

CUBA'S RISING STAR.

The Islanders Believe That Liberty Is Now in Sight.

DRIFTING TO A CRISIS.

Decisive Battle Between the Contending Armies May Soon Be Fought.

PATRIOTS GAINING STRENGTH.

The Combined Force of Generals Maceo and Gomez Moving Rapidly Westward.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 4.—A special correspondent of the Globe, writing from Havana under date of November 30, sends the following dispatch by way of Key West, giving the exact status of affairs in the island at the present time. The dispatch says:

The so-called war in Cuba has, until very lately, been in the nature of a farce comedy, and the war itself has practically been nothing more or less than a gigantic skirmish. But the farce will soon be over, and the world may then be prepared for a war that will rival in proportions, of course, the terrible effects of more stupendous conflicts in history. There is no chance to doubt this. Cuba will be liberated within a year, or hopelessly crushed. The rebel forces have been gaining strength rapidly during the past month, and to the Cuban patriots the cause indeed looks brighter. He sees the armies of Gomez and Maceo moving rapidly westward, while the Government forces are making no great gains in the interior. On the other hand General Campos, remaining at Santa Clara, is massing an army already formidable, but receiving daily augmentations.

In the City of Havana, and even in the easterly towns of the island, the Spanish are finding no difficulty in enlisting recruits. Spain may lose Cuba, but it will be only after every resource is exhausted. The most competent leaders estimate the whole number of insurgents under the various leaders at 45,000. Part of these are not armed, but the majority have the best arms and ammunition. These figures speak for themselves. Never in any previous Cuban rebellion has there been one-half the insurgents in the field, and never have the Government forces been so large.

General Andreas, second in command to General Campos, said to-day that there would be no compromise with the rebels on the terms suggested by many. Spain would hold Cuba, he said, even if it took the last cent in the treasury and every soldier in Spain to do so.

American planters in the vicinity of Cienfuegos are in great difficulty. They raised \$30,000 and gave it to the insurgents for protection, but the latter have been driven out by the Government forces, and now the Spaniards will not allow work on the plantations to be continued. General Campos has, however, granted an important session—that of allowing the owners of the plantations to arm their laborers for self-defense.

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA. Resolutions of the Nebraska American Protective Association.

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR., Dec. 4.—At the meeting of the Nebraska Council of the American Protective Association to-day the Cuban insurrection was discussed at some length, after which the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The press dispatches daily bring to us information of the most horrible butcheries and fiendish outrages perpetrated upon the inhabitants upon the island of Cuba by the Spanish soldiers sent to that island for the purpose of conquest; and whereas, we believe that the inhabitants of Cuba have at least the inherent rights of man and are entitled to the same humane treatment, most earnestly discontinue the brutality now practiced in Cuba, and heartily urge upon the Nebraska delegation in Congress to do all in their power to have our Government acknowledge the people of Cuba as belligerents and have them accorded belligerent rights; be it further resolved, That the subordinate councils of the State be requested through the State Secretary to circulate petitions among the citizens of Nebraska addressed to their respective representatives in Congress, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the State Secretary to said Congressmen and United States Senators.

MANY VESSELS OVERDUE.

Steamers Bound for Pacific Coast Ports Have Not Been Sighted.

One Thousand Passengers Whose Fate Is in Doubt—Anxiety at Tacoma.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 4.—The number of overdue vessels sailing in the North Pacific Ocean this year is unprecedented in the history of these waters. Anxiety is now felt in shipping circles for the Norwegian steamer Gorsedd, 2400 tons, due at Tacoma to land lumber for South Africa. She left Singapore for this port October 19. She was reported last at a Japanese port November 6. That makes her twenty-eight days out. The voyage from Japan to Tacoma is usually made by steamer in from fourteen to eighteen days. The steamer Strathnevis sailed from Tacoma for Yokohama fifty-one days ago and has not been reported. The steamer Evandale is now out twenty-eight days from San Francisco for Yokohama. The British bark Lord Brassey is out 120 days from Hongkong for Tacoma.

