

THIRSTY PREPARE FOR DRY SUNDAY

HEAVY TRADE YESTERDAY IN BOTTLED GOODS

MAY CLOSE RESORT DOORS

Chief of Police Hammel Will See That All Questionable Saloons, Restaurants Are Closed

The greatest Saturday trade in bottled beers and liquors in the history of Los Angeles was reported yesterday by saloon men in all portions of this city and while Chief Hammel has promised that this is to be the driest day of all the new year so far as the selling of liquor is concerned, the hundreds of bottles, tucked under the arms of their new owners which went to Los Angeles homes yesterday, will manage to take the excessive uncomfortable feeling from the palates of many.

The order preventing the sale of liquors on Sunday in any form was again sent forth yesterday with permission granted only to restaurants, serving full meals to their patrons. In this way the police department hopes to keep liquor away from the tramps and vagrants who infest the city Sunday, coming from the surrounding country and making the Sabbath a day of drunken revelry.

When the new order was issued two weeks ago, a number of the prominent saloon and restaurant men of Los Angeles were heard to boast that their political pulls would stave off the impending shortening of their incomes but a number of these men were quietly notified by Chief Hammel during the past week that political pulls would not excuse exceptions in any cases and all are to be treated alike.

May Close Entrances

In addition to the Sunday law being enforced, the police are contemplating the enforcing of the ordinance which prohibits the keeping of entrances between saloons and resorts. Many restaurants and saloons of Los Angeles have side entrances leading into resorts and cheap lodging houses and all these will be closed by the police.

The work of the police in the Sunday prohibition law has been rapid, and five saloons and restaurants alone remain with open doors on Sunday in defiance of the order. These places will receive careful attention today and the proprietors taken in custody if any liquor is sold.

The stipulation of the past two Sundays allowing liquor to be sold only in bottle form with meals, failed in its purpose and in many restaurants the purses were found drinking with a single sandwich as a meal.

The new orders of the commission allow only a bona fide meal to serve as an excuse for drinking liquor on Sunday and the gravity of the restaurant keepers offense is to be determined by the individual appetites of the entire commission, taken collectively and averaged in order to find out what a square meal actually is.

TOMB OF AARON FOUND IN ARABIA

CAVE BELIEVED TO BE HIS GRAVE DISCOVERED

Ruins of Buried Semitic City Also Discovered, Including Beautiful Buildings of Hewn Stone

Special Cable to The Herald. JERUSALEM, Feb. 4.—The ruins of a buried Semitic city have been found on the line of the Hedzcha-Mecca railway in Arabia. Two beautiful buildings of hewn stone have been unearthed. They are of gigantic proportions and covered with cuneiform inscriptions.

A rock hewn cave, believed to be the tomb of Aaron, has also been discovered.

Mysterious Fatal Shooting

TEHAMA, Cal., Feb. 4.—Allie Derr aged 19 years, shot himself through the heart at the home of his parents last night, dying almost instantly. The deceased had attended a dance given last night, returning to his home about midnight, and the shooting occurred about an hour later. There being no witnesses to the affair, it is undetermined as to whether the shooting was accidental or premeditated.

Non-Union Lumber Men Walk Out

EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 4.—Fifty men employed at Pinkerton's logging camp on the Elk river have walked out on strike, leaving their tools in the woods. They objected to a new ruling agreed upon by the lumbermen of this county to charge \$15 for board. More trouble is feared in other camps. The men are not unionized.

MYSTERY VEILS MINISTER'S DEATH

DROPS DEAD IN LOS ANGELES STREET LODGING HOUSE

WOMAN COMPANION ESCAPES

C. E. Bently, a Preacher From Lincoln, Neb., Expires Suddenly, Probably From Heart Disease

In the sudden death of C. E. Bently, a minister from Lincoln, Neb., about 9 o'clock last night in a lodging house at 125 South Los Angeles street, the police are confronted with a mystery which promises trouble in the unraveling. Bently had been stopping with his wife at the Crocker mansion. He has been suffering from heart trouble and recently wrote his son that he feared that when his wife returned east, she would be alone.

