FEELING GROWS MORE INTENSE AT SAWTELLE

ONE GOOD DINNER FAILS TO RELIEVE SITUATION

CONDITIONS IN HOSPITAL SHOW BAD MANAGEMENT

Veterans in Hospital Are Organized and Say They Will Fight to the Last Ditch for Reform at Home

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I take in writing. Your paper has shown itself such a friend to the old soldier and justice that with your permission I write. Affairs at the Soldiers' home are now in such condition that it behooves every patriot and friend of the soldier to act. We are in a state of revolution, on a magazine which needs but a match to set it off. The governor has kept nagging us on until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. The home is run like a close corporation. Our appeals to higher authorities, the board at New York, are unanswered and unheard. We have now no redress. A short while ago the inspector was here. Governor Cochrane wined and dined him, making him and his wife his guests while here. Not long ago he lectured us, saying that we were under the rules and regulations of the war directory. Just think forty-odd years ago we were soldiers giving our all, ourselves if necessary, for the country and flag we love so well. Some little time ago Captain Buck's, of Company F, daughter was visiting him. The next day Governor Cochrane, in the presence of several members of the company, spoke very harshly to Captain Buck, saying: "Sir, I saw a woman on the porch of your barracks yesterday." Captain Buck replied: "Yes, governor, that was my daughter." The governor said: "That makes no difference you must not let it occur again."

Not long since a lady was entering Barracks A. Governor Cochrane saw her. He immediately called to the commander, Captain Smith, and said: "Order that woman out; no woman goes in there with a good purpose."

This lady, who was visiting a sick husband, heard it and, bursting into tears, left. He has issued a stringent order in regard to women visiting their friends, thereby insulting every female and every old soldier. There is talk of hanging the governor in effigy. We are open for mutiny and our patriotism, our love of country, is what has kept us in check, but we think of our daily insults, privations and trials; we murmur, "How long, O Lord, how long!"

This letter is quoted at length to illustrate the intensity of feeling which prevails among the old soldiers.

Veterans Are Organized

More to the point, perhaps, is the action of a committee of sixty old soldiers representing eleven barracks and the hospital which was mentioned in The Herald yesterday morning. The Herald has a copy of the minutes of that meeting and the address issued, which is directed to United States senators and representatives in the lower house. Two questions are asked, as follows:

First—Were the national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers organized and instituted for the welfare and good of the veterans of the three wars—viz.: Mexican war, war of the rebellion and the Spanish-American war, and was it intended that men unable to earn their support should be entitled to enter the home where they might spend their last days in peace and content?

Second—If the homes were established on the above basis were the rules then promulgated for the guidance of officers and members based on the above facts, that the homes were to be a place where the old men unable to earn their living could live in peace and contentment?

Want Investigation

It is set forth that the conditions are such at the Sawtelle home as to call for an investigation and an answer to these questions; that there is dissatisfaction and discontent. Complaining of a certain officer, the memorial to congress states that he "rules the home with an iron rod; he is the governor's advisor in all things and to the extent that his word is law." And in their complaint they assert that "he is domineering, insulting and offensive to the members of this home, caring nothing for their interests or comforts, strutting around like a peacock with his cigarette stuck up in his face, always on the lookout for some poor old man he can abuse to show his authority. Woe be unto the member who offends or ruffles his feathers." It is asserted that this officer was naturalized less than two years ago, although he has been on the pay roll of the home for a much longer period, and that he "speaks with an accent."

An order which aroused all of the fire of the old fighters to its pristine strength was when they were instructed that they could not wear the Grand Army buttons. The facts of this order are set forth in the memorial. In spite of it, nearly every man wears the button and, as they express it, they "swear by their beards" to continue to do so.

The same organized force, which is determined to have the home's management investigated, have addressed a communication to President Taft, laying the facts before him and asking that an investigation be made. The old soldiers agree to make affidavit to all of their charges and to leave the matter of continuing the present management to a fair vote of the members of the home if it is possible for them to vote their convictions without fear of punishment. Some of the reasons given why an investigation should be made would make sensational reading matter, but generally stated it is mismanagement and hardships heaped upon the members of the home.