The schooner Puritan, forty-nine days from Tientsin, arrived at Port Townsend last night. On November 14 and 15, on the eastern border of the China Sea, she encountered a terrible hurricane, before which she ran under bare poles for two days. The skipper of the Puritan says it was the worst storm he ever experienced on the Pacific. This is the storm that the steamer Tacoma was in.

The Strathnevis had a large list of Chinese passengers and several missionaries bound for China. Her crew consisted of upward of eighty-one persons. The Evan-

dale had all the Chinese passengers that she could crowd between decks. The Lord Brassey carried about twenty-five hands, all told. Fully 1000 lives are on the overdue vessels. It is believed by some that the Strathnevis has become disabled or run short of fuel, and possibly put north to the Aleutian Islands or the coast of Siberia. If such were the case her passengers would have a full cargo of condensed milk, canned meats and other staples on which to subsist. The steamer carried sufficient coal to steam for twenty-five days.

The captain of the steamer Straits of Menai, which arrived at Blakeley last week from Japan, reports having sighted a steamer six days off Cape Flattery bound east. He believes that the steamer was the Gorsedd. The Gorsedd was a large, stanch steamer and should have been in as soon as the Menai.

Captain Lewis of the Straits of Menai inadvertently passed the quarantine station at Port Townsend on his way in without having his vessel examined. He was required to take the vessel back to the quarantine station and undergo investigation, to which all vessels from foreign ports are subject. This is the first instance on record of an ocean steamer coming to Tacoma with a strange pilot who had no chart for a guide.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 4.—Barnes & Chilcott, Puget Sound agents of the British steamer Corseid, deny that there is any reason for anxiety for her safety. They say the Corseid left the port of Seattle for Japan on November 28, and that she has been out less than thirty days. Even under the most favorable circumstances she would not be due here till the last of November, as she was light and not a fast steamer. She was stanch and seaworthy and her agents there feel no anxiety about her for another week or longer.

The steamer Straits of Menai, a much faster boat than the Corseid, left one day later than the Corseid, and arrived here November 28.

There is no longer any doubt among shipping men here that the Strathnevis has gone down, and possibly also the Avondale.

POINT LOMA OIL WELLS.

Capitalists at San Diego Will Proceed to Develop a Rich Find.

The Company's Expert Claims It Is the Finest Illuminant on This Coast.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 4.—After a thorough investigation of the territory lying at the northern extremity of Point Loma, where indications of oil are known to exist, a company of wealthy men in this city have formed a company and will proceed to sink wells and develop the field. W. B. Kline will be president of the new company, which has not yet been formally organized, and its vice-president will be John G. Hinkel, whose investments in the brewery enterprise and recent purchases of city property have already made him prominent. The secretary and treasurer have not yet been chosen. The corporation will be what is termed a close one, with the capital all paid up.

Mr. Hinkel said last night that the promoters of the enterprise have for some weeks past had an expert engaged in examining the surface indications of the territory described. His discoveries as well as those of a Government geologist who lately inspected the ground have proved to almost a certainty that oil exists in great quantities there and of a quality different from the oil found at Los Angeles or any other point on the Pacific Coast. According to the expert the product is refining oil with a basis of paraffine, rendering it extremely valuable as an illuminant. No other oil found on the coast approaches it in quality except that found in Chile, which is the best in the world.

The company has secured 200 acres of land, supposed to cover the oil basin, and this is situated midway between Roseville and Ocean Beach. Eight blocks of land have also been secured at Roseville, affording wharfage facilities, and if the expectations of the company are realized it will be in a position to handle the oil in unlimited quantities. Wells have been sunk for water in times past in the immediate vicinity of the tract, and without exception, have filled with oil.

The indications in the opinion of the expert could not be more encouraging, and that the prospectors have faith in his opinion is evidenced by the fact that they will immediately buy machinery and proceed with the work of sinking wells. The machinery will be of the best and most modern kinds, and the plant will be put in place as soon as it can be procured from the East. The plans of the company include the building of a reservoir on the adjacent heights of Point Loma, from which point the oil could be piped to the landing at Roseville or to this city at a minimum of expense.

IN SAN BERNARDINO COURT.