Bently entered the lodging house accompanied by an unidentified woman. The place is conducted by a Mrs. Douglas. No sooner had they entered the place than the man sank to the floor dying. Mrs. Douglas hastened for restoratives.

When she returned the woman had disappeared.

The deceased was about 60 years old, well dressed and apparently in good circumstances. The woman is described as being about thirty years old. She was heavily veiled and no one in the lodging house saw her features.

While Bently is thought to have died from an attack of heart disease, the circumstances surrounding the case are of such a nature that the police will ask that an autopsy be held to discover whether his death was due to natural causes or to poison.

The man's watch was missing. A small sum of money was found in his pockets and there were only vague clues by which his identity might be established.

The police were unable to find the woman, nor after a diligent search could they find where Bently had been making his home since coming to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Douglas, from whom Bently engaged the room, says he asked her if he could get a room there and she led the way to a front apartment and was in the act of lighting the lamp when Bently staggered against the table and then fell to the floor. After lighting the lamp she went out without obtaining his name, thinking the man was drunk, but the unidentified woman who accompanied the man attracted her attention by her efforts to revive him. The landlady re-entered the room and seeing the man was ill gave the woman water with which to bathe his face while she hastened for restoratives.

On her way back to the room she met the strange woman who was rushing down the hall toward the stairs, apparently crying. Before Mrs. Douglas could intercept her the woman had escaped to the street and she was not afterward apprehended.

Several men were called in by the landlady, but Bently was dead before they reached him.

The fact that Bently was a man of such apparent prosperity adds mystery to the case. His clothes were new and of the latest cut, his shoes were of the best and he wore a Stetson hat with the mark of a Lincoln, Neb., hatter in the brim.

The only mark of identification was a receipt from the Pacific Electric ticket office showing that C. E. Bently had returned to the office two combination tickets to the Cawston Ostrich farm sometime yesterday. In his pockets also were an address book and an expense book, showing that he had bought several tickets, but the names of no towns appeared. From the records in this book Bently was methodical and careful, as each expenditure was entered.

The circumstances that causes the greatest suspicion in the minds of the detectives is that Bently's watch was missing, while the chain remained in place and had been tucked into his pocket. A pocketbook in an inside pocket contained \$1 and in the pocket of his trousers was a five cent piece. In the watch pocket a bunch of Angels Flight tickets was found, indicating that he was living in that district. The hotels on the hill were canvassed but Bently's room could not be found.

An inquest will be held Monday by Coroner Trout.

HERALD'S CIRCULATION IN LOS ANGELES

Attention of the public is called to the fact that the circulation of The Herald in the city of Los Angeles is greater than that of the Examiner and second only to that of the Times. This circulation is permanent, delivered at the homes and not thrown about as specimen copies or swept into the gutters. The Herald, as the oldest morning newspaper in Los Angeles, is more widely read than most of its contemporaries, and its value as an advertising medium is correspondingly greater.

WILL KUROPATKIN GIVE UP COMMAND?

ST. PETERSBURG DISCUSSES POSSIBILITY

JAPANESE DENY INHUMANITY

Stoessel and Staff Indignantly Repudiate Charge That Surrender of Port Arthur Was Premature

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—Rumors of General Kuropatkin handing over his command to General Linevitch (commander of the first army) have been current in St. Petersburg since the announcement that General Gripenberg had been relieved of his command of the second army. The war office declares they are immediately improbable, but is unable to deny them.

A distinguished general told the Associated Press that evidently there had been friction between General Kuropatkin and General Gripenberg, and added: "I have heard a great deal of talk about Kuropatkin's asking to be relieved, but nothing positive can be said on the subject at present."

There are two conflicting versions of the incident. According to one of them, General Gripenberg complained to the emperor that General Kuropatkin had refused to support his flanking movement, in view of which Gripenberg asked to be relieved. The emperor, it is added, then telegraphed to General Kuropatkin, asking for an explanation, in reply to which Kuropatkin wired that his health was shattered and requested permission to turn over his command to General Linevitch.

According to the second and more commonly credited version of the affair, Kuropatkin complained to the emperor that General Gripenberg undertook the flanking movement in defiance of orders, and demanded the general's dismissal.

