LUMSDEN SAYS SELF-DEFENCE

ADMITS HE CARRIED A PISTOL IN HIS OVERCOAT POCKET.

Denied on the Day of the Shooting of Suydam That He Had Had a Pistol at All, and the Two Statements Are Laid Before the Jury—Widow a Witness.

John C. Lumsden, the young inventor from Raleigh, N. C., who is on trial before Judge Malone in General Sessions charged with the murder of Harry B. Suydam, a curb broker of 39 Broad street on December 19, went on the witness stand yesterday and gave his own version of the shooting in Suydam's office.

Before he was called the prosecution attempted to have the bullet which caused Suydam's death identified by his widow, Mrs. Kate Suydam. James J. Fitzgerald, of counsel for Lumsden, objected vigorously to what he characterized as a theatrical attempt to play upon the feelings of the jury. Mrs. Suydam, who was in mourning, was allowed to take the witness stand, but after she had testified that her husband gave her the bullet in the Hudson street hospital Fitzgerald's renewed objection was sustained and the testimony was stricken from the record.

Assistant District Attorney Nott read to the jury a statement Lumsden made to Assistant District Attorney Symonds at Police Headquarters a few hours after the shooting. In this statement Lumsden said that on the day of the shooting he had gone to Suydam's office to collect $250 which he believed Suydam owed him on demand notes signed by George S. Jacob, who had been associated with Suydam in forming a company to exploit one of Lumsden's inventions. In the statement Lumsden spoke of Suydam and Jacob as the men who have "stolen everything I ever had." He continued:

"I went to see Suydam and he promised to pay me that morning when the curb market opened. He stood by the window in his office and without any warning he was upon me. Then there was a crowd on top of me. I thought that my leg was being broken. Some one smashed into the window and the glass was falling all over us. Then a revolver went off. It was Suydam's gun. I don't know who fired it. Everybody had their hands on the gun when it went off. I had intended to take my pistol with me when I went to the office. I had some cartridges in my pocket to fill the gun, but I did not have the $2.80 necessary to get my pistol from the pawnshop. I had no weapon with me except a little corn knife which I kept to sharpen pencils."

In another part of the statement Lumsden had said that he had been in Suydam's office before to try to collect the money and had been told by Suydam that if he called again he would get himself into "a hell of a fix." The story of the shooting is told twice in this statement and the second time Lumsden said that Suydam had the revolver in his hand when he struck the first blow and that he, Lumsden, had never had the pistol in his possession.

Mr. Fitzgerald in opening for the defence told the jury that no matter what statements the defendant had made before he was to be judged only by the statement which he would make in court. The defence proposed to show that Lumsden was attacked in Suydam's office by Suydam and the latter's clerk, George A. Downs, and that he made no attempt to draw a revolver until Downs was strangling him, and then only by accident as he threw up the hand holding the revolver in an effort to free his neck from a deadly grasp.

This admission that Lumsden had had the revolver in his possession from the first and had fired the shot came just after Lumsden's statement at Police Headquarters had been read and Lumsden showed the first signs of emotion. He moved nervously about in his chair and mopped the perspiration from his face. He was at once called to the witness chair and began his story. It was substantially as follows:

"I went to Suydam's office about ten minutes before 10 o'clock. Suydam, a Mr. Collins and the office boy, Arthur Meyer, were there. I asked to see Mr. Suydam privately and he went with me into the hall. As we went out we met Downs, Suydam's clerk, coming in, but met no one else. I took the notes from my pocket and handed them to Suydam. He said: 'Do you remember what I said would happen if you came here again,' and I answered that I did, but that I had come quietly and was prepared if anything was attempted against me. I told him that if I wasn't paid I would go to the District Attorney's office and that I had already seen the manager of the curb market in reference to the matter. Suydam seemed disturbed by this. He said: 'Well, come into my office until the market opens and I'll get the money.' I followed Suydam inside. He crossed over to his desk and I stood looking out of the window. I looked over at a clock to see what time it was. Suydam was standing with one foot on a chair. Downs was at the other window. Suydam said that he had sent a machine to a man in New Jersey to have it repaired and I answered. Suydam didn't appear to be excited. We talked quietly. He said something to Downs about an order, and Downs came over to where we were standing.