J. B. Osborne Secures Legal Separation on the Ground of Desertion.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Dec. 4.—A divorce was granted in the Superior Court here yesterday to J. B. Osborne, the husband of Mabel V. Osborne of San Francisco. She is the president of an Equal Suffrage Society, and otherwise prominent in that city.

Mrs. Osborne is now 28 years of age while her husband that was confessed to be 64. They were married in San Francisco in 1886. He was then and is still a mining man, having properties of considerable value all over the Mojave desert. His mines made it impossible for him to be away, and Mrs. Osborne was not pleased with a life of constant absence.

Osborne's base of operations was at Daggett. The result was that she spent much of her time in San Francisco, so much so that he finally brought suit for divorce on the ground of desertion. She at first opposed it, but finally agreed, she to get a judgment for \$100 and Osborne to have the custody of the seven-year-old boy.

In her pleading she sets up the claim that Osborne is worth \$500,000, but this was greatly overestimated and she finally decided to withdraw opposition and accept \$1000. The suit has been in court two years.

County Strikers at Port Townsend.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 4.—The county officers who locked their offices here yesterday and quit work were paid by the Board of Commissioners to-day and resumed work. The questions involved will go to the Supreme Court in a case to be tried to-day. Seven other counties in the State in like financial condition will be asked to bear a proportionate share of the expenses of the case.

Santa Rosa's Water Supply.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 4.—The City Council is having four additional wells bored on the Fisher tract, near town, to insure beyond any doubt an inexhaustible supply of water for the new water system. The wells are to be connected with each other and the water forced from them to the reservoir by a pumping station.

Pulling Snags From the San Joaquin.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 4.—The Government snagboat Seizer is now busy just above the mouth of Stockton Channel pulling snags out of the San Joaquin River. The snags which jammed boats in the worst storm that ever visited the Pacific. This is the storm that the steamer Tacoma was in.

ASH SPRINGS HORROR.

Bishop Merrill and His Daughter Slain by Apaches.

CRIME OF RED FIENDS.

Father and Daughter Scalped by the Indians After They Had Been Shot.

AMBUSHED BY MARAUDERS

Attacked While They Are Traveling Over a Lonely Trail in the Mountains.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 4.—H. H. Merrill, one of Arizona's most prominent citizens and a Mormon Bishop, and his daughter were murdered by Apache Indians near Ash Springs, near Solomonville, to-day. But meager details of the crime have been received, but the runner who brought the news stated that Merrill and his daughter were both scalped after the redskins had shot them down while traveling on a lonely trail.

Merrill, who resides at Thatcher, about 200 miles from Phoenix, came to Arizona twenty-five years ago with Stake President Layton. His family founded the Stake of St. David, in Cochise County, and citizens of Mesa City, situated about twelve miles from here, are Merrill's blood relations. Merrill was until recently Treasurer of Graham County and one of the most wealthy citizens of the Upper Gila Valley.

The horrible crime occurred at a lonely spot on the carriage road which runs from Duncan, N. M., a small town on the line of the New Mexico and Arizona Railroad. It is a dismal place the sombre walls of the tall bluffs come together, making a narrow defile much like the walls of a grave, between the upper edges of which can be seen the blasted ash tree which marks the location of Ash Spring, the only fresh water within a radius of fifty miles. It is directly on the trail pursued by the old Spanish explorers when coming up from Mexico on their way to Salt Lake, and the same as that taken by General Crook when he chased Geronimo to Mexico. The trail comes down the backbone of the Gila Mountains from Morenci, Ariz., and in late years has been infested by the Apache Kid, for whose capture there is a standing reward of \$7000. This particular spot has been the scene of many murders, and it was quite near here that, with the exception of a babe, an entire family was murdered by Apaches three years ago. The babe was found after the massacre, and is living in Solomonville now as the adopted child of S. S. Green.

Miss Merrill was a beautiful and talented young woman, being the acknowledged belle of the Upper Gila Valley, and was to have been married at an early date. Mr. Merrill leaves a widow and family, but his fortune will secure them the same as that taken by General Crook when he chased Geronimo to Mexico.

