A LAP ROBE THIEF

GOES FREE BECAUSE OF A JURY'S DISAGREEMENT

The Mount Lowe Railroad Confiscation Rumor Denied—The Woman's College Scheme

PASADENA, Feb. 16.—J. F. McMillan was tried in Justice Rossiter's court today upon the charge of stealing a lap robe from C. T. German of Illinois street on Jan. 23d. The lap robe was valued at $6. The same man is otherwise known as J. T. Williams, who was arrested for stealing numerous robes from carriages left in front of the different churches. He is supposed also to have operated in Los Angeles. The people were represented by Deputy District Attorney Williams and the defendant by Attorney C. B. Ladds of Los Angeles. Marshal Lacey had placed deputies at the churches to look out for the robe thief. Williams was seen with a large valise, which he left in an outhouse, and acted so suspiciously that Deputy Marshal Munson arrested him. The lap robe was identified by the owner, and McMillan was identified as the man who sold it to a second-hand dealer in Los Angeles. In the face of this evidence the jury disagreed, nine being for conviction and three for acquittal.

A WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Tt a meeting of the committee having in hand the project of erecting a woman's college in Pasadena last night in the Green hotel there were present C. C. Bragdon, T. C. Hoag, W. A. Edwards, J. D. Graham, Dr. G. S. Hull, Rev. A. M. Merwin, Dr. Norman Bridge and H. H. Klamroth. Mr. Hoag presided. An enthusiastic meeting was held, and it was voted to issue 10,000 circulars setting forth the plans of the committee. To this end the chair appointed Messrs. Hoag, Bragdon and Klamroth a sub-committee to prepare the circular, and to investigate a scheme proposed by a gentleman, viz: the purchase of the Mount Lowe observatory and equipment.

MOUNT LOWE'S STATUS

A published statement to the effect that the Mount Lowe railroad is in danger of confiscation by the government is declared to be utterly incorrect by Receiver Torrance, who is corroborated by Special Agent Jay Cummings of the government land department. The rumor cropped out from the fact that no railroad corporation can have authority to build in a government reserve. The land upon which the Mount Lowe road is built is a government reserve, having been set aside as a forrest reserve, having been set aside as a forest the interests of the water supply of the valley below. However, this was not the case when the survey was made for the Mount Lowe road. Proofs and maps showing that the survey was previous to the setting aside are being prepared.

NOTES

The party composing the Minneapolis Journal excursion visited Pasadena today, coming over from Los Angeles and stopping at the ostrich farm on the way.

The fire department held a business meeting this evening. Several changes have been made. Ned Foulke was appointed foreman of the hook and ladder truck, to succeed A. B. Case, who has gone to Klondike. S. S. Beers was appointed his assistant and John George assistant foreman of the ose cart.

Wetherby & Kaysar have sold the block on East Colorado street which bears their name to Mrs. Dr. Fenyes, the price being understood to be in the neighborhood of $35,000. Wetherby & Kaysar reserve a lease of their shoe store room for a term of five years. The sale is one of the largest which has been made in Pasadena for some time.

Miss Daisy Lisk and Mr. Howard Woodworth were married this evening at the home of the bride in North Pasadena, Rev. H. G. T. Staats officiating.

Mrs. Benjamin Jarvis entertained the W. R. C. Thimble society yesterday afternoon at her home on North Raymond avenue. In the evening some invited gentlemen from the G. A. R. and their friends came in, making the total number present about two hundred. Songs were sung and games appropriate to St. Valentine's day were played.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hull entertained friends last evening with six-hand euchre. The decorations were red and white carnations, violets and camelias. At the conclusion of the game elegant refreshments were served.

The Scott club met last evening at the home of Mrs. Judge Hester, Mrs. Turk acting as hostess, and the president, Mrs. McCulley, in the chair. The lesson of the afternoon was under the care of Miss Nan Ryder.

PERSONALS

J. H. Pettitt has been appointed postmaster at La Canyada.

James H. Adams returned this morning from the east. Mrs. Adams will follow later.

George E. Taylor left yesterday for Gilman, Ill.

H. Lord and wife left yesterday for San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Haynes of Center street leave tomorrow for a visit to New York City, where they will spend about a month with Mr. Haynes' parents.

Mayor Calvin Hartwell returned today from Elsinore.

S. Risden Lippencott has recovered from an illness.

THE GOVERNOR INDORSED

John A. Martin Post at the Soldiers' Home Passes Strong Resolutions

SOLDIERS' HOME, Feb. 16.—The comrades of the John A. Martin post of the home, the senior post of the home and one of the strongest posts in Southern California, at its regular meeting on the night of the 15th inst. adopted the following resolutions, which speak for themselves:

The comrades of John A. Martin post, No. 153, G. A. R., in post meeting assembled.

