OBSEQUIES OF MOTHER McKINLEY

Incessant Rain Adds to the Gloom of the Occasion.

BUT ALL CANTON IS PRESENT.

Rev. Dr. Manchester's Touching Tribute to a Lovable Character.

EYES OF MANY ARE FILLED WITH TEARS.

Simple Services at the Grave, Which Is Literally Covered With Floral Offerings.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

CANTON, OHIO, Dec. 14.—Although it rained almost incessantly all day, the crowd attending the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley were numbered by the thousands. The First Methodist Episcopal Church, doubled in capacity by throwing open the Sunday-school rooms and gallery, was filled to overflowing long before the beginning of the services. The great rostrum of the church was a bank of flowers. After the simple ceremony thousands passed through the church, each stopping an instant at the altar to take a last look at the remains. This procession was composed of people who had gained admittance to the church and others who stood out in the rain waiting for the time when they could get inside the door, pass the altar and go out at the other side.

When this had continued an hour it was found necessary to close the side door and remove the casket to the funeral car, as it was feared the interment would be delayed until after dark. During the services and until after the remains had been viewed, the family and close friends occupied the front pews of the central section of the church.

With the President in the first pew was his sister, Miss Helen, and his brother, Abner, with their sister, Mrs. Duncan of Cleveland. Immediately back of them was the aged sister of the departed, Mrs. Osborne of Youngstown, surrounded by grandchildren and other near relatives. Back of these were members of the Cabinet, the Washington visitors and many intimate friends of the family from various points.

The services at the church were most impressive. As the members of the family were shown to the seats reserved for them in the front rows of the center section the peals of the organ slowly died away in a sweet harmony. Then the Æolian Quartet chanted "Still, Still With Thee." Rev. E. P. Harbruck, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, senior member of the local clergy by reason of the longest pastorate, offered prayer, commending the sorrowing family to the Ruler of the Universe for comfort in this their hour of bereavement, bidding them not to look upon her as in the shroud and in a coffin, but as in heaven. Rev. Mr. Harbruck paid a high tribute to Mother McKinley in describing how she should be remembered.

After the prayer Rev. O. B. Milligan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, read one of the hymns of which Mother McKinley was particularly fond, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and it was sung by the quartet.

On behalf of the officers of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Hon. R. A. Cassidy, former Mayor of the city and one of the directors of the church, read a memorial adopted by the board of officials, reciting briefly the life of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley and her connection with the congregation.

The singing by the quartet of "Lead, Kindly Light," was followed by the eulogistic remarks of the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. E. Manchester, who spoke briefly but feelingly of the woman so greatly beloved by the whole congregation and by the people of the city at large. Almost overpowering emotion was manifest in his voice, and as he recalled the lovable traits by which the beloved woman was best known by her immediate neighbors, the eyes of many in the vast congregation filled with tears. Dr. Manchester spoke as follows:

I think the first feeling that comes to us all to-day is one of personal bereavement. She who has gone out from our midst was a friend. The nation knows her as the distinguished mother; we of the home city know her as one whose kindly words and smile have been a cheer and a benediction to many a heart and home. For her "the long, long night has passed, the morning breaks at last," but her place upon this earth will be vacant forever. Hers is unspeakable gain, but ours is an unutterable loss.

It is given only now and then to a pilgrim to spend so many years upon the earth, and she wrought for herself a place in life that can never be filled by another. But the great comforts of this hour are those spiritual ones that we have a right to appropriate to ourselves when we remember that above everything else Mother McKinley was a Christian woman. Like Enoch, she walked with God and is not, for God hath taken her.

It was this that so enriched and beautified her life upon the earth. When Jesus said, "He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit," he uttered a larger truth than we have been wont to accept.

It is not given to many to have such grace of life, such perfection of character, as crowned her whose going out from among us we mourn to-day. If I were to inquire in an analysis of her character, I think I would place first of all her glorious motherhood. The wisest man says of such as she: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed. Give her of the fruit of her own hands and let her own works praise her."

It is worth all the care and trial and sorrow to be worthy of such divine portraiture as this, and she was worthy of it. Her motherhood was the crowning glory of her days. She might have been a proud mother, but I think no one heard her say so. Her great loving heart throbbed with tenderest anxieties for those whom the kind father had given her, and her children rise up and call her blessed."

