

DURRANT'S FATE IN THE BALANCE

The Official Delay and Mystery Are Very Ominous.

NOBODY WILL TALK OF THE CASE.

A Funeral Air Pervades San Quentin and the Warden Is Grave.

A RUMOR THAT BUDD SAYS "HANG."

The Attorney-General Has Given No Opinion and the State's Officers Are Silent.

Nobody save the Attorney-General, Warden Hale and Governor Budd can say positively whether Theodore Durrant will be hanged at San Quentin to-morrow.

There is a funeral air about San Quentin, and Warden Hale came to the City yesterday in a grave, troubled mood.

Two weeks ago all the wisecracks and nearly all the newspapers assumed, beyond question, that nothing could prevent the execution of Theodore Durrant to-morrow.

It is not probable that the execution may go forward to-morrow, for there is nothing save the consequences of those in charge of the doomed man to prevent such a finale to the legal farce that has hovered over the case for the past two weeks.

Warden Hale was interviewed on the case yesterday. His air was laden with mystery. About all he did was to look wise and say, "I cannot discuss the case."

The most known at a late hour last night was that the delay and silence on all sides are ominous, and that there may yet be a hanging at San Quentin to-morrow in spite of apparent obstacles.

WEDDED ON THE SLY.

J. J. de Young of San Francisco Surprises His College Chums at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 9.—The romantic courtship and marriage of a worthy young Eastman student, J. J. de Young, of San Francisco, and Miss Alice Maud Kinney of this city was revealed today by the publication of a marriage notice announcing that the couple were married in New York yesterday by Rev. Morgan Dix at Trinity Episcopal Church.

BOYS IN BLUE NOT WANTED.

Their Invitation to Confederate Reunions "Hyperbolic and Gushy."

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 9.—At a meeting to-day of the Association of the Army of the Tennessee, the largest Confederate veterans' association in Louisiana, a letter was read from Pelham Camp of Confederate Veterans of Aniston, Ala., in opposition to any invitation to Grand Army men to take part in the annual reunion, particularly when the meeting is for the purpose of decorating the tombs of Confederates.

LOCK OF STORMS BURNED.

DENVER, Colo., June 9.—A special to the Times from Montrose, Colo., says: The Montrose Hotel, a two-story frame building, and a block of stores were burned early to-day. Robert H. Mead, aged 65 years, of Portland, Colo., a guest at the hotel, was burned to death.

A Heavy Advertiser Dead.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 9.—Dr. A. Owen of electric bell fame died at his home in Palestine to-day from being kicked by one of his blooded horses.



THE NEW MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN CONCERT PLAYS HIS PART.

HARBIN NOT LOST, BUT LIVING YET

California Pioneer a Hermit Fifteen Years.

His Fortune Lost in Mexico, He is Now Coming to San Francisco.

An Associate of the Late Senator Hearst, Whose Career Rivals That of Monte Cristo.

DURANGO, MEXICO, June 9.—J. N. Harbin, an American with a long white beard and a feeble step, applied to the United States Consular Agent last night for help and food.

After clearing up \$200,000 Harbin withdrew from the company and located the Vaca mine for himself. He purchased mining machinery in the United States and began the development of the property on a large scale.

These misfortunes disheartened him so greatly he thought it would be better for his family and old friends to think him dead. The report reached his wife and two children at Fresno, Cal., fifteen years ago that he had died of mountain fever.

Ten weeks ago an American ore-buyer for the International Smelting and Refining Company was making a trip to remote mining camps in the Sierra Madre Mountains when he came across Harbin.

Returning to Durango the ore-buyer telegraphed the news that Harbin is alive and wanted to return home to friends in Fresno.

A quick response was received from the hermit's son, who telegraphed money for the journey. A messenger was sent into the mountains for Harbin. He was brought to Durango and a through ticket to Fresno bought for him.

KID LAVIGNE KNOCKED OUT.

Runs Against a Handy Detective While Carousing With Two Sports on Coney Island.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 9.—George Lavigne, who holds the lightweight championship of the world, and who is supposed to be training for his coming fight with McPartland, was knocked out in less than a round early this morning by Detective Anthony Vachris of Coney Island.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

Silver Republicans Map Out a Future Policy and Adjourn.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 9.—Contrary to expectations the Silver Republicans did not continue their deliberations to-day, but met and adjourned.

The National committee of the new party will be subject to the call of Chairman Towne, and future work will be left in the hands of committees, especially the executive committee.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 9.—A dispatch from London to the Journal says: Madame Nordica has said to-day that she has placed her professional affairs in the hands of Colonel Mapleson, and, acting on his advice, will at once sue the Royal Opera Syndicate, of which Maurice Grau is managing director, for her salary, amounting to about \$5000, and for heavy damages to her reputation as an artist in not being permitted to sing at Covent Garden during the present opera season.