WIND AND FROST COMBINED

Terrible Weather Renders Operations Impossible at Present

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—Interest in the ill-starred attempt to capture Sandepas is eclipsed by the withdrawal of General Gripenberg and unconfirmed reports regarding the retirement of General Kuropatkin.

According to the latest information received by the war office operations on the right flank of the Russian army are at a standstill. The extreme right of the Russians continues to hold Chiantzhanen, on the Hun river, six miles northwest of Sandepas.

Apparently both sides are unable to move on account of the terrible weather. There are 25 degrees of frost, accompanied by wind, but, in view of the sudden fluctuations in temperature at this time of the year, the frost may suddenly decrease and the Russians would then be confronted with the alternative of withdrawing in order to avoid being intercepted by a Japanese column from Shilikhe or of undertaking a general advance. The latter view finds some confirmation in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Tsinkhetchen, reporting a reconnaissance by General Rennenkampf's force on the Russian left, which perhaps is preliminary to an advance.

The military authorities here are encouraged by the report as showing that the Russians are able to repeat the plan of reaching the enemy's line of communication.

JAPANESE DENY CHARGE

Declare Their Treatment of Prisoners Is Most Humane

TOKIO, Feb. 4.—The war department today issued an extended statement in denial of charges that Russian prisoners in Japan have been mistreated. These charges were alleged to have been contained in letters written by prisoners who belonged to the cruiser Rurik of the Vladivostok squadron. It was said that the letters were smuggled out in bamboo canes.

The statement denies that any prisoner was struck, declares that the Russian wounded receive the same treatment as the Japanese wounded, and says that the food given the prisoners is of a more expensive quality than the fare of the Japanese soldiers. It insists that the Japanese treatment of prisoners is of the most humane character and strictly in accordance with international usage. The statement concludes by saying that the great majority of the prisoners are pleased and satisfied with their treatment.

Stoessel Indignant

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Feb. 4.—General Stoessel, the former commander of Port Arthur, and the Russian officers and others accompanying him, arrived here today from Japan by way of Shanghai, on board the French line steamer Australian.

In an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press the general denied the statements published to the effect that Port Arthur was surrendered prematurely. He was especially indignant at the statements made by a London newspaper, January 25.

SENATOR WHO WAS THRASHED AND DETECTIVE WHO WHIPPED HIM



GEORGE N. TICHENOR



FRANK FRENCH

TRIAL OF JUDGE TORRANCE BEGINS

TESTIMONY ON INTOXICATION CHARGES TAKEN

San Diego Lawyer Relates Circumstances When He Thought Defendant Was Under Influence of Liquor

By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, Feb. 4.—The assembly committee appointed to investigate the charges brought against Judge E. S. Torrance by the Los Angeles Bar association, in an endeavor to secure his impeachment, began hearing testimony here today. The Los Angeles Bar association was represented by W. H. Anderson and Russ Avery. Samuel M. Shortridge of San Francisco represented Judge Torrance.

J. C. Hizar, a lawyer of this city, was the first witness. He specified the time when he thought the judge was under the influence of liquor. About the middle of the year 1903, he said, Judge Torrance had signed an order in a probate case and placed his name below the line provided for the signature. At the time of making the order the court was of the opinion that he had not the authority to do so and announced that he would not be bound by it. Witness thought these remarks were peculiar. He was of the opinion that Judge Torrance had been drinking. When asked why he was of this opinion the witness said that Judge Torrance seemed to have difficulty in speaking, and the fact that he had signed his name in the wrong place was peculiar. Witness, however, was not prepared to say that Judge Torrance was intoxicated on that day. Later, Mr. Hizar said, he thought Judge Torrance was intoxicated. This opinion was based upon the general actions of Torrance.

Saw Judge Boxing

Mr. Hizar further declared that on one occasion going into a saloon he found Torrance boxing with a "rough looking fellow." Mr. Hizar stated, however, that Torrance was "not much intoxicated." Mr. Hizar said that he never saw Torrance intoxicated before or since that time.