Another evidence of how deeply in earnest the old men are is found in the fact that they are organized, have a fund on hand which they propose to use in fighting for their rights, and that they have issued 2000 cards bearing these words: "If we must be ruled by a civilian, then give us a free born American and not a foreigner." Each congressman and United States senator will receive one of these cards along with a copy of the memorial.

Hospital Mismanaged

The mismanagement of the hospital connected with the home was brought to the attention of The Herald yesterday. Most of the difficulties of the hospital are declared to be due to the fact that the force of doctors at the institution is cut in half. Ordinarily there are four doctors connected with the hospital. Now there are but two. The captain doctor is so ill himself that he requires medical attention and is unable to give any material assistance; one of the physicians recently left of his own accord because he became disgusted with affairs as they are conducted at the home, and the two remaining have 500 men to look after who are regular inmates of the hospital in addition to the attention they must give the others who stay out of bed as long as they can.

The hard work of these doctors is further handicapped by the fact that they have not sufficient medical supplies. Robert Wade of ward 9, who is in the hospital in an advanced stage of consumption, has been compelled for the past two months to purchase codine out of his own little pension money. Codine is necessary to relieve his incessant cough, but there is no more in the medical supply store, and to secure relief he must purchase his own. Sherry and port wines and olive oil are essential articles in the medical supplies, but there have been none of these for more than a month. The supply was cut off six weeks ago for the same reason that the food is reduced to the starvation point—there is no more money.

Complain of Cooking

Complaints are made that the methods of cooking are wrong. It was stated yesterday by a Spanish war veteran who is an inmate of the hospital with tuberculosis that even good food is spoiled in the cooking. He declared that when the cook got good meat it was treated in such a way that it was distasteful to the palate. He said that the hospital patients each morning receive a little piece of steak about the size of a dollar, and if it is not eaten in the morning it is served as a comeback at night. But in the meanwhile it is kept in a copper kettle and when eaten at night has a most distressing effect on the intestines. The hospital facilities are so poor and what there are are so badly mismanaged that many of the sick men have left the place and gone to tuberculosis camps, where they must live on their little $12 a month pension.

A pathetic case was told of yesterday. An old veteran, named Wagner, who has been a contractor and builder at Ocean Park for three years, went to the home Saturday for attention. He is afflicted with a severe case of asthma and unable to sleep or even breathe in a reclining position. From Saturday night until Monday noon he sat in a chair without sleep and then, nearly beside himself, he went to the hospital. One of the physicians ordered him to go to bed. He protested that he would suffocate if placed in a bed. The physician answered that he would either have to go to bed or get out of the hospital. The veteran left. He was placed on a street car and headed for Los Angeles.

The inmates of the home hope the present agitation will end in as good results as were accomplished at Battle Mountain sanitarium, a national soldiers' home at Hot Springs, S. D., last January.

The same kind of complaints were made at that place as have stirred up the home at Sawtelle, and it resulted in an upheaval. Every officer in the place was discharged and a complete new set of officials placed in charge. Since then, it is declared, the home has been managed in the best way possible.

PLAIN FORGERY, EXPERT STATES

WITNESS TELLS ABOUT CLEVELAND'S SIGNATURE

TESTIMONY IN COURT AGAINST AUTHOR BRANDENBURG

Richard Watson Gilder Declares That Name Clipped from Manuscript Was Not Written by Former President

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 18.—Expert testimony was introduced in today's session of the trial of Broughton Brandenburg, the writer, to prove that the alleged forged letter of Grover Cleveland which Brandenburg sold to the New York Times last August was written more than a month after Mr. Cleveland's death.

Harry J. Humphrey, a typewriting expert, declared the article had been written on the machine produced in court yesterday. Miss Lillian Bacon, a stenographer, testified yesterday that she had written the article at Brandenburg's dictation on the machine in question on August 10 last.

William C. Reick, managing edtior of the Times, identified the alleged forged signature. In accepting the article he had relied on the genuineness of the signature.

The disputed signature, inclosed in a glass case, was admitted in evidence.

Madeline Fearon, Miss Bacon's assistant, recounted in substance on the witness stand the incidents of the typewriting of the Cleveland article, as Miss Bacon had previously related them.

Declares It Forgery

Brandenburg was writing during the copying process, she stated, and what he wrote was incorporated into the matter before typewriting it.

Richard Watson Gilder, who was a close friend of Mr. Cleveland, testified that the signature alleged to have been clipped from the article sold by Brandenburg was not that of Mr. Cleveland.

