

CUBAN WAR AIRSHIPS.

FIRST OF THE BALLOONS FOR THE ISLAND ARMY COMPLETED.

SEVERAL TRIALS MADE.

THE CLAIMS OF ITS INVENTOR BORNE OUT IN THE TEST ASCENTS.

IT WILL CARRY DYNAMITE.

DESIGNED TO BE USED TO DROP EXPLOSIVES INTO SPANISH CAMPS.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 27.—Captain Samuel Andrews, formerly of the United States navy, has just constructed a new war balloon at the order of the Cuban Patriots' League. The order for the balloon was given a short time after the opening of the rebellion, but at that time Captain Andrews was perfecting some patent devices, and it has been impossible to complete it before. Several trials have been made and the balloon has in every way come up to the claims made for it by its inventor.

The purpose of the new instrument of war is to carry dynamite and other explosives, and when over the heads of the enemy to drop them in their ranks. The balloon has been an object of interest to all persons in naval and military affairs, and since its construction several of the best known experts in the country have visited the trials and have pronounced it a success.

Lieutenant E. R. Collins of the Navy Department, who has had charge of all the trials, has suggested several changes, and at the conclusion of the last trial, which will be held on Friday, the balloon will be shipped to Cuba. Work will then be started on three more. The Cuban Junta having given an order for six, if the plan proves successful.

The outcome of this novel mode of warfare will be awaited with interest by all war experts, as it is the first instance of the balloon having been used as an offensive means of destruction. Captain Andrews will go to Cuba and look after the scheme personally. He has full confidence in his machine, and predicts that it will soon put an end to the war.

TERRIFIC BATTLES FOUGHT.

General Maceo Forced to Retreat Before a Spanish Army.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 27.—A dispatch to a morning paper from Santiago de Cuba, dated the 24th, says:

"During the last week the fighting in the vicinity of this city has been intermittent, and practically the severest of the war thus far. On Monday the remnants sent from Havana to strengthen the Spanish garrison here arrived, and the initiative was taken at once. The rebels had taken advantage of all the hills country, and had control of all the highways and points of vantage.

On Tuesday General Robledo, a brother of Senator Romero Robledo, the Minister of Justice at Madrid, attacked a force of 2000 rebels, under Antonio Maceo, in the hills to the north of the city. The insurgents had a very strong position and a powerful battery, which had been causing havoc of late. The Spanish troops numbered nearly 3000 men, and they had two field batteries. The engagement began at daybreak, and, although the insurgents' artillery was very destructive, it was not so much so as the Spanish batteries. The woods were set on fire by the shells in several places, and the insurgents were obliged to retreat. They took up their stand in the Santa Rosa Valley across the River Pintos, but were unable to withstand the Spanish advance. By night they were in full retreat, with the Spanish cavalry in hot pursuit.

The rebel loss is stated at 500 men, while their whole magazine and stores fell into the hands of the Spaniards.

Another dispatch, however, brings news of a severe reverse met by the rebels on the same day near Sabana. A small Spanish force of 500 men engaged in a scouting expedition was caught in the cane plantation by a body of insurgents about three times its number. The regulars made a desperate fight, but were all either killed or captured. Several soldiers who later managed to escape and reach Santiago de Cuba brought tales of cruelties practiced on the prisoners. The insurgents are now overrunning the districts of Cosolacion del Sur, Palacios, Poso Reai, San Diego, Candelera and San Cristobal, and are making steady advances in the direction of Havana.

CONVICTED THE HUNCHBACK.

Charles Asimus Found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree for Killing Jack Greenwood.

PORTLAND, OR., Oct. 27.—At Kalama, Wash., last evening, in the case of Charles Asimus for killing Jack Greenwood on September 21 near Bushes Landing, the jury brought in a verdict, after twenty-four hours' deliberation, finding the defendant guilty, as charged, of murder in the first degree.