"The next thing I knew Suydam struck me hard in the face and grabbed me about the body. 'Grab him, George, and get his gun,' he called out to Downs. We fell against the window, and the glass was broken. Suydam called to Downs to knock me in the head. Downs hit me on the side of the head and then threw one arm about my neck. Then the revolver was brought from my pocket and Mr. Suydam caught hold of it. Downs had hold of it or my hand, I don't know which. The revolver was being turned around in my direction and my breath was being cut off by the grip on my neck. The gun was discharged. Downs released me and Collins rushed in. My right hand was now free and the revolver was in this hand when Collins took hold. I don't remember what Collins did. They were trying to get hold of the revolver and I was trying to get it away from them. Downs was striking me on the head and was cursing me. He called out 'Kill him' a number of times. I was thrown to the floor, where I rested on my hands and right knee with my head bent over my knee. Downs kicked at my face but missed and struck a box. He jumped on the window sill, knocking more glass out, and jumping in the air landed on my head with both feet."

Questioned by his counsel, Lumsden said that he made no attempt to draw the revolver before Downs grabbed him, and that all through the struggle his one effort had been to prevent the others from obtaining possession of the weapon.

On cross-examination Lumsden said that at the time of his visit to Suydam's office he owed more than $500 to certain banks in North Carolina, and that he had planned to make payment with the money he hoped to receive from Suydam. He also admitted having in his pocket at the time of the visit letters to the banks announcing the return of the money. These letters had been left open in order that the money received from Suydam might be enclosed.

On cross-examination Lumsden said that he had borrowed the revolver from a friend, Frank B. Simpson of 154 West Eighty-fourth street, on the evening of December 17, two days before the shooting. Simpson also comes from Raleigh. Lumsden said that he saw the revolver on Simpson's table and asked if he might take it, saying that he was going to see a man in Broad street who had made threats and that he expected to meet other men there who also had threatened him. He told Simpson that the purpose of his intended visit to Broad street was to collect some money.

Lumsden said that the men besides Suydam from whom he feared trouble were Jacob and a man named Coley. So far as he knew none of the three carried a gun. He feared Jacob because the latter had told him he would get "licked within an inch of your life" if he went to the District Attorney with the story of being robbed of his invention.

Lumsden denied that he had changed his story because he feared that the District Attorney's office might trace the revolver which he had used. He had said at first that it was Suydam's revolver because he feared that he might get his friend Simpson into trouble if he told of having borrowed Simpson's gun. He also explained Suydam's call to Downs to "Get the gun" by saying that he supposed Suydam had inferred that he had a revolver from his remark that he was "prepared." If a man told him that he was prepared he would infer that that man carried a weapon.

A number of witnesses who will swear to Lumsden's previous good character will be called. The case will probably go to the jury on Thursday.

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THE REAL BATTERY DAN.

Tugs and the Widow Mary Dooley Help Celebrate His Birthday.

Dan McGinn, Battery boatman almost ever since there was a Battery, announced several weeks ago that he would be 69 years of age yesterday. All the other Battery boatmen who own tenements and automobiles decided to organize a birthday party for Dan. Bill Quigley was the head of the expedition that surprised the veteran in Battery Park by picking him up and carrying him bodily on their shoulders to the flag decorated wagon of Greeky Murray in front of the Barge Office. Dan protested that he had an appointment to dock a steamship at Bush's terminal in South Brooklyn. He was told that he would have to go there in the wagon, and he was shoved in and taken across the ferry. After he had docked his ship with a celerity that drew cheers from the multitude that had followed the wagon he was brought back to the Battery surrounded by several hundred people.