To Colonel Andrew J. Smith, Governor, greeting: We, sir, as a post of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of this home, being desirous of expressing to you our high appreciation of your conservative and considerate management of our affairs as governor since coming among us, and recalling the fact that we have ever found you democratic and social in the post room, firm and impartial as a govenrment officer, thorough and efficient as a business man, do

Resolve, first, That we tender to you our undivided support against the unprovoked and uncalled for attacks of the Los Angeles Record.

Resolved, second, That we heartily endorse your construction of the controlling law of discipline, and shall in the future, as in the past, do all in our power to further your interests as governor.

Resolved, third, That we denounce as an outrage and shame the many false and unjust criticisms of your few enemies, and beg you to rest assured that their libelous statements will meet with no favor from the John A. Martin post.

JOSEPH H. KEENEY, Post Com.
MICHAEL HALPIN, S. V. C.
EDWARD J. BOLIN, I. V. C.
WILL C. BURTON, O. of Day.

BURGLARS ABROAD

But Singularly Unsuccessful in Their Various Attempts

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 16.—Three burglaries were committed in Santa Barbara last night, but in all cases the burglars found little to reward them for their trouble.

The first reported was in the bicycle shop of John Prechel, on State street, above Carrillo. The robbers removed the window sticks from a side window, and taking out the sash, had no difficulty in reaching the interior. They missed the cash drawer in some way, and all they took was two razors, the poorest in a case that contained several others. Various drawers were ransacked, but nothing secured.

The thieves then went through the [illegible] office adpoining the Prechel shop, but found nothing worth taking away.

The office of Humphrey & Co's planing mill, at the corner of Chapala and Cota streets, was also opened, the door being forced. No articles of any value are missing.

EXPENSIVE ADVANTAGES

Venturans Are Concerned as to Their Municipal Improvements

VENTURA, Feb. 16.—A spirited session of the town board of trade was held last night. The leading points discussed were fireproof buildings within the fire limits and information that would guide the board in fixing water rates. Ex-Town Trustee E. M. Jones asked permission to erect a composite building of lath, plaster and iron. A vote failed to receive the necessary four-fifths. Then came discussions relative to some of the peculiar phases that unite the water, light and ice corporations and concerning the salaries paid to individuals who are supposed to run the city's affairs on an economic basis. Trustee Shaw read from a filed statement as to the large amount of money the town was called upon to pay in the last year.

TO BANK AT JUNEAU

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ALASKA

Santa Barbara Capital Interested. W. T. Summers, President, and H. H. Eddy, Cashier

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 16.—Two young bankers of this city, with the backing of a sufficient amount of Santa Barbara's hardest cash, leave here this evening for Juneau, Alaska, where they will open the first national bank ever established on Alaskan soil. The president of the First National bank of Juneau will be W. T. Summers, and the cashier Herman H. Eddy. Both have established reputations in business circles here, and they have behind them the Santa Barbara County National bank, of which Mr. Summers has been for several years assistant cashier, and Mr. Eddy bookkeeper. Mr. Eddy's father is W. M. Eddy, president of the Santa Barbara bank mentioned, and E. S. Sheffield, cashier of this institution, is an uncle of Mr. Summers.

The Juneau bank will begin existence with a capital of $50,000, a large share of which is subscribed in this city.

Mr. Summers visited Juneau last fall, and then decided to found the bank, which will soon be in operation.

Miscreants in Court

REDONDO, Feb. 16.—Justice Witherel had quite a busy day Tuesday. F. Foster was arraigned before his honor charged with assault. The complaining witness was Mrs. E. Huber, who claimed that they had difficulty over the tethering of Foster's horse on what was claimed to be Mrs. Huber's property. After a heated discussion Mrs. Huber claimed that Foster attempted to strike her with the stake pin. After the hearing of the evidence Deputy District Attorney Willis moved that the case be dismissed, to which Justice Witherel acceded.

The next case was that of Frank Wilson and J. B. King, charged with petty larceny, to which they pleaded guilty and were given ninety days. This couple claimed to hail from Montana, and had among their effects miscellaneous articles of all kinds, for which they could not account.

Newport's Celery Fields

SANTA ANA, Feb. 16.—The excursion to Newport and the celery fields tendered by President McFadden and the chamber of commerce yesterday was a huge success. Fully 400 persons took advantage of the facilities offered and went to view the famous peat land with its wonderful products. The new road branches off at Newport Beach and runs parallel to the ocean for several miles, when it turns and runs inland to Smeltzer's station, which is located in the midst of the celery ranches. After a long enough stop there for every one to view the celery fields the train returned to town.