His attorneys will move for a new trial, but there seems to be very little hope of getting it. Asimus is a hunchback. The question of his sanity was raised on the grounds that the injury to his spine which deformed his back also affected his mind, but there was no evidence to show that he was not sane when he committed the murder. Sentence was not passed and court adjourned until November 27.

Asimus obtained a judgment for a small sum of money against Greenwood, and because he could not collect went to Greenwood's place, demanded his money, and not receiving it opened fire on Greenwood, who was unarmed, shooting several times after his victim had fallen. The hunchback has never seemed to realize the enormity of his crime.

NEW CHURCH FOR MILL VALLEY.

Congregational People Will Build a Place of Worship.

MILL VALLEY, CAL., Oct. 27.—A meeting of persons interested in the building of the new Congregational church in Mill Valley was held at the residence of Rev. John Rea, who has taken an active interest in the matter. The Tamalpais Land and Water Company has deeded a large lot in a very fine location to the trustees of the church. A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. C. Tooley, Alonzo Coffin and Gus D. Avery to collect the money that has been subscribed toward the erection of a suitable place of worship. The committee has gone to work in earnest and is meeting with no difficulty in

collecting the amount of money that will be necessary to build the church. About \$700 has already been received.

The plans for the building have not as yet been made, but it is the intention of the trustees to erect a building capable of seating about 300 persons. Work will be commenced immediately.

SAN DIEGO IMPROVEMENTS.

New Railway to Tia Juana and Additional Irrigation Work Also in Progress.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Oct. 25.—Within a week trains will again run from this city to Tia Juana, the gap caused by the floods of last January having been closed by a new road built high up above the flats. The National City and Olay road has also been completed to Sweetwater Dam, and work on the enlargement of that structure is also completed, the whole expense reaching several hundred thousand dollars.

All this is the work of the San Diego Land and Town Company. The engineers of that company have several other improvements of the great property in contemplation, which will be effected when the financial affairs of the company are adjusted.

Another great work now going on in this county is the construction of the lower Olay dam, which will bring under cultivation several thousand acres of choice lemon lands within a few miles of the city. The dam is more than half completed, and when finished will impound several thousand inches of water.

The Southern California Mountain Water Company is building the Olay dam, and the city is now preparing to contract with the same company for the acquisition of the city water system, including the upper Olay dam. Prospects are favorable for a popular vote in favor of the contract, in which case \$1,600,000 will be expended in the dam, conduits and city distributing system.

SAN JOSE NEWS ITEMS.

ENTIRE CROP OF DRIED FRUIT WILL BE CONSUMED IN THE EAST.

CHARLES E. MESERVE, A PROMINENT LUMBERMAN, DEAD. FIRED BY TRAMPS.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 27.—Dried fruit is moving off slowly, and the indications are that the entire crop will be consumed before next year's crop comes in. Many orders are being received from the Atlantic seaboard owing to the failure of the French crop. Several small amounts have been exported, but not enough to materially affect the market.

There is a good demand for dried peaches and apricots and these fruits seem to be going rapidly to consumers in the East. There is no accumulation in the large jobbing centers of the East and the fruit going forward is of the finest quality.

The Santa Clara County Fruit Exchange is shipping about two carloads of boxed prunes East per day. About 4 cents per pound is being realized for the four sizes. The California Dried Fruit Agency, composed of the various fruit unions of the county, shipped nine carloads of dried fruit East on Friday and six on Saturday.

Killed by a Chicken Bone.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 27.—Charles E. Meserve, a prominent lumberman of this city, died this morning about 7 o'clock. It was thought that he was suffering from appendicitis, but an autopsy showed that a piece of chicken bone about two inches long had lodged in the bowels and formed an abscess. He was a native of Vermont, 71 years of age. Mr. Meserve left no family. He had been engaged in the lumber business for a number of years.

Fired by Tramps.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 27.—A barn belonging to Mrs. L. K. Austin, at 21 East street, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. There was some hay and a buggy in the barn at the time. The loss will probably reach \$300, with \$200 insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of tramps.