Under questioning by Attorney Shortridge, Mr. Hizar said that at the time Judge Torrance signed the order in the probate proceedings he did not think the actions of the court unusual. His later opinion was based upon comment of attorneys in the court room. The hearing lasted until a late hour tonight, and a large number of witnesses testified. The committee refused to hear evidence relating to the Gay case, holding that the matter had been passed upon and was of record. Among the witnesses were Eugene Daney, Patterson Spring, D. C. Collic, Albert Schoonover and L. A. Wright. Mr. Daney said he had seen Judge Torrance under the influence of liquor on two or three occasions, but he did not think that the use of liquor prevented the judge from attending to business.

Mr. Anderson, representing the Los Angeles Bar association, declared that he wished, so far as he could, to withdraw the allegation of collusion between Judge Torrance and Attorney L. L. Boone in a case pending before the former. Mr. Anderson said that he was satisfied that the allegation was unwarranted.

Zeigler's Arctic Expedition

LONDON, Feb. 4.—W. S. Champ, secretary for William Zeigler, has engaged Capt. Kjeldsen to command the Arctic steamer Terra Nova on its approaching voyage to the far north. Mr. Champ will leave for America on February 8. The Terra Nova will sail in May.

WILL TAKE GOLD FROM SEA WATER

ROTHSCHILDS BACK SYNDICATE WITH THIS OBJECT

Famous Financiers Have Faith in a Process Which Has Been Indorsed by Sir William Ramsay

Special Cable to The Herald. LONDON, Feb. 4.—The recent announcement that the problem of how profitably to extract gold from the sea has not only been solved, but that a successful process has been constructed by Sir William Ramsay's approval, has resulted in a great outbreak of discussion as if it were a wonderful new discovery.

Newspapers of repute have given much space to explanations and interviews thereon, and even the staid Spectator gives two columns to the consideration of its possible success and effect thereafter on the world's economy. Faith in sea gold, nevertheless, is so strong that a second syndicate, backed by the Rothschilds, has already been formed to make experiments in the same direction.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLES AGITATE THE POWERS

England Meets the Austrian-Russian Scheme for Financial Control With Counter Proposition

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Associated Press learns that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has definitely proposed to the concert of Europe the appointment of a Christian governor of Macedonia with powers and responsibilities similar to those of Prince George of Crete. Thus far the acknowledgements received indicate little sympathy with the British proposition with the exception of Italy which approves it, perhaps because she sees therein a chance to overthrow the predominant influence of Austria and Russia in the Balkans.

Lord Lansdowne has also made known that the British government opposes the Austrian-Russian scheme for financial control, considering that the finances of Macedonia should be controlled by an international commission of all the powers signatory of the Berlin treaty and not by Austrian-Russian civil agents.

Cannot Stand Profanity

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 4.—With the declaration that they are shocked at the indulgence of their neighbors in profanity, fifty men of this city are reported to have formed the "Oathless club." Among the members are several merchants. A saloonkeeper is also on the roster. The society proposes to stop, if possible, the use here of all bad language.

BRUIN BREAKS INTO THE PLAY

WORKS HAVOC AT A STAGE REHEARSAL

Theatrical Bear Escapes From Cage, Wounds a Number of Performers and is With Difficulty Recaptured

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Escaping from a room in the new Colonial theater, a bear early today, during a rehearsal preparatory to the opening of the theater tonight, rushed on the stage, attacking several of the performers. Before he was overcome he had severely bitten and clawed several of them that they had to be taken to their homes.

Miss Libby Blondell and June McCree were the most severely injured. As the bear rushed onto the stage he struck Miss Blondell and knocked her down. When she fell the bear rolled over her and, enraged by her screams and attempts to free herself, struck out savagely at her.

McCree seized the brute and tried to drag it away from the actress, but his strength was not sufficient and he, too, was bitten and deep gashes were cut in his arms and legs by the bear's claws.

So terrified were the chorus girls on the stage that many of them leaped over the footlights into the orchestra. Stage hands and members of the company secured ropes and finally made the bear a prisoner.

The bear was to be used in a wrestling act and was thought to be safely in the cage while the rehearsal was in progress. Owing to the injuries sustained by the principal members of the company the theater will not be opened until next week.