David N. Carvalho, a handwriting expert, testified that the signature was a plain forgery and that in his opinion Brandenburg had written it.

When Mr. Gilder had testified that the signature in evidence was not in Mr. Cleveland's handwriting Mr. Jacobs, for the defense, created something of a sensation by declaring the defense did not contend that the signature was a genuine signature of Mr. Cleveland.

"I am going to show more than that," replied Assistant District Attorney Nott. "I am going to prove that the defendant wrote that signature."

George Pengelly, a handwriting expert, declared the disputed signature a forgery and gave it as his opinion that Brandenburg wrote it.

SURREY FALLS FROM ROAD AND FIVE SUSTAIN INJURIES

Sales Manager and Wife May Die as Result of Accident at St. Helena

ST. HELENA, Cal., June 18.—S. H. Barnard, sales manager of the sanitarium factory, and his wife sustained probably fatal injuries yesterday afternoon when a three-seated surrey went over a thirty-foot embankment on the road between the sanitarium and this city.

J. N. Dennison, the driver; Mrs. R. Albora, daughter of G. R. Costa of the Swiss-American bank, San Francisco, and Mrs. K. C. Gordon of Napa all received injuries, but have been pronounced out of danger.

The surrey had scarcely left the hotel for the trip to this place when the horses became unmanageable and plunged down the mountain road. Georgia Taylor, a 12-year-old boy, was the sixth passenger, but escaped injury by jumping just as the vehicle upset.

TRAGEDY MARS TRIP OF MINERS

RESIDENTS OF YUMA EXCITED OVER SHOOTING

MEMBER OF FOREMOST FAMILY IS REPORTED DEAD

Mexican Returns to Town with Story of Crime Committed During Search for Mine in Fortuna Mountains

(By Associated Press.)

YUMA, Ariz., June 18.—Excitement here is intense over the killing yesterday of Peter Hodges, member of one of the oldest and best known families in Yuma, near Ligurta, a little station fifteen miles northeast of Wellton in the Fortuna mountains.

The story of the tragedy reached Yuma in the night through the medium of Manuel Arviso, one of a party of three of which Hodges was a member. According to Arviso, he started four days ago with Hodges and Francisco Marquez on a prospecting trip to a spot in the Fortuna range where Marquez claimed he knew of a mine of exceeding richness.

The three men were on the best of terms. Arviso had been for some time employed on the Gila river ranch of the Hodges brothers, who are large cattle men. Marquez is a former workman for Balsz Bros., another cattle firm.

Hear Shots Behind Hill

The prospectors reached the supposed mine early yesterday and found nothing to indicate a prospect in the vicinity. The firearms carried by the party consisted of a rifle with five cartridges and a revolver. Marquez suggested that he take the rifle and go after some mountain sheep. He disappeared over the divide about 200 yards away, and the two men remaining in camp shortly afterward heard a shot. A moment later Marquez called Hodges, and the latter started over the hill, thinking the Mexican had shot a sheep and needed help. Arviso heard two more shots in the course of the next few minutes, and immediately following these Marquez appeared on top of the hill, calling Arviso to come to him and bring a knife.

Arviso started, and when he had gone a hundred yards in the direction of Marquez the latter suddenly showed himself from behind a boulder and fired at Arviso, inflicting a slight wound in his side. Marquez then disappeared, and Arviso made his way back to camp, calling to Hodges all the way but receiving no response. He claims to have waited in the camp an hour, hoping Hodges would crawl back or give some evidence of life.

Relatives Race to Scene

Arviso then took a canteen of water and one of the horses belonging to the party and rode into Wellton, where he arrived late last night. Under Sheriff Riley took the man in charge and brought him into Yuma this morning. District Attorney Timmons and Police Justice Jones returned to Wellton on the early morning train. Four automomlie parties composed of relatives, doctor and friends of Hodges, as well as officers, set out for the scene of the shooting.

The truth of Arviso's story is doubted by some, and he is practically under guard in a hospital here. Peter Hodges is one of a family of eleven children, all residents of Yuma county. One of the brothers, George Hodges, came into notice last week by an affray with Felix Mayhew of the North Star mine, in which Mayhew was injured and was subsequently taken to Los Angeles for treatment. Hodges is a son-in-law of Captain Isaac Polhamus of Yuma and is connected with a number of the old families of this section. Marquez is supposed to have fled to Mexico.