Another characteristic of Mother McKinley was her unvarying cheerfulness. When her pastor suggested to her once that the way must be growing brighter as she advanced toward her heavenly home, she replied that it had been bright all the way. Her faith that God does all things well—that he makes no mistakes—was the one creed of her Christian life. She was a Christian, indeed—undemonstrative and unobtrusive; yet she was well known as one of the disciples of Christ. She grew old beautifully, because she walked with God. We may paraphrase the well-known words of the poet, and say:

No more, no more the worldly shore
Disturbs her with its loud uproar.
With opened eyes her spirit flies
Beyond the gates of paradise.
We weep and wail, but not for her,
This happier one, her course is run.
From lands of snow to lands of sun
With opened eyes her spirit flies
Where summer sings and never dies.

Blessed indeed will it be for one who loved the flowers of earth so well to walk with him by the fountains of living waters; and God himself shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. She will be gone from us, but she will remain. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their works do follow them.

In moments of sorrow and weakness she will be with us, and the influence of her life will afford such strength as earthly communion could not give. Works of charity live on beyond the doing. Kindness brings the harvest of sowing. Love outlives the past, the present and the future. Tongues shall cease, but life endureth forever. The highest meed of praise that can be given is that which the Savior gave to the faithful woman when he said, "She has done well what she could."

A career closed, the arch is imperfect until the hand of death has fixed the keystone. It is the end of the journey which gives character to the way, and now, life's successful journey ended, she rests well.

It is hard to part, when friends are dear,
Perhaps will cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not good-night, but in some happier clime
Bid me good-morning.

When the pastor had concluded his tribute to the departed, another hymn of which Mother McKinley was particularly fond, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was announced by Rev. Mr. Roper of the First Baptist Church and sung by the quartet. The undertaker then removed the lid from the casket and an opportunity was given the vast congregation to look upon the features of the departed. To the dirge-like music of the organ the crowd slowly filed past the chancel rail, gazed upon the sweet face and passed out of the door, while through another door those who could not gain admission to the church entered slowly, passed the casket and joined the multitude on the outside. It was past 2 o'clock when the casket was re-covered. The rain which had fallen almost unceasingly all day continued, but in spite of it the long line of carriages to West Lawn Cemetery was followed by hundreds of pedestrians.

When the cortege reached the cemetery the burial ground of the McKinley family was surrounded by an immense crowd, which seemed to give no heed to the inclement weather. A canvas canopy had been erected near the open grave for the shelter of the family and those assisting in the last sad rites. Here the beautiful wreath of flowers which the President and Mrs. McKinley had placed upon the graves of children lost long ago, and of the President's father, brother and sister, was literally covered with the numerous floral offerings sent by sympathizing friends from all over the country.

The services at the grave were very short and simple. The casket was tenderly lowered into the grave by the pall-bearers, and the simple liturgy service of the Methodist Episcopal church was read responsively by Presiding Elder E. D. Holtz of this district and Rev. E. C. Manchester. Rev. Mr. McAfee of Columbus pronounced a benediction.

During the hours of the funeral business was suspended throughout the city. Business places and offices were closed, factories and shops shut down, and all work suspended in courts and county and city buildings. County and city officials and members of the bar attended the services in a body.

INHERITS A DEAD SISTER'S WEALTH

Charles C. Brown, a Sacramento Sport, Acquires Riches.

Litigation Over Fannie Hinckley Mills' Estate Ends In His Favor.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—Charles C. Brown, a veteran sport and old-time Sacramentan, has fallen heir to an estate in New Orleans valued at $100,000. The estate belonged to his sister, Fanny Hinckley Mills, who died in New Orleans a little over a year ago. The property has been in litigation since then. Last night Brown received word from New Orleans that he held the winning hand and had won the case on its merits. The telegram announcing his good fortune was as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—Charles C. Brown, corner Eighteenth and M streets, Sacramento: Supreme Court decides in your favor. When will you come? W. H. ROGERS.

To a reporter to-day Brown said that the estate was worth $100,000, of which $45,500 was in United States Government 4 per cent bonds.

