

RICH PLUM FOR MERRY

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PERKINS PREVAILS UPON MCKINLEY.

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HE WILL BE SENT TO CHINA INSTEAD.

The Ex-Congressman to Succeed Colonel Charles Denby at the Peking Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Senator Perkins' efforts to have Captain William L. Merry appointed Minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras are likely to be successful, notwithstanding the fact that during his interview with the President ten days ago he was given to understand that another man had been selected for the place. It was the understanding at that time that ex-Congressman Snider of Minnesota would be appointed to Nicaragua, but this plan has been changed.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. MERRY of San Francisco, Who Is Slated for Minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras.

The President will this week—perhaps tomorrow—nominate ex-Congressman, Snider of Minnesota as Minister to China to succeed Colonel Charles Denby of Indiana.

Denby has held the post at Peking for twelve years. He was appointed during the early days of Cleveland's first administration. He was not removed by Harrison and was retained again by Cleveland.

Ex-Congressman Snider is a wealthy resident of Minneapolis. President McKinley has told a Minnesota member of Congress that he will nominate Snider to China. This will leave the Nicaraguan mission for some one else, and Captain Merry is likely to be the man. Senator Perkins told the President on Thursday that there was one favor in particular that he would ask.

"What is that?" asked the President. "I want you to appoint my friend Captain Merry of San Francisco as Minister to Nicaragua."

The President was already thoroughly familiar with Captain Merry's qualifications, for Senator Perkins had filed at the White House from time to time a vast number of indorsements from prominent merchants and shipping men all over the Pacific Coast. They came from California, Oregon and Washington. Besides this, Senator Warner Miller of New York has especially requested that Captain Merry be given this mission. Every body concedes that he is peculiarly fitted for the post on account of his thorough knowledge of the Nicaraguan canal enterprise. Senator Perkins said to THE CALL correspondent tonight:

"I'll bet you a cigar Captain Merry will be appointed this week."

This mission includes Salvador and Honduras also, and pays \$10,000 salary. The nomination of J. W. Baughman of Santa Rosa as Consul to Tientsin, China, is expected to go to the Senate in tomorrow's big batch of appointments.

PARDON FOR AN EMBEZZLER.

E. E. Carter Presented With Liberty by President McKinley.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 11.—E. E. Carter, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$30,000 from the National Bank of Commerce, and who was sentenced to six years and six months imprisonment in the Kings County Penitentiary in 1895, will be free to-morrow. According to information received from Congressman Hurley, President McKinley signed Carter's pardon yesterday. Many influential persons, including Congressman Hurley, tried to get the pardon, but it was secured directly through the pathetic appeal of Miss Mary Carter, the 18-year-old daughter of the prisoner, who personally visited McKinley.

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LOST THE TRAIL OF THE DEVIL.

The Figgites, a New Religious Sect With Startling Practices, Originates in Nebraska.

PAPILLION, NEBR., July 11.—A new religious sect has sprung up in this county. It takes its name from the founder of the sect, Mrs. Louis Figg, who is an old settler in that locality. For several years Mrs. Figg was a shining light in the Holiness sect, but a few years ago she began teaching a doctrine which the many conservative members of the Holiness organization could not indorse, and now she has separated herself and her following from all other organizations.

One of the peculiar teachings of the Figgites is that when a stranger enters the presence of a Figg they know instantly whether God or the devil is present in the body of the stranger, and who beside the wayfarer in whose physical body they should locate his Satanic majesty.

A company of this strange sect recently discovered the devil in the Christian Church at Gretna in the person of a respected member. The disciple who discovered him gave a wild yell and started on his trail. Pretty soon she was aided in the chase by a half-dozen women. Screaming hysterically, they chased the evil one out of the church. Round and round the building they ran, striking wildly at the imaginary foe. Finally they chased him over into a cornfield, where they lost the trail.

SHIPPING FRUIT TO LONDON.

Five Carloads Forwarded on the Steamship St. Paul and Prices Are Still Firm.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 11.—The hot weather last week caused a largely increased demand for lemons and a sharp advance in prices, which were fully \$1 a box higher at the close of the week than during the preceding week. As expected, only two cargoes could be sold at auction here this week. A further advance is anticipated should the hot weather continue. There are now on the way from the Mediterranean 197,300 boxes of lemons.