It is claimed that this murder is a result of the recent abandonment of the military posts in Arizona and New Mexico. About two years ago two troops in each cavalry regiment and two companies in each infantry regiment were consolidated and Indian troops and companies were mustered out a few months ago, the efforts to make civilized soldiers of them having failed.

The results of this mustering out is that they have been unable to resume their original habits, and, having been turned loose upon the reservation, constitute the most restless proportion of the various tribes, thus adding much to the turbulent element. The power to control them has been practically lost through the abandonment of the military posts throughout the worst Indian section of Arizona.

INCENDIARISM AT SAN DIEGO.

Attempt to Burn Congressman Bowers' House in the Absence of the Family.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 4.—Congressman W. W. Bowers' house on Second street in this city was almost destroyed by fire this evening. Neighbors saw lights moving in the basement and went to investigate, when suddenly the light disappeared and it was found that the basement was full of smoke and a fire had started in a pile of oily rags near the wall.

The department was called out, and in the meantime a garden hose was employed to such good effect that the fire was extinguished. Investigation showed that rags saturated with kerosene had been ignited, and in another pile of kerosene soaked rags were found eight silver spoons belonging to the house.

Mr. Bowers and family are in Washington and the house had been locked up. The firemen found the back door forced open and the lock broken, and discovered a pile of gunnybags covered with coal oil lying where they would become ignited within a few minutes.

Every indication points to a deliberate attempt to burn the house. W. W. Stewart, who is in charge of the premises, made a close search and found nothing missing, and is at a loss to assign a motive for the act. He was at first inclined to believe that the blaze was accidental, but later changed his mind. The house is a new one, costing \$4000, and is insured for \$2500.

HENEY TRIAL AT CARSON.

Jury Selected for the Second Hearing of the Mint Tangle.

CARSON, NEV., Dec. 4.—The jury in the second trial of the Heney case was secured this morning. A feature of the morning session was the excusing of George Myers from the jury. Mr. Myers was accepted by both sides, but the United States District Attorney asked the court to excuse him on the ground that he misunderstood him when he said he had expressed an unqualified opinion. The defense made a hard fight for the retention of the juror, but the court asked him a few questions and it was plain that he had a very decided opinion in the case, and he was excused.

The case opened with Warren Noteware on the stand. He gave a full description of the inner workings of the Mint and methods of bookkeeping. Mr. Likens, the next witness, described the workings of the refinery. The testimony introduced was the same as reported on the previous trial.

As the court adjourned this afternoon Judge Hawley said: "I wish to emphasize my order that no one in any way connected with this case may hold the slightest conversation with the jury. I saw a man prominently connected, with the de-

fense walk up to a juror to-day and shake hands with him." "Good morning" to the juror," said Mr. Coffin, an attorney. "I was not alluding to you," replied the juror, "but to a man now absent from the room, and if he were here I should reprimand him severely. But if you said even good morning to the juror, Mr. Coffin, was very unbecoming, and if you repeat the offense I shall cite you for contempt. The rule I have laid down must be observed by everybody, and I shall punish all infractions, in whatever quarter found."

AN ALTAVILLE WOMAN SHOT.

Mrs. Thomas Graham Claims She Was Cleaning Her Gun.

ANGELS CAMP, CAL., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Thomas Graham, wife of a merchant at Altaville, a suburb of Angels, was shot at 9 o'clock last night, a bullet from a 22-caliber rifle entering her breast between the seventh and eighth ribs and coming out below the shoulder-blade. The bullet pierced the lung and missed the heart only by a fraction of an inch. Mrs. Graham claimed that she was shot accidentally while cleaning the rifle, which she was accustomed to handling, but circumstances indicate that it might have been an attempt at suicide. Graham and his wife were married about a year ago at Sacramento. She is about 28 years of age, while he is many years older. Whether the wound is fatal cannot be determined at present, although the bullet has been extracted.

ATHLETICS AT STANFORD.

Surplus in the Treasury to Be Properly Disposed Of by the Committee.