A fleet of twenty of the finest tugs in the harbor were tied up at the Battery pier, fogbound, and every skipper started his whistle going when Dan was brought into the park and set down before a repast, of which the pièce de résistance was a pie prepared by the Widow Mary Dooley, to whom Dan is said to be engaged. In the centre of the pie, which was about a yard in diameter, were Dan's initials and his age set in candy. The tugs startled folks in the big buildings and all around the Battery by tooting a signal unknown to the international code—six blasts followed by nine—which meant the age of the veteran. There were speeches by ex-Alderman Andy Doyle, Judge McGrath and Bill Quigley. Dan responded with proper emotion, and the tugs all whistled again.

FEDERAL PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Climb to Jail Roof and Slide Down a Rain Spout to Freedom.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 9.—James and Oliver Baughman, who it is alleged have been cracking safes and robbing post offices in Indiana for two years, escaped from the jail in this city this afternoon.

They were Federal prisoners and were not allowed the liberty that others enjoyed, but in some way unknown they reached the corridors of the jail, climbed up to the roof through a ventilator, kicked out the lattice window and got on the roof.

Passing over to the opposite side they slid down a water spout and were probably out of the city before their absence was noticed.

The men are brothers and are regarded by the Federal officers as desperate men.

To Urge Sunday Liquor Bill.

The Cigar Manufacturers and Dealers League of Greater New York, which is composed largely of manufacturers and dealers who supply the hotels and saloons, appointed a committee yesterday headed by Samuel Prince, president of the association, to go to Albany to-day to speak in favor of the Stearns bill, providing that liquor can be sold on Sundays after church services are over. It will come before the Excise Committee of the Assembly to-day.

The Weather.

The storm from Texas was central over Illinois yesterday morning, moving northeastward and attended by heavy rainfall in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and the middle Mississippi Valley. Snow fell in the upper Lake regions, the upper Mississippi Valley and the lower Missouri Valley and rain practically everywhere else east of the Mississippi except Florida and Maine. There was a secondary depression over New Mexico, so that the pressure was low over all parts of the country, except the extreme Northeast and Northwest.

Lower temperatures prevailed in New England and northern New York, but elsewhere east of the Mississippi it was generally warmer. West of that river the temperatures for the most part were lower, and freezing weather covered all but the extreme Western and Southwestern States.

In this city rain fell all day; slightly warmer; wind, fresh east to southeast; average humidity, 86 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.21; 3 P. M., 30.02.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

	1909.	1908.		1909.	1908.
9 A. M.	38°	38°	6 P. M.	30°	34°
12 M.	38°	41°	9 P. M.	30°	30°
3 P. M.	40°	37°	12 Mid.	38°	28°

Lowest temperature, 36°, at 10:30 A. M.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York and New England, rain in southern, rain or snow in northern portions to-day; rain or snow and colder to-morrow, high southeasterly winds.

For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, rain to-day; rain or snow and colder to-morrow; high southerly, shifting to southwesterly, winds.

For western New York, western Pennsylvania and Ohio, rain or snow and colder to-day and probably to-morrow.

TELLS OF PAYING HUSH MONEY.

Convicted Saloon Man's Confession Makes Some New Jersey Officials Uneasy.

Certain county and town officials and ex-officials in Hudson county are uneasy as the result of a confession made by Chris Intemann, a convicted roadhouse keeper, to Prosecutor of the Pleas Pierre P. Garven that he had made a practice for years of handing up large sums of money for protection.

Intemann ran a place on the abandoned Guttenburg racetrack in North Bergen. He openly violated the Sunday laws and made money out of the operation of slot machines. It was common report that he rejoiced in a strong political pull, and he had smooth sledding for years until the Vigilance League, organized by women to clean up conditions in "Little Coney Island," got after him. Dectectives got evidence on which he was indicted for maintaining a disorderly house, and Intemann saved the county the expense of a trial by pleading non vult.