Holmes Bound Over

SANTA ANA, Feb. 16.—The preliminary examination of C. M. Holmes, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon C. H. Calmer, a discharged employee, was held yesterday before Justice S. D. McKelvy of Garden Grove. District Attorney West appeared for the prosecution and E. E. Keech represented the defendant. After examining a number of witnesses for both parties Justice McKelvy ordered Holmes to be bound over to the superior court for trial.

Hobos Coralled

CHINO, Feb. 16.—Five hobos were caught in their own trap the other morning. They had been hanging around the Southern Pacific depot for some time, bothering Agent George Slusher and making threats of doing him up. On Tuesday night Mr. Slusher left an empty box car unlocked purposely for them. The next morning before daylight he quietly locked the car door and had his game securely caged. Deputy Grumbling gathered them in, and Justice Rhodes gave them each 30 days on the county rock pile.

Hay's High Price

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 16.—Hay has taken a great jump upwards in the ranching portion of Riverside county in the past few days and present indications incline to the belief that the highest prices have not been reached as yet. A Hemet rancher who was here today states that buyers from Los Angeles and other points have been in that section for some days buying hay, and that they are offering from $8 to $8.50 per ton for hay on the cars.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NOTES

Clearwater proposes to change its name, and Yukon has been suggested as a substitute.

At a meeting of the Orange county board of supervisors Monday plans for a warden's cottage to be built in the county park in Santiago canyon were accepted.

The importance of Orange as a railway center is shown by the fact that the average number of trains registered daily is thirty. Sixteen of these are freight trains.

The Chino Sugar company has a gang of men digging a new ditch for the waste water from the factory, so as to avoid crossing the Chino creek and polluting its waters.

W. H. Suyer, an old pioneer of Ventura county, died Tuesday afternoon at his home near Montalvo, aged 51 years. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. O. F.

An order of final discharge of receiver was made yesterday in the sueprior court of Santa Barbara county in the case of La Vies vs. Donohoe, involving the ownership of the Independent of that city.

Rudolph D. Cook of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara county, has brought suit for divorce from Helen D. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are old residents of the section, and the action has occasioned great surprise.

Santa Barbara is making great preparations for the poultry and pet stock show, opening March 9th and continuing four days. Entries are already pouring in. It is the first exhibition of the kind ever given in that city, and the Santa Barbara Poultry and Pet Stock association, recently organized, is back of it.

Since Riverside county began to pay a bounty on rabbit scalps the county clerk's office resembles a furrier's establishment, and at the rate the scalps are coming in the county will have paid out several thousands of dollars for the scalps by the time —April 30th—that the ordinance providing for the bounty expires.

The Chino fire company is about to purchase a new hook and ladder truck, and is now preparing to build an addition to its present hose cart house for the new truck.

The petition to the board of supervisors of San Bernardino county, praying for the incorporation of Chino to a city of the sixth class, has been presented, and the board has set the date for hearing the same on [illegible]

A LIVELY SIEGE

HOTEL REDONDO ATTACKED BY THE BEACH COMPANY

Manager Dunham With an Empty Revolver Held the Fort—A Difference About the Lease

REDONDO, Feb. 16.—Hotel Redondo was the scene of what might have been a very serious matter this morning, when H. B. Ainsworth of the Redondo Beach company, accompanied by a number of the employes of the company, broke into the Redondo hotel during Mine Host Dunham's absence. Upon Mr. Dunham's return to the hotel he made things lively for a time, and notwithstanding the heavy odds against him, managed, with the aid of an unloaded revolver, to oust the company contingent, and up to this writing still holds the fort. The disagreement was in reference to a lease of the hotel between the beach company and Mr. Dunham.

GEORGE M. SMITH DEAD

Superintendent of Street Sprinkling Dies of Heart Disease

George M. Smith, superintendent of street sprinkling, died last night at 9 o'clock at his late residence, 1021 Ingraham street, of heart disease, after an illness of several weeks. His death was not unexpected, as he had been subject to attacks of heart failure and during the past three weeks he had been unable to attend to his duties.

The deceased was a native of New York and was 59 years of age. He was an expert in mechanics, and for years held a responsible position at Springfield, Mass., in the employ of the famous firm of pistol makers, Smith & Wesson. He came to this city in 1884, and for several years was a member of the firm of Walker & Smith, dealers in guns and sporting goods. Later he was in the employ of an oil company at Ventura. In February, 1897, he was elected street sprinkling superintendent, which position he held at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and daughter, residing in this city, and a son, who is a resident of Springfield, Mass.

The funeral will take place Friday at 2 o'clock from the First M. E. church, and the interment will be in Rosedale cemetery.