General Preparations for Future Sports and Election of a Football Captain.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Dec. 4.—Now that Stanford has a surplus in her athletic treasury the question of its disposition is being agitated. Heretofore the money made by football each year has been eaten up by the needs of trackmen and the baseball nine. The executive committee at this evening's meeting intends to discuss the proposition of paying off all old demands against the treasury and then plan to set aside a reserve for football use next year. In past seasons the management has been handicapped in the very beginning by a considerable back debt and an impaired credit. The management thus desired to put all Stanford's sports on a sound basis. One method has been urged for apportioning the surplus among football, baseball and track athletics. Undoubtedly some such scheme will be adopted.

The question of football captaincy for the coming year is now being discussed. Three candidates are available for the position. Charles Fickert '97, Charles Dole '98 and Stuart Cotton '98 are the men whose names are being received. By the election of Fickert the precedent of putting in a senior for the position would not be broken and Fickert's two years of valuable service on the team make him a strong man for the place. Both Cotton and Dole, however, have strong followings and their work on the field has shown them to be capable of managing men. Dole captained his freshman team and Cotton was this year's captain of the team. The outcome is sure to be interesting.

The faculty committee on athletic matters is considering the advisability of permitting the Stanford eleven to play a game with an Eastern team, should one agree to come out. In case the matter is favorably passed upon it is probable that games would take place both in San Francisco and Los Angeles, thus giving the team a well-deserved trip.

Last evening a large number of trackmen were at work on the track. Track Manager Brown and Track Captain Tombs intend to get all track candidates into active training as early as possible next semester. The college has lost several good men by graduation and from absence. Copeland, the half-mile and mile runner, is no longer here. Knowles, the quarter-mile crackerjack in away races, has been graduated. The only valuable addition to the track is John Brunton, '94, who is first-class in the sprints and short dashes.

Conroy, Williams, '98, are organizing a gun club which promises to be a great success. Thirty-five or forty students and faculty members are anxious to join. It is proposed to have a first-class range, traps, etc., in the winter. Professor Smith, Ross, Show, Murray and Wing are all enthusiastic sportsmen, and welcome the idea heartily.

President David Starr Jordan is scheduled to speak at San Rafael on the 13th inst.

IT IS ON AMERICAN SOIL.

Canadian Dominion Government Lets a Contract for Mail Carrying.

Another Proof of British Intention to Maintain the Claim to the Yukon Outlet.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 4.—The Canadian Dominion Government has just let a contract for carrying the mails in Alaska, giving another proof that Great Britain is endeavoring to maintain her claim to the outlet of the Yukon mining district on the coast and to the town of Juneau. Canadian authorities have established a mail route from Juneau to Forty-mile Creek, the headquarters of the Yukon, the entire route being in what has always been considered United States territory, but which Canada now claims.

They have let the contract to Fred C. Gasch, a young merchant of Seattle, and F. C. Heaney, Alaskan guide, residing at Dyea, Alaska; the letting of the contract has been conducted in extreme secrecy. Gasch went north on the steamship City of Topeka to-day. The mail will be carried by two dog teams. The start of the first trip will be made from Juneau December 13.

Most of the distance will be traveled on the line of the lakes and on snow. It is expected that round trips will be made once every two months. At the end of the first trip Gasch will return to Victoria, B. C., to render a report on the route. The contract price is not known, but that it is good is known by the fact that Gasch sold out of his real estate business in Seattle to embark on the enterprise.

Quarantine Lifted at Reno.

RENO, NEV., Dec. 4.—The twenty-nine students who have been in quarantine in Seminary building at the State University since November 24, on account of the discovery of a case of varioloid there, were released to-day morning. Their books, papers, etc., were thoroughly fumigated. The State will be expected to pay for the damage done to much of the clothing from the fumigating process. Student Smith, who contracted the disease, is now in quarantine, and is out in about a week.

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NEWS OF LOS ANGELES

A Romantic Story of an Heiress Told in the Court.

DESERTED HER CHILD.

Mrs. Buckminster Left Her Daughter to Marry a Wealthy Man.

ALL THREE ARE NOW DEAD.