County Judge Blair postponed sentence and the saloon keeper was warned that if he came into court again as a defendant he would surely go to jail. Another true bill was subsequently found against him for selling intoxicating liquor on Sunday and to Intemann's surprise he was convicted. His bail of $1,500 was continued and he was released under it to appear for sentence. He jumped his bail and was recently picked up in Yonkers and is now locked up in the Hudson county jail.

Intemann's former political friends went back on him, and he says he is sore clear through. Just what other motives actuated him in making a clean breast of things is not known unless he felt that perhaps he could avoid a jail sentence.

Prosecutor Garven admitted yesterday that Intemann had made "a startling confession" but he refused to discuss any of its details or tell what action, if any, would be taken by the State in consequence of it.

It is known that many of the officials accused by Intemann of receiving money from him for protection, which he admits was delivered according to agreement, could not be prosecuted now because of the statute of limitations.

CHANCE TO SEE JEFF FREE.

Pugilist Will Give a Single Performance at West Side Police Court.

Anybody who wants to can get a free look at Jim Jeffries to-day by getting to the West Side police court at 10:30 this morning, where Jeffries will appear to answer a summons for violating the law with his sparring at the Lincoln Square Theatre in his vaudeville act.

Al Davis and about everybody else connected with the theatre were busy making sure last night that the fact that Jeff was to appear in court became public, and here are the facts (not supplied by Al Davis):

Capt. Reidy of the West Sixty-eighth street precinct, like every one else interested in things athletic, dropped around to the theatre on Monday to see how Jeff shaped up should he take on Johnson; that is the captain dropped around to see that the law was not violated. He saw Jeff go through with some training stunts and then box with Sam Berger, his sparring partner. Capt. Reidy then went to the station house and hunted up section 458 of the Penal Code and decided that Jeff's exhibition was according to the law a prizefight where an admission was charged, in short that Berger and Jeffries were not "both members of Blaney's club." Magistrate Harris gave to Capt. Reidy the summons asked for and Jeff will show up this morning.

Besides Jeff there will be all of his trainers, Sam Berger, managers and photographers. Perhaps Al Davis will also be there to tell anybody who comes in late all about it.

ROBBED ROOM AFTER ROOM.

Girl Says She Stole Things at the St. Hubert and Gave Them to a Man.

Bessie Vaughn of 208 East Eighty-eighth street, who is a cleaner at the Hotel St. Hubert, at 120 West Fifty-seventh street, and John Moore of 342 St. Nicholas avenue were arrested last night in connection with a series of small thefts in the St. Hubert.

The girl made a partial confession. She said that as she worked about the hotel apartments she had picked up many articles, hid them in her clothes and given them to Moore to be disposed of. In Moore's room detectives found a gold watch and chain which were identified by Mrs. J. R. Coffin as her property, and a diamond ring was identified by Daniel Fox as his mother's.

The girl was charged with grand larceny and Moore with receiving stolen goods. They will be in the West Side police court to-day.

ARTISTE OF THE DANCE WINS.

Jury Says Dreamland Showman Must Pay Her $450—She Sued for $550.

A jury in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn decided yesterday that the æsthetic appreciation of William A. Ellis, the Dreamland showman, was about $450 shy of the normal and that this $450 worth of deficiency should be transferred in terms of cash by Mr. Ellis to Miss Nellie Weston, an artiste of the dance.

Plaintiff had told that jury that Mr. Ellis had broken a contract made with her for the dancing of a spirited Oriental dance in his production the Feast of Belshazzar during the summer of 1907. Defendant had answered that it was a Salome dance that had been contracted for and that plaintiff's effort was no more a Salome dance than it was a bucketful of preserved gooseberries.

Plaintiff asked for $550, but the jury had about $100 worth of doubts.

MISS WHITE TO BE A COUNTESS.