MUST COME DOWN

Signs Which Are Contrary to Ordinance Removed by the Police

All street signs, not those which indicate the streets, but the ones of business houses which extend over the sidewalks and therefore are not allowed by the city ordinance, must come down. This is the edict that has been issued by the police department, which has been instructed to enforce the ordinance regardless of whom it hurts.

The start in this enforcement of the ordinance was made yesterday when Police Sergeant Smith, accompanied by several strong-armed officers, made a raid on several Main street signs. The owners of these signs had been notified to remove them, but no attention was paid to the order. The sergeant did not stop to argue with the owners of the signs, but went to the places with a crosscut saw and promptly cut them down to a level with the sidewalk. In vain did the owners of the signs object. They were told that they might expect to defend themselves later in the courts for violating the ordinance. All other signs will be removed in a similar manner unless their owners decide to comply with the ordinance.

IN FEMALE ATTIRE

The Wearing of It Causes the Arrest of a Negro

H. W. Lippman (colored), who conducts a tailoring establishment at 319 West Sixth street, wanted to make an old flame who had gone over to a rival jealous last night and in order to do so dressed himself in feminine attire and started for a negro church festival. At Sixth and Broadway he was arrested on a charge of impersonating a woman and sent to the police station. There he begged to be released, saying that he did not know that it was unlawful to assume skirts in lieu of trousers.

When searched it was found that he had a complete female outfit on, even including lingerie and silk garters. The man's story was so plausible that he was allowed to depart, but there was nothing for him to do but to resume feminine attire or else go home in a barrel. An officer escorted the chromo home.

Phi Delta Theta

A number of the resident members of the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity met last evening at the Maison Doree for the purpose of enjoying a social evening and to organize an alumni chapter of the order in Los Angeles. The following-named members were elected temporary officers of the proposed association: Rev. E. L. Conger of Pasadena, president; L. R. Hewitt, vice-president; E. W. Holm, secretary and treasurer. The occasion was rendered doubly enjoyable because of the coming together of members of the order from chapters from various colleges and universities, who found this occasion a most agreeable means of renewing their fealty to Phi Delta Theta. The following were present: E. L. Conger, Lombard, '61; Thomas L. Neal, University of Virginia, '95; Edward W. Forgy, Wooster, '90; Leslie R. Hewitt, California, '90; Homer Laughlin, jr., Stanford, '96; John Darwin Gish, California, '95; G. Curtis de Garmo, California, '95; E. Engstrom, California, '90; Edward W. Holmes, Stanford, '99; Russ Avery, California, '94, and Roy P. Rice, Stanford, '99.

ON THE TURF

Lightweight Riders Fail to Spoil the Coast Record

OAKLAND, Feb. 16.—Paul Griggs beat Libertine, Howard Mann and Robair in the Bostonians' special today and ran the mile from wire to wire in 1:39½. As all the starters carried but ninety pounds, it was expected that the coast record of 1:39¼ would be equaled or beaten. The afternoon, however, was not altogether favorable for a record breaking performance, as a light wind swept across the track. Results:

Six furlongs—Sing Wing won, Scintillate second, Rosa third; time, 1:16½.

Four furlongs—E Come won, Semicolon second, Rainier third; time, :49½.

One mile, selling—Go to Bed won, Highland Ball second, Charlotte M., third; time, 1:41½.

Mile and a quarter, Oakland handicap, purse $1000—Argentina won, Ostler Joe second, Palomacita, third; time, 2:07½.

Mile, Bostonian special, purse $400—Paul Griggs won, Libertine second, Howard Mann third; time, 1:39½.

Six furlongs—Town Topics won, Ravalette second, Flanders, third; time, 1:15½.

Oakland Race Entries

The following are the entries and weights for the races to be run at Oakland track, Oakland, today. Commissions received and placed by the Los Angeles Turf club, Black & Co., at Agricultural park. Take Main street cars. Down town office in rear of No. 143 South Broadway. First quotations received at 1:30 oclock p. m.:

First race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling—Entrata, 100; Tato, 100; Little T. G., 100; Roxey Murphy, 102; Elsmore, 105; Kaiserin, 100; Jerildero, 105; February, 105; Plumeria, 105; Mt. Roy, 107; Monitor, 107; Eakins, 107; Tim Murphy, 107; Diggs, 107; Tom Smith, 107; Pat Murphy, 107; Harry Gwynn, 110; Wm. O. B., 110; Sir Rickard, 110.

Second race, one mile, selling—Loumont, 93; Bonita R., 93; Musculada, 100; Bow and Arrow, 100; P. A. Finnegan, 102; Marinel, 103; Magnus, 105; Good Friend, 105; Dr. Marks, 105; Bonito, 107; Brier Hill, 108; Duke of York II., 108; Prince Tyrant, 111.