The Aunt of the Child Suing to Recover Money Promised by the Girl.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 4.—There is an interesting and complex trial on in the superior Court growing out of the romantic adventures of Mrs. J. Buckminster, deceased. Mrs. A. M. Teague, a sister of the decedent, has sued the executor of the estate of her deceased sister's daughter. The trial has progressed to a point where the defendant moves for a nonsuit. The story of the case as rehearsed in the court is rather romantic.

Mrs. Buckminster lived in Bridgeport, Conn., years ago, with her little girl, Ella. When the child reached the age of 10 the woman, then a widow, put it aside and removed to New York. There she met and married William H. McKay, a wealthy man, and the late widow entered society's whirl. Ella was then living somewhere out of sight, abandoned, and the McKay husband never knew of her existence. By-and-by McKay died, and then followed the heartless mother, and Ella went to New York to find herself heir to a small fortune, the remnant of the extravagances of her mother.

Ella had been raised in ignorance, with only the rudiments of an education, so when Mrs. Teague, her mother's sister, met her in a lawyer's office the child fully believed what her aunt said, that she and Ella were the sole heirs to the dead woman's estate. Mrs. Teague also hinted that she, Mrs. McKay, had left a will bequeathing her the bulk of the fortune, but as no will had been found she was willing that Ella should take the whole estate, provided it after it was all settled up, should amount to \$10,000. Ella should pay her aunt \$5000; while the latter on her part, should amount to bequeathing the estate to her, would give Ella one-half. A contract was drawn to that end and signed by both parties. Ella took the estate and when it was all settled up the residue was found to amount to \$20,000. Ella never gave her aunt anything, and she has since died.

The aunt now sues the executor of Ella, F. B. Wetherby, for this \$5000. The executor defends on the ground that the contract was procured through false representations; that Mrs. Teague and Ella were joint heirs of Mrs. McKay, when, in fact, Ella was sole heir and Mrs. Teague had nothing to do with it. Under the influence of a family representative it is believed that a will had been left favorable to Mrs. Teague, is also alleged.

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS.

A Trust Deed on Valuable Property Makes Business for the Courts.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 4.—The suit of the First National Bank vs. Maxwell et al., to set aside a trust deed, which is now in progress in the Superior Court, presents features of unusual interest. It seems Mrs. Maxwell was the owner of a large amount of property, consisting of the Lanfranco block on Main street, a block on Spring street, property in Sonora town and a valuable residence on Main street. Becoming involved she mortgaged all this property to a French bank in San Francisco for \$63,000, which was reduced to \$44,000. At that time the First National had an account against Maxwell for \$9000. A trust deed was then made of the Spring street property to Mrs. Maxwell. The bank took a second mortgage on the Lanfranco block for its claim, and the time for closing that mortgage and bought in the property for \$5000, subject to the second mortgage. The trustee then came in and redeemed this property from the bank, paying it its \$3000. This left the bank with \$5000 of its debt paid off and a deficiency judgment of \$4000. The bank then bought a judgment of Etchapepe which had been levied upon the Spring-street block, that block having been sold under the judgment, and the property was bought subject to trust deed. This judgment was for \$1700.

The bank now wants to set aside this trust deed on the score that it was fraudulent in some way. The Maxwell has offered to pay the bank \$7000 cash and give a mortgage on the homestead of the Main-street property, which is worth about \$50,000, and which it will own absolutely if the trust deed is set aside. The readiness to the bank is now about \$10,000.

INCLINED TO REJOICE.

The Probability That the Grand Jury Will Be Declared Illegal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 4.—There is a general feeling of easiness prevalent among the officials and ex-officials about the courthouse and City Hall since the probability that the present Grand Jury will be knocked out is almost a reality. Judge Smith has not given in his opinion yet, but he has practically foreshadowed what it will be. If the Grand Jury shall be declared to be an illegal body all the work that it has thus far accomplished goes for naught.

Every indictment that has been returned against the plunderers of the public treasury will be quashed. They will doubtless be taken care of, however, through information from the District Attorney's office, so that the dissolution of the Grand Jury will not help them much. It is asserted that in the event of the illegality of the body being declared a new Grand Jury will at once be drawn.