BRITAIN FEARS AMERICA MAY ENTER LOAN COMPACT

Ambassador Will Ask United States Not to Participate in Negotiations with China

LONDON, June 18.—Great Britain has asked America not to press her claim for participation in the Hankow-Sze Chuen railroad loan of $27,500,000 which British, German and French bankers stand ready to take up. This request has been sent to James Bryce, the British ambassador at Washington.

Great Britain points out that the arrangements for this loan were concluded after the greatest difficulty, entailing long negotiations between the British, German and French bankers and the Chinese government. As America did not ask to join therein, it was presumed that she did not desire to take the share to which she was entitled under the agreement with China.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS WOMAN TO PROVIDE HUSBAND FOOD

Wife of Mechanic Must Supply Three Meals Daily from Funds He Gives Her

NEW YORK, June 18.—William Ward, a hard-working mechanic, caused his wife to be summoned to a Newark police court yesterday to explain why after he had given her $7.50 weekly she had provided him with only two meals a day and these of such a character as to cause him to be hungry constantly.

Mrs. Ward said she thought he was getting all his money entitled him to receive, but the judge ordered her to provide him with three meals daily, suggesting corned beef and cabbage and other substantials. The court ordered Ward to report weekly if his wife obeyed the orders or not.

Forest Fires Cripple Service

SEATTLE, June 18.—Forest fires raging along the telegraph line between St. Michael and Valdez have interrupted communication with Norton Sound. According to information received at the local signal corps, two miles of the line near Golsovia was burned, causing a break between here and St. Michael. Men are at work endeavoring to repair the break. It is expected communication will be reestablished in a short time.

Slays Woman and Himself

MACON, Ga., June 18.—After killing a woman named Emma Raymond, in the redlight district early today, Patrolman Oscar Abel turned the revolver on himself and blew out his brains.

Walking Skirts

Values to $8.50

SCORES of smart new models to choose from in this great sale. Materials are fine French panama and serge, mohair and English suitings. Most desirable colors. $8.50 values. Today **$3.75**

The New York CLOAK & SUIT HOUSE

The Style Shop of Los Angeles

Our Waist Sale

Continued Today

WAISTS regularly priced at $2.50 and $3. Every imaginable style that is new and charming in tailored and lingerie models. You should certainly avail yourself of this remarkable value at **$1.50**

Superb Millinery ½ Price

ONE has only to catch a glimpse of the exceptionally artistic hats that comprise this remarkable millinery offering to be at once convinced that a new hat is a pardonable luxury. The shapes are the latest, and the trimmings include an infinite variety of the very prettiest and most fashionable of the new season's productions. An irresistible attraction when the prices are normal, but an opportunity too great to be rejected at

One-Half Price

Veiling Special

New Fine Mesh 75c and $1 Values . . 35c

VERY fascinating new effects in extra fine meshes; colors black, white, blue, green, red and lavender; qualities selling regularly at 75c and $1.00 a yard. Extra special today, yard, 35c.

New Colonial Sailors

FOR various occasions the new broad-brimmed sailors are the only appropriate headgear, and are wonderfully becoming to almost everyone, besides. While other hats are necessary, they are indispensable. The newest shapes in rough straw, called "The Colonial," are the cleverest of all. In black and burnt, also in dainty pink and light blue to wear with linen suits. Prices $3.50 and $4.

Rough Straw Knox Sailors $1.25

Regular $3.00 Hats

EVERYONE knows how stylish and smart these popular sailors are, and this remarkable reduction will be of utmost interest.

Modish Long Gray Silk Gloves

$1.25 Instead of $2.50

SILK GLOVES, 16-button, in pretty shades of gray; very best quality; all sizes at this extraordinary price; a wonderful opportunity to economize on stylish long sleeves; regular $2.50 values. Special today only, $1.25.

Short Suede and Glace Gloves

A COMPLETE line of these fashionable gloves, in all sizes and colors, as well as black and white. Specially priced at $1.50, $1.65 and $2.

The New York CLOAK & SUIT HOUSE — The Style Shop LOS ANGELES CAL. — The New York CLOAK & SUIT HOUSE — The Style Shop LOS ANGELES CAL.