Third race, one-half mile, purse, 2-year-olds—The Miller, 95; Anchored, 105; Stone L., 107; Amatopee, 107; La Paressеusse, 107; Malay, 110; El Mido, 110.

Fourth race, one and an eighth miles, selling—Mrs. Shade, 92; Geo. Palmer, 94; Mamie G., 97; Heidelberg, 97; Imp. Devil's Dream, 97; Adam Andrew, 97; Metaire, 99; Veragua, 105; Rey Del Tierra, 107; Coda, 107; Paul Pry, 107; Don Clarencio, 107; Can't Dance, 107; Collins, 109; Sly, 102.

Fifth race, seven-eighths of a mile, purse —Lincoln, II., 101; Lord Marmion, 107; Ace, 111; Roche, 114; Senator Bland, 117; Flashlight, 117.

Sixth race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling—Valencienne, 100; Allie Belle, 100; The Ace, 102; Amelia Fonso, 105; Don't Skip Me, 105; Saticoy, 105; Howard, 107; Fly, 107; I Don't Know, 107; Sport McAllister, 110; R. O. Ban, 110; Lone Princess, 110; Clear Fast.

LOST A HORSE

Ed Carter Hired the Animal and Failed to Return It

Ed Carter was brought to the police station last night by P. F. Patterson, owner of a livery stable at 1259 Figueroa street, who charged him with embezzlement. Carter had hired a horse and buggy from the stables yesterday at noon, agreeing to return at 4 oclock. He did not return and Patterson started to look for him. He found him drunk and asleep in a barber shop near the River station. Carter claimed to have turned the rig over to one Arkell, who agreed to return it. The horse and buggy could not be found, and unless it is recovered this morning a charge of horse stealing will be placed against Carter.

He Found a Room

T. B. Clements of San Diego arrived in the city last night with more fire water under his belt than he could conveniently carry. He engaged a hack at the Santa Fe depot and ordered the driver to take him to a hotel. At the Ramona, Hollenbeck and Nadeau he was refused a room, and then the hackman demanded his pay. Clements not only refused to pay for his ride, but cursed the hackman in such vigorous American that he was at once hauled to Hotel de Glass and booked for disturbing the peace. When searched at the police station $70 in gold was found on his person.

Burglars Busy

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 16.—Burglars are still operating in this city. They broke open the house of S. M. Gutherie yesterday evening and thoroughly ransacked the place. A watch and a quantity of clothing were taken. The burglary was reported to the police soon after it occured and the blood hounds were set on the track of the thieves, but they failed to locate them.