BUTTON MURDER TRIAL.

Story of the Killing of Gustave Bohm to Be Retold in Court at San Bernardino.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Oct. 27.—Charles Button will again be placed on the stand Monday for the murder of Gustave Bohm. The murder was committed in August, 1893, at a mining camp several miles east of this city.

Button, Bohm and several other miners, who were in camp at the time, had been drinking heavily on the day when the murder was committed, and in the evening a quarrel took place. The evidence at the trial showed that when Bohm was lying on the ground intoxicated, Button jumped upon him, striking his head with heavy boots and inflicting serious injuries.

Button then left for where his horse was tied when Bohm assaulted him with a hunting knife which was taken from him, but he seized a gun and renewed the attack. Button, in the meantime, had armed himself and secured the first shot, killing Bohm instantly.

ARIZONA'S BIG RESERVOIR.

Work on the Salt River Dam Will Soon Be Commenced.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Oct. 27.—Work will soon be begun on the dam of the Hudson Reservoir Company on Salt River, sixty miles above Phoenix. A reorganization of the company has been effected in New York, Henry C. Mann being the new president.

RATE WAR THREATENED.

Portland Steamers Will Meet the Southern Pacific's Reduction.

PORTLAND, OR., Oct. 27.—The Southern Pacific's new thirty-hour special for California, which left here last night, made no appreciable effect on the O. R. and N. steamer bookings as the Columbia carried a full list of first-class passengers for the Golden Gate, besides sixty-three in the steerage. As soon as the new train affects the steamer line's business the O. R. and N. Company will inaugurate a competitive rate war that will be entered by the traveling public.

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SEVEN THOUSAND ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF MILLARD.

COVERED WITH FLOWERS.

THE CASKET HIDDEN BENEATH TOKENS OF SYMPATHY BY LOVING FRIENDS.

STREETS LINED WITH PEOPLE.

IMMENSE THROGS WITNESSED PROCESSION OF OFFICIAL DIGNITARIES.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 27.—Although the funeral ceremonies of Lieutenant-Governor Millard were not announced to take place until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, the galleries of Simpson Tabernacle were crowded an hour before that time, and when the first bell of Chopin's "Funeral March" was heard fully 7000 spectators crowded the building.

The casket was placed in front of the altar and surrounded and almost covered by beautiful floral pieces, the offerings of societies, lodges and political and personal friends of the deceased. Among the prominent contributors were: Senator White, Major-General Dimond and staff, members of the Senate, Jonathan Club, Knights Templar, Masons, Macabees and the Foresters.

The Dudley-Buck chorus of twelve male voices furnished the vocal music. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Newell, Mr. Fisher, Dr. McLean and Hon. Joseph McLaughlin highly eulogistic of the admirable character of the dead statesman. A portion of the church had been reserved for the public officials who attended the funeral, and was occupied by Governor Budd and staff, Major-General W. H. Dimond and staff, the City Council, State Senators and Knights Templar, Masons and Foresters.

The services lasted an hour and a half,

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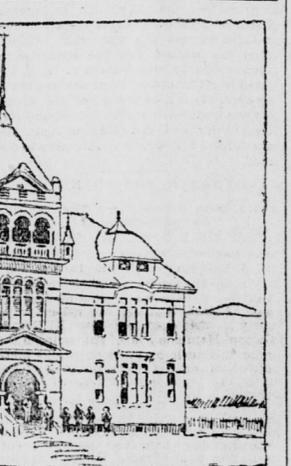
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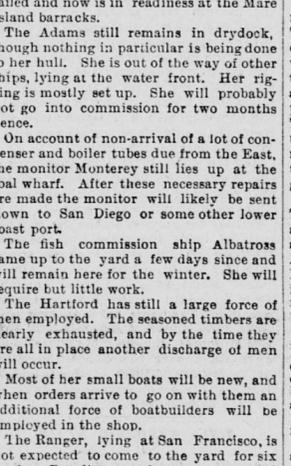
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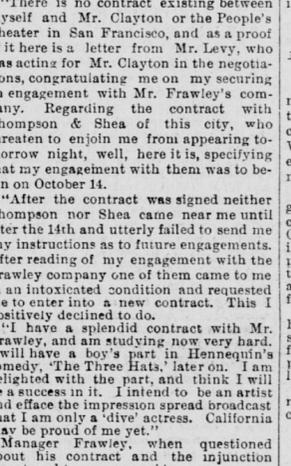
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EXPLOREERS RETURN TO PORT TOWNSEND FROM MT. OLYMPIC.