OFFICIAL REQUESTS PRISONER'S RELEASE

CHARGE OF DYNAMITING MAY BE DISMISSED

District Attorney of San Francisco Moves for Close of Proceedings Against John Claudianes in Oakland Court

OAKLAND, June 18.—District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco appeared before Judge Wood this afternoon and made a motion to have the charge against John Claudianes of attempting to dynamite the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher dismissed from the Oakland courts. A formal order will be signed tomorrow by the judge. A lack of evidence was the reason assigned for the action.

In making the motion to the court District Attorney Langdon stated he was acting in conjunction with District Attorney Donahue in the case. He said it was their belief there was not enough evidence to convict Claudianes, who, he alleged, offering some testimony in support of the statement, was merely a tool of Peter Claudianes and Felix Paudevaris. These men, he said, kept John Claudianes constantly drugged with liquor.

John Claudianes has been in jail for nearly a year, and Peter, his brother, is serving a life sentence in San Quentin for the dynamiting outrage. Paudevaris has never been apprehended.

Judge Wood said he wanted time, not being familiar with the case, and adjourned the formal decision until tomorrow, intimating that then he would sign the formal order.

WOMAN PHYSICIAN BLAMES MEN FOR QUEER FASHIONS

Speaks at Tailors' Association Meeting Assigns Reason for Extremes and Absurdities

NEW YORK, June 18.—"The New York women are being crippled by the Paris fashions and the men of Paris and New York are responsible for it."

Emphatically and in detail Dr. Sarah J. McNutt, one of New York's most eminent women physicians, thus agreed with the quoted sartorial beliefs of the official head of the United States Tailors' associtaion.

"But if women suffer physically for the style of clothes they wear it is largely men who are responsible," reiterated Dr. McNutt, "and their responsibility springs from two sources. Many of the fashion extremes and absurdities that come to us from Paris never would have been launched if men had not been directly responsible. They never would have been thought of by women.

"The second ground upon which I would hold men responsible for women's dress absurdities goes deeper into human nature. The barbarian in man admires extremes in dress, which one might call 'striking' costumes in women. After all, practically every woman in the world is dressed to make herself attractive in the eyes of at least one man. Let the men cease to be lured by grotesque fashions and see with what a sigh of relief women will adopt moderation."

TEACHER MEETS BROTHER FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE

Newspapers Aid in Union of Relatives Who Had Been Given Away by Parents

CHICAGO, June 18.—Miss Geraldine Long, a school teacher of Marengo, Ill., met her brother, Urel Sullivan of Chicago, for the first time in her life Wednesday night. They were given away by their parents when infants and do not know their real names.

Several weeks ago Miss Long wrote to newspapers what she could remember of her early life, and asked them to help her find relatives.

Mr. Sullivan read the story and went to Marengo. The fragmentary knowledge of their early life corresponded.

Man Found Drowned

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—The body of E. I. French, a carpenter, and member of the Eagles at The Dalles, Ore., who disappeared June 5, was found floating in the bay off Lime Point today. Side by side with it at the morgue is the body of another man, as yet unidentified, who was found at about the same time off Fort Point.

TELEGRAPH NEWS IN BRIEF

Family Increases—Mrs. W. H. Butterbaugh of El Paso, Tex., who on January 1, 1908, gave birth to triplets, yesterday became the mother of twins, a boy and a girl.

Gold Arrives—Six and a half tons of virgin gold, valued at $3,200,000, the largest single shipment ever sent from Alaska, arrived at Seattle on the steamer Jefferson from Juneau yesterday.

Panic on Ship—The steamer Campania, carrying many passengers, ran aground twenty-four miles below Quebec Thursday night. A panic ensued on board, but no one was injured. The passengers were transferred to a ferry boat and taken to Quebec.

Clerk Acquitted—Fred B. English, formerly chief clerk in the United States land office, who has been on trial in the United States district court at San Francisco on the charge of embezzling public funds, was acquitted yesterday by the jury. English was tried on a similar charge a year ago with the same result.

Dons His Toga—William Lorimer of Illinois took the oath of office and became a United States senator yesterday. Although elected several weeks ago, he retained his seat in the house of representatives until satisfied that he could render better service in the senate. He is expected to join the "progressive" senators.