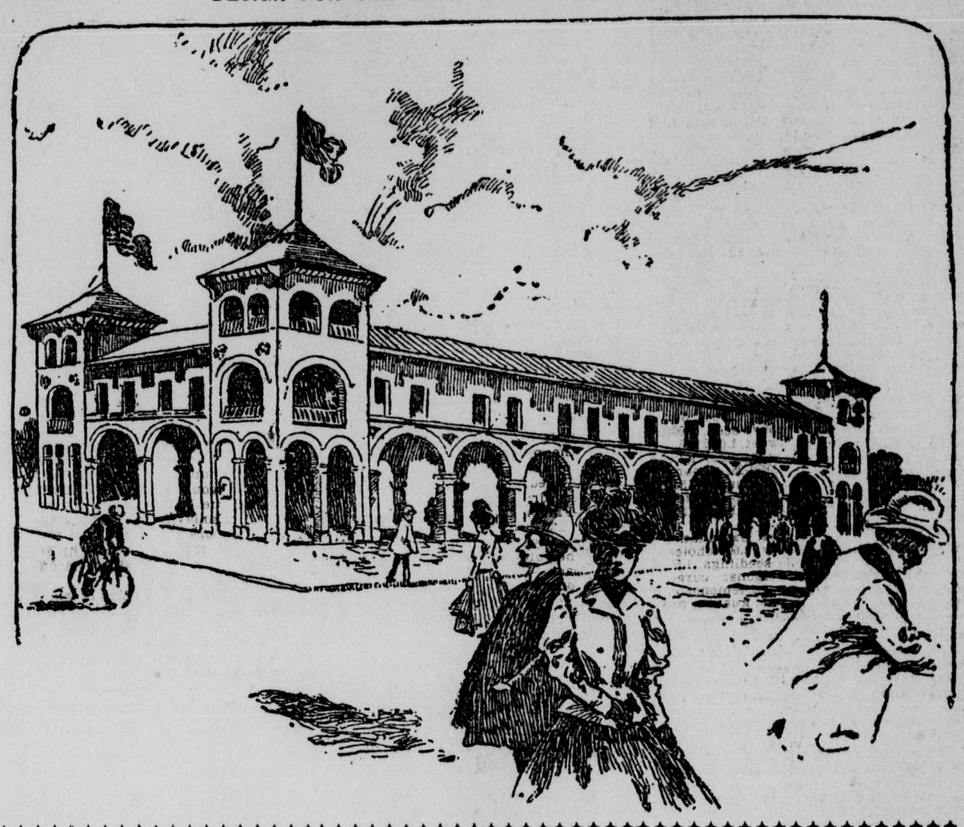
Lost His Teeth

D. J. Londreville was brought to the receiving hospital last night suffering from a severe wound in the chin. He claimed that he tripped on some boards at First and Los Angeles streets and, falling, cut his chin in such a manner that seven stitches were taken in it. Nearly all his lower teeth were knocked out by the fall.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. H. Naidig, who has been east the past six months, returned to her home [illegible]

DESIGN FOR SAN DIEGO'S PROPOSED CITY HALL



San Diego wants a new city hall. Above is shown the design chosen by the building committee, which will probably be chosen. It is proposed to locate the new building in the plaza.

OFFICIALS IN DOUBT

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years ago in the harbor of Key West. The coal in the bunkers took fire from spontaneous combustion, but, fortunately, there was not enough air to permit a free blaze. The steel bulkheads between the magazine and the bunkers became redhot. The fire was detected by a thin stream of smoke issuing from the magazine head. The bunkers and magazines were flooded immediately and the ship was saved. At that time, when the ammunition was taken out, many of the heads of the shells were charred and it was a miracle that the ship was not blown to atoms. I would gladly give you any further information if I had it. Later, something might be sent from Washington. Full accounts of the occurrence will be given to the Associated Press, I am sure. As to the possibilities or probabilities of hostilities with Spain, I cannot say. An officer is not permitted to express himself on such matters."

Naval Constructor Baxter, when approached, inquired if any definite news as to the cause of the disaster had been received. He had read the dispatches in the papers, and when asked what affect the sinking of the Maine, if it had been done by a Spanish torpedo, would have, replied that the Spanish government would be compelled to make good the loss of the battleship, apologize to the United States and hang those who committed the outrage.

When asked how war would affect this country, he said that all action would be on the Atlantic coast, as the Pacific is too far away. There is no Spanish cruiser on this coast, and he added: "I suppose orders would be given here to have the Philadelphia, Charleston and Yorktown, now lying at the navy yard go to the Atlantic coast."

When asked if the United States was in a condition to carry on war, he said: "The loss of the Maine leaves the Atlantic coast with only three battleships. Then, again, you know about the shortage of powder, and the manufacture of powder for these big guns is a difficult thing. Many times after a quantity of powder is manufactured it has to be thrown away, as it cannot stand the test. By doubling up the capacity of the mills they might, in a few months, supply enough for our ships, but then our fleet is very small. It is a very serious thing to this country."

BUILDER SCOTT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Irving M. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Union iron works of this city, which built the battleship Oregon, upon learning of the loss of the Maine, said:

"While it is impossible, with the facts at hand, to give any definite reason for the accident, there are several conditions which may have occurred, any one of which might account for the destruction of the vessel. For instance, a fire in the coal bunkers, where they abut against the magazine, might have heated the partitions sufficiently to explode the powder in the magazine.

"That the explosion was not in the boiler rooms is evident, for the ship was at rest, and all her steaming capacity was, therefore, under full control.

"It might have occurred in the guncotton magazine from the vessel's torpedoes. If such was the case, it would readily account for the sinking of the monster vessel.

"A torpedo fastened underneath her bottom might have caused the same results, and while it is natural, under the existing condition of affairs between this country and Spain, that some enthusiastic Spaniard might have occasioned it, or that some equally enthusiastic rebel, with the idea of aggravating the relations between Spain and the America might, have done it, yet the very meager reports so far received and the specific request of the Maine's commander that judgment be suspended indicate that the calamity was more probably due to some utterly unforeseen accident on board the ship herself."

OVER HEATED COAL

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 16.—The news of the disaster to the battleship Maine was received among naval officers here with much interest, but caused little excitement. No significance is attached to the fact that the ship was in a Spanish port at the time of its occurrence.

It is generally conjectured by its officers that the explosion was occasioned by overheating of the forward ten-inch magazine, which in the Maine is immediately forward of the boilers on the starboard side and surrounded by coal bunkers for protection. It is probable that fire broke out in one of these bunkers and before being discovered communicated the necessary heat to the magazine. When fully equipped for service the ten-inch magazine of the Maine contains besides twenty tons of powder in ten-inch charges four war heads for eighteen-inch torpedoes, each containing 120 pounds of gun cotton. Only a very large amount of explosive such as this could have produced the reported result.

Orders are expected for both the Monterey and Monadnock to sail for San Francisco in a few days, but nothing definite is known of the future movements of either vessel.