FREIGHT CATCHES FIRE; CARS BADLY TELESCOPED

Heavy Loss Near Ceres, but the Train Crew Escapes Without Injury

By Associated Press. MODESTO, Feb. 4.—A bad wreck occurred on the Southern Pacific at Ceres, four miles south of this city today, in which 15 freight cars, loaded with various kinds of merchandise, were piled up on the main line and burned. The north bound Owl had just passed Ceres, and was followed by a through freight of thirty-two cars. The journal on the freight train became hot and the axle broke. The train advanced half a mile before the accident was discovered, tearing up the track badly. The broken axle telescoped 15 cars, some of which immediately took fire. Seven cars held to the rails and were pulled away from the wreck by the engine, while nine others were pushed out of danger.

So far as known, no one was injured. A track is being built around the wreck. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Short Change Trick

F. T. Stum, cashier at Christopher's, reported to the police late last night that a well dressed stranger attempted to swindle him with the short change trick. The suspect escaped.

TICHENOR GIVES FRENCH BEATING

SENATOR SOUNDLY THRASHED IN SAN FRANCISCO

BYSTANDERS GO TO RESCUE

Detective Does Not Wait for Repetition of Legislator's Recent Attack but Begins Action Promptly

Special to The Herald. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Senator Frank French received a beating this afternoon at the hands of the detective whom he had assaulted last Thursday in the rotunda of the capitol at Sacramento.

Witnesses to this afternoon's encounter, which occurred at the corner of Battery and Sansome streets, say that the senator met Detective George N. Tichenor and attempted to engage the latter in conversation, but the officer quietly declined to stop and attempted to go on his way.

"Hold on there, I want to talk to you," shouted the senator.

Tichenor, who claims to have heard of the threats made by French to the effect that he would slap the detective's face every time he met him, tried to avoid the encounter.

The big San Francisco senator towered over the little man and blocked his way. His attitude was threatening and the spectators expected to see a repetition of Thursday's attack, but to their astonishment the little detective quickly took the initiative and with a quick short arm jab sent the big man's head back.

Struck "First and Frequent"

What followed was soon over. The detective followed up the advantage he had gained by striking first. Blow after blow was rained on the face and head of the fighting senator, and it was not until bystanders interfered that the detective was satisfied to desist.

"I am sorry this has occurred," said Detective Tichenor to a Herald representative shortly after the encounter. "I was simply forced to defend myself. The senate committee told me that was my only alternative. I have tried to avoid this man ever since he assaulted me last Tuesday. He forced the fight on me and I had no way of escaping him."

"When the senate committee heard of the affair in the rotunda a member said to me:

"Senator French is immune from arrest during the session of the legislature; your only defense lies within yourself. You must protect yourself as you know you have the right to do."

"I believe," continued Detective (Continued on Page Two.)

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Cloudy on Sunday, with showers; fresh south winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 64 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees.

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Senate agitated over question of allowing Boston and Mitchell to vote.
Great weight falls in Metropolitan opera house, but panic is averted.
President says Indians have right to choose schools where their children shall be educated.

FOREIGN

Rothschilds back of syndicate which will endeavor to extract gold from sea water.
Kuropatkin's retirement being discussed in St. Petersburg.
Torrance's factory closed because employees tore down posters of czar's recent speech.

COAST

Hearing of impeachment charges against Judge Torrance begins in San Diego.
Detective Tichenor administers thrashing to Senator French in San Francisco.
San Pedro resident is assaulted by thugs and robbed.

LOCAL

Albert Hubbard answers his critics.
Invalid tires of fight against disease and takes his own life.
Trains cut off Los Angeles from eastern railroad communication for twenty-four hours.
Great damage done to public and private property by storms of last three days.
Sale of liquor in any form at restaurants or saloons prohibited today, and only a bona fide meal will serve as an excuse for the sale of liquor as refreshment.
Strong arm man robs victim of \$10 on downtown business street, within several feet of many pedestrians.
Los Angeles citizens are summoned before state senate to testify in bribery cases.
Offer is made by bank for \$50,000 detection bond issue.
Five commission hears charges against members of the department.
Property owners say name of Buena Vista street should be changed.
Revival leaders entertained at banquet by finance committee.