Fanny Hinckley Mills, alias Fanny Sweet, alias Fanny Brown, has led a checkered career both in Sacramento and in the South. She was born in England, and came to America in 1846. At that time she was 19 years of age. She appeared in the old Globe Ballroom, a dance-house in New Orleans, where she became a well-known character. After accumulating considerable money she came to San Francisco, where she led a fast life. In 1850 she came to Sacramento and opened a house of questionable repute. On December 20, 1852, she shot and wounded a man named Albert Putnam. She was arrested and carried aboard the prison ship lying in the Sacramento River, but within a few days made her escape from the ship, fled to San Francisco, and then by ship to New Orleans.

When Charles C. Brown heard of his sister's death he left at once for New Orleans, where he immediately put in a claim for the estate as brother and sole heir of deceased. Among other claimants were a number of people in England, who claimed to be grandnieces and nephews. The Public Administrator was another contestant and the State of Louisiana was a third.

Brown was fortunate enough to run across an old negro, aged 92 years, who had worked as cook for his sister when she ran the El Dorado resort, on the northeast corner of Second and J streets, in this city in early days, and his testimony proved very valuable in support of Brown's claim.

Murdered for His Money.

PHŒNIX, Dec. 14.—The shooting of P. F. Lynch at a lodging-house yesterday morning has been demonstrated to have been murder and not suicide, as was at first believed by the officers. The victim died last night from the effects of the bullet-wound in his forehead. During the afternoon he partially regained consciousness and charged his roommate, one Schung, with the deed. Schung had shot him, he said, to rob him of $180. Schung has disappeared and the entire force of the Sheriff's office is looking for him.

Randall Pleads Not Guilty.

EUREKA, Dec. 14.—A. W. Randall, ex-president of the Randall Banking Company, was arraigned to-day on three indictments found against him by the last Grand Jury, there being two in Department 1 on charges of embezzlement and one in Department 2 on the charge of falsifying the books of the bank. To all of the charges he pleaded not guilty and waived the right to be brought to trial within sixty days. All of the cases were continued, to be set for trial later on.

Petition for a Reward.

CARSON, Dec. 14.—A petition is being circulated by the people, urging the Governor to offer a reward for the apprehension of the Genoa lynchers.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

WILL NOT LISTEN TO AUTONOMY

Cuban Leaders Refuse to Discuss Spain's Overtures

KEEP THEIR TROOPS IN IGNORANCE.

Emissaries Carrying Olive Branches Are Hanged if Caught.

HOW GOMEZ DEPOSED A PRESIDENT.

A Man of Peace Is Forced to Give Way to a Man of War.

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HAVANA, Dec. 14.—Cuban leaders in the field are adopting every possible method to prevent even the thin edge of the wedge of autonomy entering their ranks. They not only absolutely refuse to discuss autonomy themselves, but they are determined in their efforts not to allow Spain's offers of self-government to be laid before the insurgent troops. All emissaries who dare to carry olive branches to the field are hanged if caught. Seventy-five per cent of the rebel soldiers to-day are kept in ignorance of the liberal terms Spain offers.

I am in receipt of information which enables me to assert that the attitude on the part of Gomez and other most prominent leaders of the revolution accounts in a measure for the mystery surrounding the recent meeting of the Cuban Assembly to elect a President and other officials.

There is circumstantial evidence at hand to prove that news published last September of Senor Capote's election as President was correct. After acting as President for nearly three months Senor Capote was replaced by Senor Masso, because the former was a man of peace and a far-seeing lawyer, and as such might be inclined to listen to proposals of autonomy.

When the news recently came that Senor Masso had been made President everybody was surprised. Members of the Junta are disinclined to talk about the matter, and it was this disinclination that first suggested that there might be discord in the Cuban camp.

I cannot state absolutely that discord exists among the Cuban leaders—it will be a bad thing for the cause if it does—but I am informed that there has been discord and that there has been a change of Presidents.

When Senor Capote was elected President there was no serious idea among the Cuban leaders that Spain would offer generous autonomy. Then came General Weyler's recall and a complete change of Spanish policy. General Blanco made overtures to every Cuban whom he thought likely to accept them. Above all he desired to approach Senor Capote. If Senor Capote were likely to be useful to the Cubans as a mediator, he was for the very same reason more likely to prove of service to General Blanco in implanting autonomy. General Blanco lost no time in feeling his way with President Capote.