Send Invitation—The London foreign office is forwarding to the admiralty the American invitation to participate in the naval review to be held at San Francisco next October to celebrate the rebuilding of the city after the earthquake of 1906, and expressed the hope that it would be found possible to send at least a small fleet. It is expected, consequently, that several ships will be brought from the China station, the time being too short to dispatch a cruiser squadron.

Ship Wrecked—News of the wreck of the French trading schooner Temari Tahiti in a storm which swept the South Sea islands several weeks ago, was brought by the steamer Mariposa, arriving yesterday at San Francisco from Tahiti. The Mariposa passed through the same gale, and for several hours great waves washed over her decks.

Vessel Aground—The four-masted British bark Puritan, lumber laden, is aground in the Frazer river, Canada, but is believed to be undamaged. She was caught by the current in attempting to go down stream with the tide, the tugs were unable to paddle her and the vessel grounded hard and fast on Annivell bar. Her cargo will have to be lightered.

Hit by Beam—With his back and three ribs broken, Benjamin G. Maurer, hay and grain merchant, is dying at the emergency hospital in San Francisco as the result of his own carelessness. Forgetting the heavy beam over the entrance to his yard at the corner of Fell and Laguna streets, he climbed up on the high seat of his hay wagon, and in driving out was struck by the beam and bent almost double.

Warns Drunkards—Adolph N. Nordstrom, convicted of the murder of John Peterson, foreman of a railroad construction gang, last February, explated his crime on the gallows at Salem, Ore., yesterday. Nordstrom delivered a short sermon on temperance, saying: "Keep liquor down, people, if you can. I am not the first man to be hanged on account of it. I am sorry for what I have done, and wish God would save my soul. God bless all of you. Goodby."

SAYS HE BELIEVES OFFICERS CORRUPT

WASHINGTON STATE SENATOR TELLS OF CHARGES

Investigating Committee Will Meet Today to Prepare Report as to Findings—Legislature Urged to Convene

SEATTLE, June 18.—State Senator Allen, chairman of the committee that has investigated charges against state officers and institutions, said today that he would call a final meeting of the committee tomorrow. At that meeting the committee will get its report in shape for presentation to the governor next week.

The executive has asked that if possible the committee's findings of facts be placed before him at that time so he will have plenty of time between then and next wek, when the special session of the legislature convenes, to incorporate a digest of the committee's report in his message to the legislature.

Senator Allen said: "I believe that the allegations and revelations made with regard to Insurance Commissioner John H. Schively, former Adjutant General Hamilton, who is now in jail, and other state officers, also the rumors with regard to the mismanagement of state institutions, demand the full and searching investigation that only a special session of the legislature can give.

"As chairman of the investigating committee I am satisfied from what our inquiry has revealed that a special session to expose corruption thoroughly wherever it exists is absolutely necessary, no matter if it costs $100,000 and occupies a year's time."

LABORER ATTEMPTS MURDER AND THEN ENDS HIS LIFE

Indulgence in Liquor Leads Man to Seek Life of Friend Who Aided Him

STOCKTON, June 18.—After attempting to kill H. J. Bates, who tried to prevent him from committing suicide, Thomas O'Connor, a laborer, ended his life with a knife this morning at Tracy, following a protracted spree. A will in which he left $1400 on deposit in the bank at Fresno to his sister, Mrs. Mary Nelson, was found on him.

O'Connor arrived from Newman last night. This morning at 5 o'clock, apparently sober, he wrote a will in favor of his sister. He then began drinking again, and shortly after 7 o'clock stabbed himself in the throat. Bates tried to stop him, but was attacked by the infuriated man.

INSPECTION OF MEAT IS PROBED SECRETLY

CHARGES AGAINST SYSTEM CONFIRMED

Considerable Comment Caused at East St. Louis by Privacy of Investigation There—Complaints Corroborated

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., June 18.—Corroboration of many of the charges against the government's meat inspection system here was given to the officials who are investigating conditions by Julius Bischoff, an inspector, who was on the stand when the inquiry was continued today.

According to J. F. Harms, the inspector whose open letter to Secretary Wilson caused the inquiry, Bischoff substantiated his co-worker's assertion.

The secrecy with which the inquiry is being conducted has caused considerable comment about the stock yards. Officials of packing companies had expressed a hope that the fullest publicity be brought into play, and today several of them said that they feared lest the present hearing fail to allay public distrust of the inspection system, no matter what report is made to Secretary Wilson.