Engagement of Ambassador's Daughter to Prussian Noble Confirmed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, March 9.—The announcement of the engagement of Muriel, daughter of United States Ambassador White, to Count Hermann Scherr-Thoss of the Royal Prussian Cuirassiers, eldest son of Count Scherr-Thoss of Dobrau, Prussian Silesia, hereditary peer of Prussia and a large landed proprietor, was formally made to-day. The engagement was contracted during Miss Muriel's recent visit to Berlin, where she was in the constant company of Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, an old school friend.

The wedding is to take place in two months in Paris.

MOTORIST THERY DEAD.

Won Many Auto Races—Took the Bennett Cup in 1905.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, March 9.—François Leon Thery, the famous motorist, who was the winner of many auto races, died here last night at the age of 30.

Thery was the winner of the Bennett cup at Longchamps, France, on July 5, 1905. He completed the Auvergne course of 341 miles in 7 hours 10 minutes, gross time. His net running time was 7 hours 2 minutes 42 seconds. Nazzari of Italy was second. Dingley, Tracy and Lytle were the American contestants.

FROHMAN PRESENTS "STRIFE."

Socialistic Drama Well Acted and Received at London Matinee.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 9.—Daniel Frohman made a new departure to-day in allying himself with the advanced theatrical movement and producing a socialistic play, "Strife," by John Galsworthy, the novelist, at a matinée at the Duke of York's Theatre.

"Strife" is an unusually strong dramatic work. It was splendidly acted by a picked company and was received with enormous enthusiasm.

ZAYISTAS WON'T FUSE.

Havana Patriots Fear That Some Offices Would Be Out of Their Reach.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, March 9.—The Zayistas in certain wards in Havana have issued circulars protesting against fusion with the Miguelistas.

The kickers take the ground that such a fusion would shut them out of various offices despite the fact that they contributed to the Liberal party's triumph at the recent elections.

LIEUT. KING, U. S. A., IS SAFE.

He and His Party Not Victims of Head Hunters in Northern Luzon.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, March 9.—Lieut. Harry L. King of the First Cavalry and his detachment, who were reported last week to have been massacred by head hunters in the mountains of northern Luzon and for whom constabulary have been searching, arrived safely to-day at Baler, capital of the sub-province of Principe, after a prolonged but uneventful trip through the mountains

THE POPE OUT OF BED.

Received French Bishop—He Coughs Much, but Is Cheerful.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, March 9.—The Pope left his bed for four hours to-day.

He gave an audience to the Bishop of Saint Claude, France, who subsequently said that his Holiness looked well. He coughs frequently, but is cheerful.

FRENCH INCOME TAX BILL.

Chamber Passes It, but Many Deputies Hope the Senate Will Kill It.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, March 9.—The Chamber of Deputies passed the income tax bill as a whole to-day by a vote of 407 to 166.

It now goes to the Senate, where many of the Deputies who voted in favor of it throughout the debates hope it will be killed.

CONGO TORTURER SENTENCED.

Lieut. Arnold of Belgium Gets 12 Years Penal Servitude—Will Appeal.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BRUSSELS, March 9.—Lieut. Arnold, who gained unenviable notoriety through the barbarities he committed on rubber gatherers in the Congo, has been found guilty and sentenced to twelve years penal servitude.

He will appeal from the sentence.

TARLER'S ASSAILANT IMMUNE.

Yarina Will Even Escape Trial for Attack on U. S. Charge d'Affaires.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, March 9.—Yarina, the Cuban charged with assaulting Mr. Tarler while the latter was acting as American Chargé d'Affaires here, will, under the provisions of the general amnesty act, escape trial for his offence.

GUITRY FOR COQUELIN'S ROLES.

Rostand Announces He Will Create Leading Part in "Chanticler."