TARRED AND FEATHERED

A Heartless Stepfather Roughly Handled by a Mob.

SOUNDLY WHIPPED AND DECORATED.

Sunday Morning Episode in the Town of Beatrice, Nebraska.

MANY WOMEN WATCH THE PROCEEDINGS.

The Victim, a Merchant of Fifty-Four, Barely Escapes With His Life.

BEATRICE, NEBR., July 11.—This morning a mob of several hundred masked men took Adam Winebrenner from the County Jail, beat him almost to death with a bullwhip and then treated him to a coat of tar and feathers. Winebrenner had been arrested Saturday afternoon for torturing his pretty 16-year-old stepdaughter, Julia L. Barton. When the young lady was examined her back and limbs were found to be a mass of cuts and deep wounds. They had been made, she claimed, by her stepfather using a trial bullwhip on her. His preliminary trial was held at once and he was held in \$200 bail, and pending the securing of a bond he was jailed.

At midnight the jail was surrounded by a howling mob. Every body was masked, but little effort was made to hide the identity of the members. Several hundred men composed the mob and many women stood on the outskirts and watched the proceedings.

A window was broken in and the victim seized. He was hurried on the run to a vacant lot near by and a big bullwhip produced. The miserable wretch was cut from head to foot, several men taking turns. He was a mass of blood, when a bag of feathers and a bucket of tar were secured and dashed over his trembling body. He shrieked piteously and begged for mercy all the time.

Winebrenner is a merchant, 54 years old. He is the son of John Winebrenner of Harrisburg, Pa., founder of the religious sect known as "The Church of God." He came here five years ago from Chicago, and was employed by the Belford-Clark Company, book publishers. When the mob got through their victim's clothes were returned, an opening was made in the wall of the jail, and he started on a run for the jail. Some favored hanging him.

ATTIRE AT A SENATE FUNERAL.

Unbecoming Official Appearance, and a Variety of Costume and Color Ravaging Joseph's Coat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The marked absence of dignity in the ceremonies of yesterday's "funeral of state" in the Senate chamber has increased the sentiment in favor of abolishing services of the kind. The rows of empty shop chairs, sandwiched between the mahogany seats of the Senators, for the House of Representatives, which was represented by fewer than 100 members, straggling in without their spaker, and prominent men of both sides conspicuous by their absence, a handful of Senators clad in negligible summer clothing, Ministers of foreign countries, comprising those from Mexico, Argentina, Hawaii, China, Corea, with one Korean and one Chinese attaché, all under the escort of the chief clerk of the State Department, represented the official attendance. The pews of the diplomatic and executive galleries were entirely vacant, and both galleries were crowded to the doors with over-present Washington sightseers, chatting gaily and clad in all the colors of the rainbow. This was the picture that confronted the chaplains as they arose to conduct the funeral services of the Episcopal church. The President and five members of his Cabinet, it is true, occupied big leather chairs in the review circle before the presiding officer, but it cannot be said truthfully that they added greatly to the dignity of the occasion. They were, unfortunately, in a measure the victims of circumstances. In one respect at least, however, the fault was their own. President McKinley conducted himself with the easy dignity characteristic of his public appearances. He dressed for the occasion, which was not the case with the Cabinet officers, with the single exception of General Alford. The President and the Secretary of War wore black frock coats, white vests, and gray trousers, and Secretary Porter, who was not the case with the Cabinet officers, with the single exception of General Alford, wore a regular office suit of dark cloth and placed a straw hat conspicuously before him on the floor. The Senators and representatives of the public appeared in suits of tow, crash, linen, silk, seersucker and alpaca were much more numerous than those of wool, and Joseph's fine coat could not have contained more varieties of color than was represented in the funeral garb of the statesmen.

Unlike the gallery crowd, who showed unmistakable signs of being entertained, Congressmen seemed to regard it all as a weary waste of time. They were eager to be elsewhere, and their uneasiness was not concealed. Even the Senatorial rail-bearers, harnessed in broad, rosetted sashes reaching to the floor, wore every variety of business clothes, which pointedly directed attention to the fact that the officiating House members were becomingly attired in black. Representatives who recognized the fitness of things in this regard acted in striking contrast to their colleagues as a body, who herded into the chamber like sheep, intent on seeing and getting seats on the ends of the rows so they could escape at the earliest opportunity.

