seize any private property, but will see to it that it may have been put in the past."

MAY OPEN GATE TO EDITOR

Portuguese Politics Involved in Detention, Friends Assert.

Joseph F. Escobar, the editor and publisher of a Portuguese newspaper of New Bedford, Mass., who was detained at Ellis Island on his arrival here on Wednesday in favor of the party now in power, will probably be released to-day. According to the accusations of persons opposed to his political views and to the favorable stand he had taken for the new government of Portugal.

The editor, who is strongly opposed to the monarchist party in Portugal, went to Lisbon several months ago and had a long talk with President Braga of the provisional government. It is said that he assured the President that the majority of the Portuguese subjects in New England were in favor of the party now in power, and requested him to remove from office the Viscount Valle de Costa, the Portuguese Consul at Boston. It was rumored also that he asked President Braga to remove his place as Consul at New Bedford.

The news of Mr. Escobar's arrest at Ellis Island reached New England yesterday and on his arrival on Wednesday the Immigration officials had received sufficient complaints against him to warrant his detention at Ellis Island.

"The enemies of Mr. Escobar, it is said, have declared that he was largely interested in the recent revolution in Portugal. He was taken before a board of inspectors to-day yesterday afternoon, and another hearing will be accorded him to-day. According to an Immigration official familiar with the case, nothing has been proved against the editor to warrant his deportation."

U. S. MARINES TO LAND

The Hornet Expected to Attack Puerto Cortez, Honduras.

TROOPS RUSHED THERE

Fighting in Mountains Reported—Revolutionists Gathering on Border.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Dec. 30 (By wireless to New Orleans).—An attack on Puerto Cortez by the revolutionary gunboat Hornet, which was reported several miles off this coast late last night, is expected hourly. Several hundred government troops arrived here yesterday from Tegucigalpa, and others came this morning.

Following rumors that the United States cruiser Tacoma had sighted the Hornet last night, the American Consul, at the instance of Commander Davis of the Tacoma, to-day warned all Americans to remain indoors after trouble begins. Notice was given to the commandant to-day that the Tacoma will land marines to-morrow to protect American interests here.

It is believed to be the plan of Manuel Bonilla, former President and leader of the revolutionists, to attack Puerto Cortez with the Hornet while a small body of troops moves on the town from the south.

The people are greatly excited, and few believe the attack on the town will be delayed more than forty-eight hours. The Honduran gunboat Tatumba is in the harbor, but her two one-pounders are not expected to be of much use in defending the town against an attack by four six-inch modern rifles and three machine guns. The Tatumba is not considered seaworthy.

Guatemalan troops arrived at Morales last night, and this move is taken here to mean that an attack by Honduran revolutionists is expected along the border.

According to rumors which have been current here for several days, General Leo Christmas is to head a large body of troops mobilized along the Guatemalan border and march against the capital after Puerto Cortez and San Pedro are captured.

It is reported that fighting has begun at Las Quabadas, a small town in the Department of Santa Barbara, sixty-three miles south of Puerto Cortez, in a section where Bonilla has a large following. The little mountain town has been the scene of several fights in previous revolutionary outbreaks.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 30.—President Davila says there is no revolutionary movement in sight, and he believes the stories to the contrary are false. The gunboat Tatumba is out of commission and under repairs. The vessel was floated out of drydock Thursday.

CAMERON SPEAR INDICTED

Alleged Originator of "Sucker List" Said To Be Abroad.

Cameroon Spear, skilled in the methods of "frenzied finance," and alleged to be the originator of the notorious "sucker list," has been indicted by the federal grand jury for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The indictment was handed down yesterday afternoon. Warrants were issued for his arrest several months ago, but it is said that Spear is now in Europe.

In hitting upon the scheme of getting up a "sucker list" Cameron is said to have struck a gold mine. It is said he had agents posted in almost every town and hamlet throughout the country, and whenever a person supposed to be rich died, the agent would immediately telegraph or mail all particulars of his family to his employer.

As soon as Spear's alleged clients in the East received a new name on the "sucker list," they would flood the victim with circulars depicting lurid gold mines and brawny miners kicking gold dust out of their way as they dug their picks deep into mountains of solid gold lying before them. When the man to whom this circular was addressed would write in to the "get-rich-quick" promoter, asking how he could become a partner in these untold millions, he would immediately be dubbed a stockholder in the "sucker list" common.

When an even more credulous recipient would get the circular, he would come forth with a check in exchange for the artistically worded and picture-adorned paper. For his good nature he would be put down on the "sucker list" preferred.

STILL MORE SUGAR FRAUDS

Big Ones Found at San Francisco, Officials Say.

Washington, Dec. 30.—An investigation of alleged sugar drawback frauds at San Francisco is imminent. In fact, a preliminary inquiry has furnished evidence which leads Treasury officials to believe that the frauds there will eclipse those at New York, which the American Sugar Refining Company recently offered to settle for \$700,000. Evidence collected by customs officials is said to show that the government has for years been paying drawbacks on Philippine sugar which came into the United States free, was used in the preservation of California fruit, and later exported as sugar imported from Java on which duty had been paid.

"An official of the Treasury Department said to-day: 'The troubles of the sugar importers have only begun. The discoveries of the frauds have only started.'"

"When the grand jury now investigating the sampling of sugar at New Orleans finishes its work," another customs official said, "it will be found that the frauds against the government there have been going on for at least fifteen years." He added that all the frauds would be found in the sampling of sugar and the polariscopic tests determining the saccharine content on which the importer pays duty.

LOSES SUIT AGAINST BINGHAM

The suit for \$100,000 damages brought by Police Captain William H. Hodgins against former Police Commissioner Bingham, dismissed yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Captain Hodgins alleged that General Bingham prevented his promotion to an inspectorship by "untruthfully" certifying the plaintiff's police record to the Municipal Civil Service Commission. To the effect that his record was "poor, has not qualities for inspector's command and efficiency."

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BATTLE ON HAYTIAN BORDER

Serious Fighting Over Santo Domingo Boundary.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Rumors of serious fighting on the border between Santo Domingo and Hayti are reported to the State Department in a cablegram dated yesterday from American Minister Furness, at Port-au-Prince. He says the Haytian government, while denying these rumors, is sending soldiers to the border.

The Dominican government alleges that Haytian troops under General Ferdinand fired on a Dominican guard at Pedernales, so the Dominican Republic has requested that the Haytian troops be withdrawn immediately, pending which the Dominican government also is sending troops to the seat of trouble.

The auxiliary cruiser Yankton has sailed from San Juan, Porto Rico, for Samana Bay, on the north coast of Santo Domingo. The ostensible object of her visit is to lay out courses for torpedo practice within the quiet waters of the bay.

MAY RECOGNIZE ESTRADA

Government Waiting for Action of Convention at Managua.