Astute General Gomez saw what was going on and determined on a radical measure. He had absolutely no grounds for thinking that Senor Capote would prove disloyal in any way to the cause of independence, but he knew the President to be a mild-tempered man, and there was a possibility that he might listen to proposals for autonomy. So it was that General Gomez decided to have a President who was wholly uncompromising. Senor Masso was the man. He was one of the very last to lay down arms at the close of the ten years' war. He was a soldier, and one whom it was utterly impossible to approach with any terms short of independence.

General Gomez reconvened the Assembly and had Senor Masso made President. The substitution was affected without much difficulty. Senor Capote is a man of peace and yielded gradually. From a Cuban point of view Senor Masso is better fitted to-day to act as President than Senor Capote.

Such I am informed is the inwardness of the mystery that has surrounded the Cuban elections. I have no personal knowledge to offer in evidence.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Spanish Government, it is again announced, is negotiating with the Armstrongs, this time for a cruiser of 4300 tons, said to be worth £300,000, built for Japan, but which Japan does not want. The vessel is said to be practically ready for sea.

THESPIANS STRANDED AND OUT OF WORK

San Francisco Vaudeville Stars in Need of the Price of a Meal.

Left Penniless by the Closing of the Lyceum Theater at Salt Lake.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL

SALT LAKE, Dec. 14.—The Lyceum Theater, a vaudeville concern, which has been conducted during the last few weeks by Amadee Duncan, a son of Cashier Duncan of the National Bank of the Republic, has closed its doors, leaving all the actors, most of them lately arrived from San Francisco and other points in California, almost penniless. But few of them have enough money to buy a meal, but those who did have the money divided with those who did not have the price of a meal, and as a result, while the California people are "on their uppers," they are still able to eat. A benefit has been arranged for the actors for Thursday next and it is believed that enough money will be realized to send them back to their homes on the coast.

There is no doubt that all of the California people who accepted an engagement are in a very bad way finacially. They have already been thrown out of their hotels because of their inability to pay their bills and unless the coming benefit is substantial many will suffer greatly.

TROUBLES IN STORE FOR HAYTI

The Claim of an American to Be Arbitrated.

HE WAS BEATEN BY BLACK SOLDIERS.

Wants $100,000 as Damages From the Little Republic.

NO CERTAINTY OF ITALIAN AGGRESSION.

But the Haytians Almost Have a Clash With the German Sailors.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs: The Haytian Government has informed the State Department, I understand, of its willingness to refer the claim of Bernard Campbell, an American citizen, to arbitration. This action is the direct result of the resolution of inquiry introduced in the Senate a few days ago by Senator Kyle of South Dakota.

I was told to-day that Mr. Leger, diplomatic representative of the republic in this city, upon reading the Kyle resolution cabled to his Government urging that it take immediate steps to settle the claim. At the time the dispatch was received Minister Powell, our representative, acting under instructions sent him by the State Department, was engaged in pressing the claim. The Haytian Government, in order to dispose of the matter, suggested, I am told, arbitration, and Mr. Powell referred the matter to the State Department for its action.

Campbell's claim is for $100,000, and grew out of injuries he received as a result of being beaten by men who, he claims, were Haytian soldiers. It is generally believed that this Government will accept arbitration, as there is some doubt with respect to the facts and the amount of indemnity involved. The details will be settled in future negotiations.

I was told at the State Department to-day that no information had been received in regard to the intention of the Italian Government, as told in the Herald this morning, to press the claims which its subjects have against Hayti. Commander McCalla informed the department that his ship was in need of coal, and he was instructed to proceed to Port Antonio or Kingston for a supply. He will then return at once to Port Au Prince.

ALMOST A FIGHT.

People of Hayti Angered at the Conduct of Kaiser William's Sailors.

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PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 14.—The German schoolship Stein sailed for Havana to-day and the Charlotte for St. Thomas. There was a ball at the German legation last night, at which national airs were played and speeches of a patriotic character were made.