FEARS TREACHERY

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—Senator Butler of North Carolina, now in Minneapolis attending the session of the Populist state central committee, is inclined to view the loss of the Maine as the result of treachery.

"The act of blowing up a vessel in that manner [illegible] would be a hero," he said. "But of course the Spanish government has no connection with it."

"Will it precipitate war?"

"Oh, hardly. If it is shown that the explosion was not accidental, the Spanish government would be in duty bound to disavow any connection with it and punish the author or authors in a summary manner."

GROUND FOR SUSPICION

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Globe this afternoon, commenting on the disaster to the Maine, says: "It is impossible to refrain from the suspicion that the explosion may have been caused by foul means. Although anchored, the Maine would have steam up in one of her boilers for the dynamos and auxiliary machinery. If an infernal machine had been hidden in the coal bunkers and thrown into the furnace with the coal, there would have been an explosion of the boiler and, as a result, of the magazine. That this terrible event should have occured in the harbor of Havana, renders a solution of the mystery of international importance."

Continuing the Globe says: "The last serious disaster of this nature occurring in peace times was in 1883, when H. M. S. Petrel blew up in the Straits of Magellan. The verdict of the court was that it was caused by the formation of coal gas. Another suggestion was that a substance called xeroline siccative, stowed in the paint room, was responsible. Upon this occasion there were two distinct explosions and 143 out of the crew of 150 perished. In the following year an explosion on board H. M. S. Triumph killed three men. In this case the disaster was traced to the use of the xeroline siccative."

The headlines of all London newspapers hint that the disaster points to treachery, either Cuban or Spanish, and the papers allude to the excitement and resentment at the Maine's disaster to Havana. The newspapers also publish long descriptions of the Maine, with the names of her officers. They describe Capt. Sigsbee as an excellent officer, and publish accounts of his career.

The St. James Gazette leans to the supposition that the disaster was wrought by an explosion in the magazine which is beneath the forecastle, and, as far as possible from the engine fires, adding:

"It remains, however, to be explained how a magazine carefully guarded could be fired. As bearing upon this, it must be borne in mind that the discipline on American warships is usually, to English ideas, rather lax."

"Another possibility," it adds, "is that a submarine torpedo was exploded, accidentally or otherwise. This suggests the thought that the outrage was perpetrated by a Spanish conspirator, or Cuban insurgent."

CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Lieut. Commander Spiers of the United States navy was aroused from his bed at the Navy club and told of the Maine's destruction.

"I cannot understand how such an explosion could occur in the ship," he said, with the accent on the "in."

"I am familiar with the location of the Maine's magazines. Sometimes there are magazines both fore and aft, and it is barely possible that one of the Maine's exploded, but I do not understand how any ammunition in the magazine could have exploded at this time. There is no reason that I know of why anybody should have gone to the magazine then. The keys of a vessel's magazines are always kept in the possession of the captain and when the captain leaves they are turned over to the officer left in command. Not having full information, I cannot express any opinion on the disaster."

BELKNAP'S VIEWS

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—Rear Admiral George Belknap, U. S. N., retired, said today that he was inclined to think the Maine was blown up by a torpedo.

"I do not see," he said, "how any explosion of the forward magazine could have occurred. The keys of the magazines are always kept in the custody of the captain. All the ammunition is carefully cased, mostly in the form of projectiles, and their explosion by themselves is next to impossible. If, as the dispatches state, the whole bow of the ship was blown off, it is apparent that the explosion could not have been caused by the boilers, or the coal getting heated. I do not see how it could have occurred from the paint room, as every precaution is taken to prevent the collection of explosive gases in the paint room, and if such an explosion occurred it would have been more likely to have caused a fire than destroy the ship."

Rear Admiral Belknap said it was a very significant thing that the Maine should have been blown up in that particular harbor at this particular time. In the absence of information as to the cause, he thought that was the most significant indication in the whole matter.

NOT UNPRECEDENTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Rear Admiral Erben, U. S. N., retired, said today that he was inclined to believe that the Maine was blown up by her own magazine. Such things had happened before. Captain A. T. Mahan said that in the absence of authentic information he was unwilling to discuss the matter in any light.

SIGSBEE RETICENT

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—Captain Sigsbee, interviewed this evening by the correspondent of the Associated Press with reference to the cause of th explosion, said:

"I cannot determine the cause, but competent investigators will decide whether the explosion was produced from an interior or exterior cause. I cannot say anything until after such an investigation has been made. I will not, and cannot conscientiously anticipate the decision, nor do I wish to make any unujst estimate of the reason for the disaster.

AN ADEQUATE CAUSE

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—Lieutenant Commander Wainwright believes the explosion was due to the short circuiting of the dynamo.