MILLERS' CONVENTION.

Declares That Reciprocity Would Do the Flour Trade Good.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 9.—The Millers' National Association, which has members in twenty-two States and represents a daily output of 90,000 barrels, held its annual meeting here to-day with a fair attendance. Retiring President C. A. Pillsbury of Minneapolis, in an address said that through the efforts of the executive committee bolting cloth had been put on the free list of the new tariff bill, and it was hoped to have restored the drawback on burials.

Secretary Barry reported that the association had allied itself with the National Transportation Association, and thus been able to accomplish much in the direction of strengthening the force of the interstate

PLAGUE ADDS TO FAMINE'S HORROR

Appalling Fatality in Interior Portions of China.

Over Bodies of the Dead the Living Await Their Summons.

Rich Mandarins Refuse to Contribute for the Relief of the Sufferers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 9.—Mail advices report that the fatality from famine and plague in China is appalling. The famine north and east of Szechuan is causing many deaths.

The Government has sent 120,000 piculs of rice by way of relief, but grain cannot be got to the sufferers because of impassable parts owing to sections made impassable by swollen rivers.

The Government Commissioners in hundreds of such cases came too late. In almost every village the population was decimated.

Smallpox is prevalent in Tochege, ten or twelve new cases being reported daily. Smallpox and other epidemics are very prevalent in Tokio, while 200 more cases of black plague are reported from Taihoku and Taiwan, Formosa.

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POLICE STOP THE BATTLE

Sharkey-Maher Contest at New York Ends in a Draw.

SEVEN ROUNDS OF SLOW FIGHTING.

Bluecoats Interfere When Both Ignore the Sound of the Cong.

EACH MAN CREDITED WITH A KNOCK DOWN.

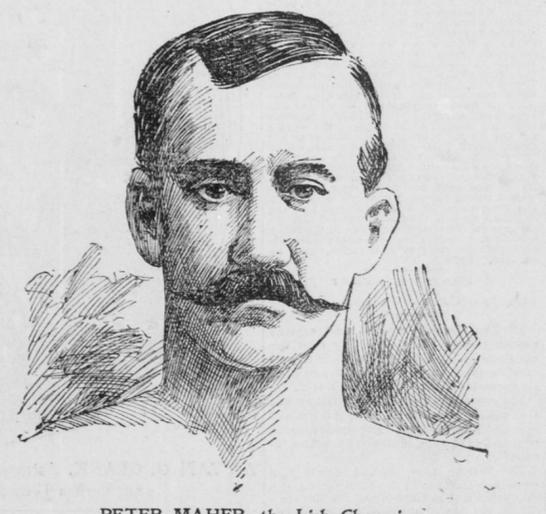
The Irish Champion Has the Better of the Battle Near Its Close.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 9.—The police stopped the fight between Maher and Sharkey at the Palace Athletic Club to-night when it was at its most exciting point. The men had fought six wary rounds, with Sharkey doing the most work and Maher acting warily.

Maher was infuriated when the seventh round began, and for the first time during the battle displayed his splendid hitting powers. Step by step and foot by foot he forced heroic Sharkey to the ropes, and shot home a straight right-hander which caught the sailor flush on the chin.

Maher was upon him like a demon, and the men were striving for the mastery when the gong sounded. Both were deaf to the sound of the bell and numbed and smashed long after the brazen echoes had died away.

For a moment a general fight was imminent. The frenzied seconds of both men claimed a foul because hostilities had not ceased at the sound of the gong. Sharkey struck viciously at one of Maher's camp-



PETER MAHER, the Irish Champion.

followers and the police brandished their clubs threateningly. Thousands of excited spectators arose in their seats and jeered at the police, who undismayed quickly put a stop to the warlike demonstrations. They drew their clubs and were evidently in a temper to use them.

As for the fight itself it is safe to say it was the most unsatisfactory one held in New York under the existing law legalizing glove contests. There had been contests hundreds of times more brutal, but the authorities had not moved a finger. Not one drop of blood was shed save that which flowed from Maher's lip and a scratch on his right thigh, where the ropes tore the skin a trifle when Peter went half-way through. Not a finger was moved during the opening bout between Roden and Quade, which was decided before the event of the evening was called, but Roden was staggering and bleeding when the referee gave his decision.

The authorities gave ample warning that the battle between the stars would be stopped at the first sign of brutality, and many think this announcement was responsible for the altered style of fighting by both Maher and Sharkey. Up to the concluding round Sharkey had shown none of the rushing tactics which were



THOMAS SHARKEY, the "Pride of the Navy."