The Haytian population was much enraged by the incident, and the Haytian guards insulted the officers of the warships as they were returning to their vessels. A fight was narrowly averted.

KLONDIKE BAZAR PROVES A BONANZA

Unique Entertainment Provided by Pacific Grove Women.

Christian Church Fund Augmented by the Prospecting of Many Purses.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

PACIFIC GROVE, Dec. 14.—A unique and at the same time apropos charity bazar was given last night under the auspices of the ladies of the Christian church. The posters announced a "Klondike Bazar" and the entertainment bore out to a surprising degree the Klondike idea. Goldon yellow and snowy white were used in the decorations and the sides of the large auditorium of the church, from which the choir had been removed, were occupied by booths built to represent miner's cabins. In one of these booths the Klondike fare was served, disguised in various tasty ways to tempt the appetite of the visitors. Other refreshments that were more civilized were severed and a booth in which the "prospector's outfits" were sold proved very alluring to those who were "prospecting" Christmas claims.

A good programme was rendered during the evening, and here again the Klondike feature was prominent. Two of the best numbers were, "Lying in a Golden Grave," sung by Robert Stockard, and a duett, "On the Klondike," by Fred Gallaner and Harry Kent.

The bazar proved a veritable bonanza to the fund for which it was organized, large figures representing the aggregate receipts of the various departments.

"HOODOO" ON A SCHOOL.

Monterey's Superstitious Element Fears a New Building Will Not Be Completed.

MONTEREY, Dec. 14.—The long delay in completing the handsome school building that is to be one of Monterey's chief municipal prides is at last ending and work upon the unfinished interior will be begun immediately.

The new building stands upon the site of that which was burned about four years ago, having been set on fire by the locally notorious criminal, Amos Virgin. The superstitious among Monterey's townspeople believe the new building to be under a "hoodoo" spell on account of being placed upon the ashes, as it were, of the old one. They predict that it will never reach completion, and certainly the numbers of things, some trivial in themselves, that have arisen to delay the work appear to bear out this belief.

About two years ago the funds fell short and work was stopped, being taken up intermittently since, but at no time going very far. During the past spring, however, the necessary funds were procured for finishing and furnishing the house and bids were called for by the Board of School Trustees. Several very advantageous bids were received, and the trustees were about to award the contract when it was found a small technicality had been overlooked and the bids had to be canceled and a new call made.

The second set of bids were considered last week, and yesterday the contract for completing the interior work and erecting two primary schoolhouses in this district—one in New Monterey and one at Oak Grove, near Del Monte—was assigned to D. K. Frasier. A force of workmen will be put on at once and unless the "hoodoo" manifests itself in some new way the grammar school pupils will soon be in occupation.

HURLED OVER A PRECIPICE.

Resident of Occidental Pinned Between His Wagon and the Limb of a Tree.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 14.—News reached this city late this evening of an accident near Occidental, in which Charles Stoetz, a resident of that place, was so badly injured that he may lose his life. Stoetz was driving his team over a dangerous bit of road known as Harrison grade, when in the darkness his horses suddenly took fright and dashed down the hill at breakneck speed. On making a sharp turn his wagon was thrown over the precipice and in falling Stoetz was pinned between the heavy wagon and the protruding limb of a tree about twenty feet from the ground.

After remaining in this position for some time in an unconscious state he recovered his senses and his cries for help brought assistance from a neighboring farm house. His rescuers found it necessary to cut the wagon to pieces in order to liberate the injured man, after which he was conveyed to a place of safety. It is thought Stoetz will recover, although he is badly mangled.

BONANZA FIELDS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Gold Strike Made by an Indian in the Vicinity of Hedges.

Prospectors Rushing to the Scene and Staking off Mining Claims.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL

YUMA, ARIZ., Dec. 14.—Pete Burke, ex-City Marshal of Yuma, at present officiating as Constable at Hedges and as Deputy Sheriff of San Diego County, Cal., has made a strike which he and a good many other people believe will go a long way toward heading off the mad rush Klondikeward. Burke also drives the company stage from Hedges to Ogilby, a station on the Southern Pacific, and while thus employed he has reached the conviction that there must be gold in the low black hills that lie a mile and a half from Hedges, almost on the stage route. About a week ago Pete employed an Indian to dig a hole to bedrock at a certain place that gave promise of richness. The Indian went to work in a leisurely manner, and no one suspected or cared to know what he was doing.