EXPLOSION ECHOES

Sailors Insist There Was No Internal Trouble

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—A special to the Times-Union and Citizen from Key West, Fla., says:

The steamer Olivette arrived here tonight with a large number of the wounded and many other survivors of the Maine disaster. The officers were, as a rule, reticent and followed in line with their chief, Sigsbee, in saying that the cause of the explosion could only be ascertained by divers, but many of the sailors were outspoken in their declaration of belief that the explosion was a deep-laid plot of the Spaniards. They are greatly incensed against the Havana people, who have shown them small courtesy, who look upon their presence as a national affront, and who have published anonymous circulars captioned "Down With Americans." They believe that the authors of such expressed cowardly hatred would not hesitate in terrible vengeance, such as the blowing up of the Maine.

These sailors, acquainted with the drills, discipline and ensemble of a man-of-war, pooh-pooh the idea of an internal explosion as the last thing to be thought of.

TALK OF TORPEDO

KEY WEST., Fla., Feb. 16.—The correspondent of the Associated Press has been assured in a reliable quarter that Capt. Sigsbee is under the impression that the warship Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo, and that he has communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the navy department appoint naval engineers and mechanics to investigate the explosion.

The Plant line steamer Olivette did not leave Havana until 3 o'clock this afternoon, and did not reach here until shortly after 10 o'clock.

RED CROSS WORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The following instructions have been cabled to Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross, now at Havana:

"Save neither trouble nor expense to render every possible assistance to our wounded sailors."

CRUISERS' MOVEMENTS

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 16.—The United States cruiser New York, with Admiral Sicard on board, reached San Key, eight miles out, this evening and anchored. She was ordered here to supply the survivors [illegible] cruiser Vesuvius left here tonight for Key West, there to await further instructions.

GOTHAM'S GRIEF

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Mayor Van Wyck has ordered the flag on the city hall to be lowered to half-mast out of respect to those killed in the Maine disaster.

IRISH SYMPATHY

LONDON, Feb. 16.—At a largely attended meeting of Irishmen in St. James' hall this evening, convened to celebrate the events of 1898, under the chairmanship of James O. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to send a dispatch of condolence to the American nation upon the loss of the Maine.

AN OFFER OF AID

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—President S. M. Boone of the Ward line sent telegrams to President McKinley and Secretary Long today placing at their disposal the steamship City of Washington, now in the harbor of Havana, and the Vigilance, now en route to Havana, for any purpose and as long as desired.

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KANSAS PACIFIC SALE

WIPES OUT THE DEBT DUE THE GOVERNMENT

Two More Sections of Road to Be Sold. The Reorganizers Ready to Bid

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 16.—The government lien on the Union Pacific Railroad in Kansas was wiped out at the Union Pacific station in this city. The Kansas Pacific road was bought in by Alvin W. Krech, representing the Re-Organization Committee, for $6,303,000. There was no competition at the sale. Mr. Krech was the only bidder.

Mr. Krech waited until Judge W. D. Cornish finished reading the long-drawn-out decree of foreclosure, and then quietly stepped up to the Special Master and said:

"On the part of the Re-Organization Committee I bid $6,303,000 for the road."

Ten feet away the bid was not heard, but it was one of the final steps in the big railroad deal. Judge Cornish then repeated the amount.

"I am offered $6,303,000 for this property by Mr. Alvin W. Krech, representing the Re-Organization Committee," said he. "Are there any other bidders?

"There being no other bidders, I declare this property described in the decree sold to Mr. Alvin W. Krech, on the part of the Re-Organization Committee."

The party will leave Topeka after the sale tomorrow and go to Salina, where Friday the third sale will take place. This will be the sale of the Middle Division of the road, a distance of 254 miles, under a special mortgage.

Mr. Krech will buy in the property, paying the upset price of $5,300,000.

On Saturday the entire line of the Kansas Pacific, from Kansas City to Denver, will be formally sold at the Union Pacific station in North Topeka. This will be under the consolidation mortgage, and the upset price will be $8,000,000.

Swedish Polar Expeditions

Sweden will send two scientific expeditions to Spitzbergen next summer. One, under Mr. Jaderin, wil try to measure a degree of longitude; the other, under Prof. Nathorst, the palaeontologist, will examine the waters to the west of the islands. Prof. Nathorst has engaged the steamer Antartic and takes a staff of seven scientific men with him. He will steam along the west coast of Spitzbergen, then northeast toward Kink Karl's Land and Gillisland, taking deep-sea soundings and collecting natural history specimens.

Men and women have more faith in each other than they have in their own sex.—Chicago News.

Divorce—A decree that releases a man from the bargain-counter necktie habit.—Chicago News.

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