A Confederate Veteran Dead.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 4.—Captain William Lloyd, a Confederate veteran of some note, died in this city yesterday at the age of 52 years. The deceased was well and favorably known hereabouts. He distinguished himself during the Civil War on the side of the South, and was a man generous to a fault. He was a native of Texas, and had been a resident of Los Angeles for quite a number of years. His funeral will take place to-morrow under the auspices of the Confederate Veterans.

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fellow and he was sent to the Mount Claire Children's Home in Pasadena. This morning they brought him to the District Attorney's office, where Mr. Donnell made out a commitment for him to Whittier, where he will have a permanent home.

CAPTAIN GUILLIAM DISCHARGED

The Court Instructed the Jury to Return a Verdict of Acquittal.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 4.—Captain Newton L. Guilliam, who was in command of the sealing vessel Louis Olsen at the time of the seizure of that vessel by the United States authorities, and which has been forfeited, was tried in the United States Court to-day and acquitted of the charge of illegal seal hunting.

Judge Bellinger ordered the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. An indictment was returned a few days ago against Guilliam charging him with having been engaged in seal-fishing on September 2, 1895, within the sixty-mile prohibited zone. In the action brought against the Louis Olsen a decision was rendered in favor of the Government and both the vessel and her cargo of 351 sealskins were forfeited.

In addition to the forfeiture the law provides for an additional penalty against the persons who are in charge of the vessel at the time of seizure and responsible for the navigation of the same. The penalty is a fine not exceeding \$200. Evidence offered by the Government failed to show that either the ship or the captain was American, and on that point it was dismissed.

OUT OF STOCKTON JAIL.

Tyson's Two Boys Released and Will Help Search for Their Father.

They Believe He Is Lying Ill Somewhere Suffering From Gun-shot Wounds.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 4.—District Attorney Nutter has decided to go through the formality of prosecuting H. C. Tyson, known in the case as Old Man Tyson, for the killing of Deputy Sheriff Buzzell. To this end he made a complaint yesterday before Justice Parker, charging Tyson with murder, and the Justice issued a warrant for the arrest of the fugitive.

In the face of the findings of the coroner's jury, there was nothing left for the officials to do but discharge Henry and Julian Tyson, who have been confined at the County Jail since their surrender last Friday morning, pending an investigation into the crime. The boys were taken before the Justice, and Mr. Nutter made a formal motion for their discharge from custody.

Justice Parker made the order asked for and the boys went from the courtroom to the family home, on West Fremont street, and were received with every manifestation of joy by their mother and younger brothers.

This morning they will start for Banta to begin a search for their father. They will be accompanied by the officers. The boys think their father is living at some place, ill from the want of proper care for his wounds.

Considerable comment is indulged in over the fact that Sweet and Steiger, who figured in the fight in such an unenviable light, have not been prosecuted on any charge. If the elder son is brought to trial it is his word against his father and three sons as to who fired the first shot in the fight.

Great Britain has been increasing the force of men in her fleet year after year, by thousands at a time, until the total now reaches, we believe, 83,400. Yet her estimate for the coming year adds 5450 to that number.

FIREBUGS AT MADERA.

Andrew Anderson Found Guilty and a Fournier on Trial.

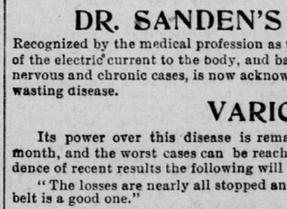
MADERA, CAL., Dec. 4.—The second trial of Andrew Anderson, charged with arson, committed in this town last July, closed last night after occupying more than a week. The arguments of counsel occupied a day and a half. The jury went out four and a half hours and returned a verdict of guilty.

The trial of A. Fournier, charged with burning an insured building for the purpose of securing the insurance money, was begun this morning. This case grows out of the same fire. Fournier, it is supposed, having hired Anderson to assist him in setting the fire. The same testimony which convicted Anderson will be used against Fournier.

NEW TO-DAY.

VARI-CO-CELE

Wasting Weakness, Failing Manhood and Nervous Debility Are Easily Cured by



While you sleep at night this belt soaks your weakened nerves full of electricity and restores your health. It is surer and cheaper than medicine.