On Wednesday evening as Pete was making the afternoon trip to Ogilby, to meet the eastbound passenger train, his Indian employe brought him a pan of dirt fresh from the newly made shaft. At Ogilby station the dirt was panned, whereupon it yielded about 50 cents' worth of coarse gold, including two good-sized nuggets, one of about 25 cents value and one of 10 cents.

The town of Ogilby was immediately in a state of genuine excitement and every one who could at once left for the scene of the strike. The latest reports are that the new-comers corroborate the reported find made by Burke's Indian. Locations have been staked out for miles. It is thought that when bedrock is reached the dirt will be still richer. There is a great scramble on now to get claims on Pete Burke's Klondike. Being so easy of access and having so unpromising an appearance this particular section had never before been prospected.

WRESTLED FOR GIANT POWDER.

Perilous Encounter of a Morgan Hill Resident With a Drunken Man.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 14.—A drunken woodchopper entered the residence of E. E. Randall on Morgan Hill, looking for an enemy. He carried forty pounds of dynamite, threatening to blow his enemy to pieces. Randall grappled with him and got the explosive away from the man. Had he discharged the stuff, two or three families would have been annihilated.

RAIL COLLISION AT LODI.

Passenger Train Collides With a Bridge Train on an Open Switch.

LODI, Dec. 14.—Passenger train 104 ran into an open switch here this evening at 6:30 o'clock, colliding with the work train of a bridge gang. The caboose of the work train was wrecked and the engines of both trains badly damaged. The engineer of the work train was bruised about the head, and the passengers in the other were badly shaken, but nobody was seriously injured. The track was cleared after an hour's delay.

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THE ENEMY IS SEVERELY PUNISHED.

A Disaster Caused by the Entanglement of Transport Animals at Night.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

SIMLA, INDIA, Dec. 14.—According to official dispatches from the northwestern frontier, the march of General Westmacott's brigade from the camp at Cher-Kel into the Sturi-Kel country was in continuous action. The enemy closed up on the rear guard and kept firing at short range with great spirit. The British losses were heavy and included Lieutenant West of the Gurkhas, who was killed, and Lieutenant Chaplar, who was wounded. Two other officers received injuries and forty men were killed or wounded.

The whole march down the Dara Valley since the 6th inst. has been marked by incessant fighting, but the force has behaved admirably. The route was difficult in the extreme, through rain, mud and snow. Along the river the course was impeded by ravines and bowlders and the icy cold stream had to be forded knee deep twenty times. Twelve thousand transport animals, with numerous sick and wounded, incumbered the progress.

The casualties yesterday were about fifty and to-day about ten. The enemy has been severely punished in the recent encounters. The disaster to General Kempster's rear guard, that was cut off by the tribesmen on Saturday near Sher-Kel, was due to the animals becoming entangled in the rice fields at dusk. To increase the difficulty the drivers and carriers opened kegs of rum and became hopelessly drunk. Many of their followers were benumbed by the icy stream and their feet bruised by the bowlders. Several men are still missing.

BEATEN BY A MASKED ROBBER.

Railway Station Agent Clubbed Into Insensibility for Not Giving Up His Money.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—A masked robber at 6 o'clock this evening entered the railroad station at Shingle Springs, El Dorado County, on the line of the Sacramento and Placerville road, and ordered Agent Moredeck to hand over what money he had. This Moredeck refused to do, and the robber assaulted and knocked him down with a pistol and beat him into insensibility.

Then the robber left the station and started off in the direction of Latrobe. He was seen by several citizens of the village, but they did not know of his attack on Agent Moredeck. He is a tall man with a sandy beard and wore a black felt hat, black sack coat and blue overalls. Word has been sent by Superintendent Wright to all the surrounding hamlets, and dozens of men will be out hunting for the robber to-morrow morning.

Progressing Despite Injunctions.

MODESTO, Dec. 14.—A lump sum of $66,600 has been paid by the directors of the Turlock Irrigation District to Judge James A. Waymire, the contractor, who has finished one-third of the canal system of the district, despite injunctions and suits brought to stop work and payment.