CORRESPONDENCE WITHRELD.

No Inclination to Arouse Resentment in Great Britain.

LONDON, ENG., July 11.—The Washington correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphs that owing to the combined request of several prominent Senators President McKinley has instructed the State Department to withhold the seal-fisheries correspondence. The correspondent adds that the President will advise Congress that the issuance of this correspondence at this time is incompatible with public interests. It is feared

that the resentment the publication of the correspondence would arouse in Great Britain would be likely to jeopardize the success of the American sealing and monetary commissions.

PLEASURE-SEEKERS SINK AT SEA.

Sloop-Rigged Craft, Caught in a Terrific Storm Off Long Island, Goes Down.

LONG BEACH, L. I., July 11.—A single-masted, sloop-rigged craft, on which it is supposed were several persons, was caught in a terrific storm off the coast late this afternoon and went down. Before the disaster the craft had been rocking wildly in the storm. Its sails were torn away and about the last thing witnesses on shore saw was a signal of distress waving from the boat. There is little doubt that all on board perished. A three-masted, full-rigged fishing-smack, whose captain discovered the peril of the occupants of the sloop, put out to the rescue. For more than an hour the fishing-smack made a plucky effort to get to the smaller craft, but the heavy sea made all efforts futile. The would-be rescuers seemed able at no time to get within a mile of the sloop. The name of the unfortunate craft or the number of persons on board is unknown, but it was apparently a pleasure party.

SAVED BY A COOL-HEADED BOY.

With Great Presence of Mind His Presence a Terrible Railroad Disaster in Minnesota.

FOSTON, MINN., July 12.—By quick action and rare presence of mind Frank Anderson, a sixteen-year-old boy, saved the Great Northern westbound express and the lives of many people aboard last night. Anderson was walking along the road just out of Burwell when he discovered a pile of ties across the tracks. He tried to get them off, but was unable. He knew the "flier" was due at that point in a few moments, but there was no house where he could get help within a mile. He ran to the station at Burwell, and, breaking in a window, secured waste, which he saturated with oil and placed in little bunches along the road for a distance of 300 feet.

As soon as he saw the headlight of the engine as the train rounded a curve half a mile away he set fire to the waste. This attracted the attention of Engineer Winny, who put on the airbrakes and reversed his engine, but the train did not stop until the pilot was on top of the ties. Had the train been going at almost any speed it would have been thrown down a twenty-foot embankment. Trainmen think the ties were placed there by tramps who had been refused a free ride.

MORE TROUBLE FOR DAN BURNS.

Contest Over the Candelaria Mine, Which Pays \$1,000,000 a Year, Reopened by Another Suit.

DURANGO, MEX., July 11.—The contest for the possession of the famous Candelaria mine has been reopened by the filing of another suit in a City of Mexico court by Mark Birmingham of Boston against Dan Burns and associates, who are now in charge of the property.

Burns was formerly Police Commissioner in San Francisco. In 1883 he and other California capitalists purchased the Candelaria mine. Birmingham was a stockholder in the company which sold out to Burns and associates, but he never consented to the sale, and brought suit for possession. He lost in the State court of Durango, and his appeal to the Supreme Court of Mexico was also lost. Now he has brought suit again. The Candelaria mine is one of the richest in Mexico. It has been paying a profit of a million dollars a year. It was first opened in 1876.

TAPS SOUNDED FOR RANSOM.

Death of a Retired Captain of the Civil War Who Was Brevetted for Brilliant Services.

FORT WORTH, TEX., July 11.—Captain Dunbar R. Ransom, United States Army, retired, died today, aged 65 years. He entered the army as a second lieutenant of artillery from Vermont in 1855, and was dismissed by court-martial when captain of the Third Artillery in 1872. During the Civil War his record was particularly brilliant. He received brevets of major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel for services at Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and Kearneysville. General G. M. Dodge, president of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, when a mere youth resided with Ransom's mother in New England. Half a century later he made her son chief engineer of the railway, and did not forget about his restoration to the regular army by Congressional enactment in 1895. The remains have been embalmed, and will be held pending the arrival of his brother-in-law, General James O'Hara, from Angel Island, California.