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, March 9.—Three weeks ago it was stated that Le Bargy of the Comédie Française was to replace the late Constant Coquelin in the leading rôle of Rostand's new play "Chanticler." To-day Rostand stated that Lucien Guitry would play the leading part in "Chanticler" and also Coquelin's other rôles, including *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

Guitry is in his forty-ninth year. He is a native of Paris and a pupil of Monrose. He won the second Conservatory prizes for tragedy and comedy in 1878 and made his début at the Gymnase on October 1 of that year as *Armand Duval* in the "Dame aux Camelias." Leaving the Gymnase in 1881, he played for several years in Russia and then returned to Paris, appearing at the Odéon in 1891 and going to the Grand Théâtre the following year, where he created several rôles. He went to the Renaissance in 1893. In 1901 he became stage manager of the Théâtre Français. Later he returned to the Renaissance as director.

For a Cuban Legation at Rome.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, March 9.—President Gomez has sent a message to Congress asking for the creation of a Cuban legation at Rome, where at present the Government is represented by a Chargé d'Affaires.

J. Ham Lewis Studying the Orient.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, March 9.—Former Congressman James Hamilton Lewis of Washington has arrived from the United States. He says he is engaged in studying conditions in the Orient

Italy for Parcels Post.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, March 9.—The Cabinet has sanctioned an Italo-American parcels post convention.

BRINKLEY TORNADO KILLS 22

SIX DWELLINGS AND A CHURCH ALL THAT REMAIN STANDING.

Two Hundred Persons Injured, Some of Whom Are Expected to Die—Suffering Results From Lack of Buildings in Which to House the Wounded.

HELENA, Ark., March 9.—The tornado which struck Brinkley, Ark., at 7 o'clock last night, the time indicated by the stopping of the clock in the office of the Arlington Hotel there, was most effectual in its devastation.

THE SUN correspondent was one of the relief party who went from Helena to the scene.

Brinkley was completely wrecked. In the town which twelve hours before had been one of Arkansas's most flourishing cities, of approximately 3,500 people, not a house, business or dwelling and only one church—that the Catholic—escaped.

At 2 o'clock, when the special train left Brinkley for the return trip, the death list had reached twenty-two, with several of the injured in a dying condition. There is no doubt that further search among the débris will reveal other dead and wounded.

Physicians accompanying the Helena relief party who made the rounds of the temporary hospitals said the estimate of 200 injured is very modest.

Of the many hundred dwellings, not to exceed half a dozen were left in a condition which would permit of occupancy for shelter, and even these six had suffered some damage. Business houses without exception had suffered a like fate. Even the undertaking establishments had been destroyed, necessitating the shipping of the dead to Forrest City and other points for preparation for burial.

Estimates of the property damage made by conservative bankers of Brinkley put it at $1,000,000.

A relief committee was appointed composed of A. Flora, H. C. Strong and James Mitchell, and the newspaper men were requested to ask their papers to start relief funds.

Finding the food supply running low, calls were this afternoon sent out to neighboring towns for aid.

Gov. Donaghy late this afternoon ordered Company I of Helena to report immediately to the Mayor of Brinkley.

Owing to the dead and injured being scattered all over the city as the result of no building suitable for hospital and morgue service having been left, no effort was made to get the names of the injured or of the negro dead.

Among the white citizens dead are Porter Foote, J. L. Sterritt, Henry Stovall, Jr., Mrs. Ethel Phillips, Mrs. Belle Darden, Charles Frienz, J. M. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reed, their two sons, Russell and Raymond Reed, and one daughter, Miss Clara Rose, was reported dying.

Eleven negroes were killed.

W. M. Wilson of Little Rock was at Brinkley during the storm, and says:

"I was at the Brinkley House. I had just eaten supper, and in company with J. C. Ayers had just walked out in the street. A severe rain came up and we stepped into a pool hall for shelter. The rain had continued for about five minutes, I judge, when the tornado swooped down on the city. The force of the storm was spent in two or three minutes, in fact before any one realized what was happening.

"We heard the crash of the falling buildings and rushed out on the street. The sight that met our view cannot be described. Practically the entire town was in ruins. We went to the hotel and found it in ruins.