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Capital.

Capital	$2,000,000 00
Amount of Capital Stock paid up in Cash	400,000 00

Assets.

Real Estate owned by Company	$ 40,000 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	547,115 21
Cash Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds owned by Company	1,117,058 52
Cash in Company's Office and in Banks	349,544 99
Interest due and accrued on Bonds and Mortgages	22,496 03
Premiums in due course of Collection	185,193 57
Total Assets	$2,261,408 32

Liabilities.

Losses adjusted and unpaid, Losses in process of Adjustment or in Suspense, Losses Resisted, including Expenses	$ 121,022 58
Gross premiums on Fire Risks running one year or less, $639,923 80; reinsurance 50 per cent	319,961 90
Gross premiums on Fire Risks running more than one year, $159,092 96; reinsurance pro rata	127,274 37
Due and accrued for salaries, rent, etc.	13,400 00
All other demands against the Company	419,732 94
Total Liabilities	$1,001,391 79

Income.

Net Cash actually received for fire premiums	$681,232 61
Received for interest on Bonds and Mortgages	23,224 56
Received for interest and dividends on Bonds, Stocks, Loans and from all other sources	35,728 55
Total Income	$740,185 72

Expenditures.

Net amount paid for Fire Losses	$347,953 94
Dividends to Stockholders	88,000 00
Paid or allowed for Commission or Brokerage	105,187 57
Paid for salaries, fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc.	48,846 81
Paid for State, national and local taxes	17,951 01
All other payments and expenditures	51,267 24
Total Expenditures	$659,246 57

Risks and Premiums.

	Fire Risks.	Premiums.
Net amount of Risks written during the year	$813,632,377	$1,504,585 12
Net amount of Risks expired during the year	554,775,991	828,003 00
Net amount in force December 31, 1896	445,370,073	799,016 76

F. HALTMAYER, President.
M. J. GROSSMANN, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of April, 1897. IRVING B. RICHMAN, United States Consul-General.

SYZ & CO., GENERAL AGENTS, 410 CALIFORNIA STREET.

STATEMENT

—OF THE—

CONDITION AND AFFAIRS

—OF THE—

BALOISE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF BASLE, SWITZERLAND, ON THE 31ST day of December, A. D. 1896, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of sections 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner.

Capital.

Capital	$2,000,000 00
Amount of Capital Stock, paid up in Cash	400,000 00

Assets.

Real Estate owned by Company	$ 316,275 44
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	344,300 00
Cash Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds owned by Company	246,831 30
Cash in Company's Office and in Banks	201,563 90
Interest due and accrued on all Stocks and Loans	6,119 40
Premiums in due Course of Collection	22,292 58
Total Assets	$1,137,382 62

Liabilities.

Losses adjusted and unpaid, Losses in Process of Adjustment or in Suspense, Losses Resisted, including Expenses	$ 96,337 60
Gross Premiums on Fire Risks running one year or less, $567,196 35; reinsurance 50 per cent	283,598 17
Gross Premiums on Fire Risks running more than one year, $79,104 57; reinsurance pro rata	49,044 83
Cash Dividends remaining unpaid	180 00
Total Liabilities	$429,160 60

Income.

Net Cash actually received for Fire Premiums	$567,196 35
Received for Interest and Dividends on Bonds, Stocks, Loans and from all other sources	35,449 86
Received for Rents	5,906 94
Total Income	$608,553 15

Expenditures.

Net Amount paid for Fire Losses	$313,337 48
Dividends to Stockholders	48,000 00
Paid or allowed, for Commission or Brokerage	106,284 36
Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for Officers, Clerks, etc.	51,469 84
Paid for State, National and Local Taxes	7,809 28
All other Payments and Expenditures	17,587 05
Total Expenditures	$544,548 01

Risks and Premiums.

	Fire Risks.	Premiums.
Net amount of Risks written during the year	$194,374,906	$551,142 41
Net amount of Risks expired during the year	37,610,495	80,166 52
Net amount in force December 31, 1896	335,103,856	569,196 35

RUD. ISELIN, President.
ALBERT TROXLER, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of April, 1897. GEORGE GIFFORD, United States Consul.

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