They called attention to the fact that the day after Harms' original charges were published Dr. A. M. Melvin, who is conducting the inquiry, was quoted in an interview as being sure that the allegations were without foundation.

This phase of the matter was also given by Harms as one of the reasons why he yesterday refused to take part in a secret investigation.

OFFICIAL TO PROBE CASE AGAINST JAPANESE BANKER

Residents of Seattle Supply Evidence Regarding Man Accused of Violating Federal Law

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 18.—Commissioner General of Immigration Daniel J. Keefe is here making a personal investigation into the charges against K. Hirade, the Seattle banker, whose exclusion from the United States is sought by immigration officials on the ground that he has been engaged in illegal traffic in Japanese women.

The investigating board has postponed its decision until next Tuesday. In the meantime a large amount of evidence against Hirade is pouring in from Seattle. If the decision is adverse to Hirade he will appeal to Washington.

DYNAMITE RUINS HOME OF OFFICIAL

SUPERINTENDENT OF RAILWAY HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Husband and Wife Are Hurled from Bed and Hurry Down Ladder to Reach the Street

TUCSON, June 18.—Some one early this morning wrecked the home of Superintendent W. H. Whalen of the Tucson division of the Southern Pacific with dynamite.

Whalen and his wife were sleeping in the cupola of the house and had a narrow escape from death.

Whalen has been superintendent of the division for a year. No cause is assigned for the dynamiting. It probably was the work of a discharged employe.

Superintendent Whalen states he has no idea who the dynamiters were, as he has no known enemy. He has not received threatening letters, and was given no intimation that any such crime might be perpetrated. He was twice awakened by the sputtering of the time fuse attached to the charge, but thought it was only the wind blowing against the window screen.

The explosion hurled Whalen and his wife from their bed, but they escaped injury. The stairs in the house were blown away and a ladder was required for them to reach the street.

Although officers are following several meager clues, no arrests have been made. The sheriff has offered a reward of $500. Whalen came from the Shasta division about a year ago. Considerable friction has developed since his incumbency, and has resulted in a number of dismissals in the operating department.

WARN MOTHERS AGAINST DIET OF BEER FOR BABIES

Delegates at Convention Disapprove of Practice Among Persons of Slavic Races

CHICAGO, June 18.—"Mothers, if you want to keep the city's infant mortality down, beware of feeding your babies with sausages and beer during the first year of their existence," was one of the warnings given to the members of the Illinois Congress of Mothers yesterday at their annual luncheon. It was followed by a symposium arranged by the child hygiene committee.

According to a statement made by Dr. Caroline Hedges, whose topic was "The Immigrant's Child," the majority of deaths among the city infants under 1 year of age was due to feding the infants with sausages and beer. Especially among the Slavic races was this condition found to exist.

FAMILY MAKES BUSINESS OF THIEVERY IN STORES

Husband, Wife and Relative Convicted While Case Is Pending Against Young Daughter

NEW YORK, June 18.—Frank Wiley, his wife, Mary Wiley, and his sister, all of Jersey City, were convicted here yesterday of shoplifting. One other member of the family, Wiley's 6-year-old daughter, who was said to be an important factor in the thefts, was not on trial, but her case probably will come up in the children's court later.

Department store detectives testified that the two women and the child visited the stores and selected the booty, while the man waited in a convenient place and took the articles from them after each robbery. Wiley said he and his family came from Topeka, Kas., three weeks ago.

Dewey's Vessel Sold for $3000

SEATTLE, Junes 18.—According to a report at the Bremerton navy yard the merchant steamer Zafiro, which was purchased by Admiral Dewey from British foreign officers, prior to the battle of Manila, in order to get coal to carry him through the engagement, has been sold to a junk dealer for $3000. The Zafiro was in the line of battle at Manila as a supply ship and later was used as a dispatch boat in the Philippines.

Woman May Recover

YOSEMITE, June 18.—The condition of Mrs. Henry Butters, widow of the Piedmont millionaire, who is seriously ill of pneumonia at one of the local camps, was reported as slightly improved this morning. Her temperature is lower as the result of a favorable night and the attending physicians are now sanguine of her ultimate recovery.