"For a short time after the storm had passed the people all seemed crazed and did not know what to do, but this was only for a short time, for soon the work of rescue began. A temporary morgue was arranged and the dead as fast as rescued were taken to this place, while the injured were taken to the building in which Dr. Donnelly had his office, which was converted into a hospital. The only store in the city left standing was that of the Brauda Dry Goods Company. This the proprietor threw open and gave mattresses and any other goods that might be of relief to the injured.

PULASKI, Ill., March 9.—A tornado passed over this town last night. Several houses were blown down and other damage was done. At Villa Ridge, four miles south of here, several fine residences were demolished. The trend of the storm was from southwest to northeast, passing from Villa Ridge to East Wood, a settlement three miles east of here. It blew down the residence of George Knight, killing Mr. Knight almost instantly and severely injuring a young son. A new residence of John Millick was razed, severely injuring Mrs. Millick and her daughter.

GOVERNMENT TUG TO BLAME.

Cuba Will Have to Pay for Raising the Zaldo, Near the Wreck of the Maine.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, March 9.—A jury of representative shipping men has decided that the sinking of the tug Guillermo Zaldo last Thursday beside the wreck of the Maine was due to the fault of the captain of the Government tug Cardenas, which ran into the Zaldo.

It is probable that the Government will pay the $15,000 claimed for raising and repairing the sunken tug.

WADSWORTH JUST WENT BACK.

Was Warned of Confidence Men by Telegraph on the Way to New York.

OTTAWA, March 9.—John A. J. Wadsworth is back in Ottawa. He says that a warning telegram sent from Ottawa and delivered to him on the train he was on when near Troy, N. Y., probably saved him from the clutches of two confidence men. He explains:

"I went along when they asked me to take a trip to New York. I had no suspicions and everything went all right until the telegram was handed to me. Then I said nothing, packed my grip and quietly got off the train at Troy. I took a trolley ride over to Albany, New York, left there for Montreal, and came back home. I had about $200 with me and a letter of credit and a bank book, but they did not get one cent of mine."

"You would have gone right on to New York had it not been for the telegram?" Wadsworth was asked.

"Oh, yes," he replied. "I intended to go all the way."

Wadsworth admitted that the letter of credit he carried was for a large amount, but he ridiculed the idea that the men, even if they had got it, could have realized on it.

The local police got word last Saturday from the Ottawa chief of police that Mr. Wadsworth was headed this way with $4,000 in cash and a $6,000 letter of credit, accompanied by Edward Mines, a confidence man of repute, who was described as a "flat nosed" man.

The local detectives knew the man instantly, but when they met the train Mines and a companion got off alone, saying that Wadsworth suddenly left the train at Troy. The men were arrested but discharged in court when they promised to leave town.

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TO QUIET CENTRAL AMERICA

ZELAYA PROPOSES NEW POW-WOW ON U. S. WARSHIP.

Secretary of Legation Sartoris Says Everything Is Peaceful Since the New Court of Justice Was Organized—Putting Pressure Now on Nicaragua.

MEXICO CITY, March 9.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua has called another peace conference of the five Central American republics, urged, according to advices received here, by the fact that United States warships are now anchored off the west coast of Central America.

President Zelaya proposes to hold the new conference on board a warship of the United States anchored at Amapala, and representatives of the five republics are asked to attend.

Information regarding this project has reached Mexico in private messages saying that President Zelaya had taken the lead in the movement. He has communicated with the presidents of Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica. At the same time it is stated that he has sent a communication to the United States and Mexico asking that one of these larger nations allow the use of a vessel on which the deliberations may take place.

At the Foreign Office here no communication has been received from Zelaya regarding the conferences.

MOBILE, March 9.—Algernon Sartoris, Secretary of the United States Legation in Guatemala and the grandson of President Grant, passed through the city to-day accompanied by his wife and child and three servants en route for Washington and Paris. Mr. Sartoris denied that there was any trouble in Central America when seen at the St. Charles Hotel. He asserted that since the organization of the Central American Court of Justice all the nations seemed to be desirous of maintaining peace. The trouble between Guatemala and Nicaragua had apparently blown over.