FOR ONA MELTON'S RELEASE.

Favorable Report to Be Made on Senator Berry's Resolution.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 11.—The Herald's Washington special says: The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will this week make a favorable report on the resolution introduced a few days ago by Senator Berry, requesting the President to demand the immediate release of Ona Melton, the American newspaper correspondent who was captured on board the Competitor and who has been in confinement for the last twelve months. A report reviewing all the circumstances in connection with the case is now being prepared by Senator Davis, chairman of the committee, and will be one of the strongest documents yet prepared in behalf of the imprisoned American.

RAILROAD UP POPOCATEPETL.

Will Haul Sulphur Down and Passengers Up to the Crater.

CITY OF MEXICO, Mex., July 11.—The owner of Popocatepetl, General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, expects within three or four months to complete his cable line to the crater. The line will run from Tlaxcala to Crater, four kilometers, and be used for the transportation of sulphur to be prepared for the market. It will be made strong enough, however, to carry a limited number of passengers. As soon as it is completed it will be possible to leave this city at 6 o'clock in the morning and return at 6 in the evening, spending a couple of hours at the summit of the great volcano.

WATERSPOUT IN MEXICO.

Heavy Rains Damage Crops and Cut Off Communication.

CHIAUTLA, STATE OF PUEBLA, MEXICO, July 11.—There have been tremendous rains in the mountains south of here and all communication with the port of Acapulco were cut off several days. South of Chiapacincaco a waterspout occurred and many houses were washed away. Crops on the Pacific side of the mountains were badly damaged.

WALCOTT AND STREVENSON MEET THE QUEEN.

LONDON, ENG., July 11.—The Queen yesterday gave an audience to Senator Walcott and ex-Vice-President Stevenson of the American Monetary Commission. They were introduced by Lord Salisbury. The Japanese begin building their houses at the top. The roof is first built elevated on a wooden frame. Then it affords shelter to the workmen from storms.



It Took 28 Delivery Wagons Besides Our Own Regular Service to Make Saturday's Deliveries.

It took 28 delivery wagons besides our own regular service to make Saturday's delivery. Now do you think the people enjoy clean-up prices? Why, it's gone the rounds like wildfire—the prices we're naming for Men's Suits; it's the talk on every corner. Just think of it! A Man's Suit, good enough for any one to wear. For the purpose of effecting a clean-out of our entire stock we have culled together all odd suits, single suits, and these suits are among 'em at \$3.50. And the feature of it is these suits are right in the window before your eyes, under the glare of daylight; there's no pig in the poke in this.

GAZE ON

Gaze further in our corner window and you'll see some very stylish, dress-up suits in blue and black chevots, garments that we have only a few of a kind left, and that's the reason we're so anxious to get rid of 'em, and that's the only reason we quote these suits at \$4.50.

STILL FURTHER!

Gaze in that corner window of ours and you'll find some of the handsomest Cheviot Suits you have ever laid your eyes upon; fashionable garments, in all-wool fabrics, suits that you would never dream of paying less than \$12 for, but they're representatives of suits that have sold down to a few of a kind, and we're anxious to get rid of 'em. They're just as desirable in your eyes, but with us they're what we consider small lines; hence our anxiety to get rid of 'em, and you'll get the benefit. These are \$6.50.

MEN'S TROUSERS.

We have culled together something like 1000 of 'em, ones that we have only 2, 3 and 4 of a kind left, after a big, busy season's work. These are in Worsteds and in Cheviots. We won't tell you what their former prices were; it would seem too ridiculous. Suffice it to say that these are right in our window. You can see 'em there and you'll find 'em marked ---85c---

Now You Know Why the Crowds Are at the Big Kearny-St. Store

Advertisement for Raphaels clothing store. Features the text 'THE FRISCO BOYS' and 'THE FRISCO BOYS' with illustrations of boys. The main text reads: 'Raphaels' and 'San Francisco's Most Popular House. San Francisco's Leading Clothing House. San Francisco's Only Up-to-Date House. 9, 11, 13 and 15 Kearny Street. TWO ENTIRE BUILDINGS—3 FLOORS.'