LIGNITE COAL ON FIRE.

SUPPOSED VOLCANIC EXPLOSIONS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE INVESTIGATORS.

SUBTERRANEAN PYROTECHNICS.

DEEP GORGES FILLED WITH A BURNING MASS OF TREES CAUSED COMBUSTION.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Oct. 27.—The Mount Olympic volcano exploring party returned this evening from a five days' trip into the heart of that range. They report that while the outburst is not a regular volcano, there is good ground for the impression that a fierce subterranean conflagration is in progress.

LADY DOUGLAS'S AMBITION.

WANTS TO DISPEL THE ILLUSION THAT SHE IS A MEDIOCRE ACTRESS.

HAS NO FEAR OF THE THREATENED INJUNCTION TO PREVENT HER APPEARANCE.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 27.—Regarding the alleged numerous contracts reported to have been entered into with different theatrical agents and managers by Lady Sholto Douglas, the little actress said to-day:

"There is no contract existing between myself and Mr. Clayton or the People's Theater in San Francisco, and as a proof of it here is a letter from Mr. Levy, who was acting for Mr. Clayton in the negotiations, congratulating me on my securing an engagement with Mr. Frawley's company. Regarding the contract with Thompson & Shea of this city, who threaten to enjoin me from appearing to-morrow night, well, here it is, specifying that my engagement with them was to begin on October 14.

"After the contract was signed neither Thompson nor Shea came near me until after the 14th and finally failed to send me any instructions as to future engagements. After reading of my engagement with the Frawley company one of them came to me in an intoxicated condition and requested me to enter into a new contract. This I positively declined to do.

"I have a splendid contract with Mr. Frawley, and I am studying now to send him a copy of the same. I have a boy's part in Hennequin's comedy, 'The Three Hats,' later on. I am delighted with the part, and think I will be a success in it. I intend to be an artist and actress, and I am proud to say that I am only a 'dive' actress. California may be proud of me yet."

Manager Frawley, when questioned about his contract and the injunction threatened to-morrow night, said:

"I think I am capable of looking after Lady Sholto Douglas and her stage talent. She has developed splendid comedy talent, and although she was so nervous on her initial appearance with my company that she lost her voice and nearly broke down, she has done so well since that I have every confidence in her. Messrs. Thompson & Shea did have a contract with Lady Douglas, but they abrogated it by not fulfilling its requirements. They threaten to prevent her from appearing to-morrow night, but I don't think they will succeed. I am positive Lady Douglas has no contract with the People's Theater. Next week she will play in the 'Red Riding Hood,' a new song by Ignacio Martinetti of the 'Tribby' Company, who has been coaching her in it. On November 11 Lady Douglas will have her first speaking part. I secured her from the manager of the Grand Hotel and interviewed in the call of the 13th and found her just as she was about to sign a contract with the People's Theater of San Francisco. When San Francisco sees her again it will be as a member of my company."

HEALTH LAWS.

DAILY.

Cold produces pains; carelessness, scanty clothing and draughts bring on the cold—avoid them.

A pain in the back means a disordered kidney, often produced by a cold.

A pain in the face, neck, head or chest is too often neuralgia—hot applications are beneficial, and be sure to use Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla moderately.

Pains in the joints and muscles are rheumatic pains, produced often by exposure and cold and cured often