Mr. Sartoris praised the administration of President Manuel Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala and said that through the rigidity of his sanitary and vaccination laws he had completely conquered the smallpox epidemic. Practically all the people of Guatemala City, he said, had been vaccinated and the work is still going on.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The State Department has taken advantage of the present unrest in Central America as a pretext for sending two armed cruisers, the Colorado and the South Dakota of the Pacific fleet, to Corinto, presumably for the purpose of obtaining information as to the real political situation. Incidentally the visit is also for the purpose of impressing upon the Government of Nicaragua the necessity for a prompt settlement of the Emery claim, which has been pending for some time.

Mr. Emery, who died in Boston several weeks ago, held a concession for the development of a large area of country in Nicaragua, but it was cancelled after he had spent large sums in exploiting it. Several months ago Elihu Root, then Secretary of State, notified Nicaragua that the United States would expect a prompt settlement of the claim.

The case has been delayed by the recall of Señor Don Luis F. Corea, former Nicaraguan Minister here, who was succeeded by Señor Dr. Don Rodolfo Espinosa.

BRITAIN AND THE WRIGHTS.

War Office May Buy Aeroplane—Double Flight for King Edward.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 9.—The much discussed forthcoming visit of the Wright brothers to England seems now to have been fixed for the early summer, when Wilbur Wright will demonstrate the efficiency of the aeroplane for the benefit of the War Office. It is stated to-day positively, although unofficially, that the Government has every intention of offering to buy the Wright machine, being convinced from its achievements in France that it is of practical utility.

A correspondent at Pau quotes both the Wrights as saying that one of their aeroplanes is already in London. The correspondent says they will not go to England until after they visit Rome, where they are expected at the beginning of April.

It has been rumored ever since King Edward announced that he would visit Biarritz that he would go to Pau to witness flights of the Wrights' aeroplane. Nothing has been fixed yet, but the latest report is that he will go there on March 12. It is also rumored that the Count de Lambert has been taught the handling of the machine sufficiently to fly alone and that King Edward may witness simultaneous manœuvres by him and Wilbur Wright in separate machines.

WILL FIGHT 2 CENT FARE LAW.

Michigan Railroads Encouraged by Missouri Case Decision.

DETROIT, March 9.—If the State authorities do not either reduce the valuation of railroads or repeal the two cent fare law so as to permit them to earn 6 per cent. on the valuation placed on them by the tax commission the programme of the railroads is to follow the steps of the Missouri roads and fight the law, according to J. D. Hawks, president of the Detroit and Mackinac.

"The Supreme Court of the United States has held that 6 per cent. is a fair return on an investment, and that same principle is again enunciated in the Missouri decision," continued Mr. Hawks. "The principle holds good in Michigan as well as in any other State."

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MAY EXPLAIN HIS SUICIDE.

Philip Hake's Death Attributed to the Drowning of His Partner.

The funeral of Philip Hake, treasurer of the Philip Hake Manufacturing Company, stationers at 134 Essex street, Manhattan, who drowned himself in a bathtub at his home, 310 Hudson street, Hoboken, on Sunday, was held at his home last night. It developed yesterday that the manufacturer's death is thought to have been due to the drowning last summer of George A. Raisbeck, president of the stationery firm.

Mr. Raisbeck, who went to work for Mr. Hake forty years ago and had been president of the firm for a long time, went to Annandale, Minn., last summer with his wife to spend a few days vacation at Silver Lake. The day after they arrived they went out boating and the next morning their bodies were found in the lake near the overturned boat.

Mr. Hake, who had been in poor health for several years, was greatly shocked by the death of his associate, and his condition had been much worse since that time. Mr. Hake left a note saying that the cause of his death could be learned from a note in his safe. It was said yesterday that no such note was found. William J. Buttling of Brooklyn is secretary of the stationery firm.

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