

FOLSOM STREET WHARF FOR THE BERKELEY'S SMASH-UP

The Chamber of Commerce Requests It.

MR. MCCARTHY AND HIS WAR REVENUE STAMP.

Ferry Building Rents Are Yet in a Confused and Slow-Moving State of Adjustment.

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The question was opened by Commissioner Herold submitting a resolution that the assignment of that wharf formerly made to the Alaska Commercial Company and Alaska Packing Association be rescinded from May 1 and they be given the Fremont street wharf.

Captain Nelson, heading a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Sherwood of the Merchants' Association, appeared at this juncture and spoke of the urgent need of quickly providing a suitable berth for the transports.

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Commissioner Harney interrupted Captain Nelson by reading a communication he had recently received from Mayor Thomas of Seattle. The substance of this letter was that the Port Warden and harbor master of that port, one person, received \$300 per year, and there were no wharf charges on vessels loading and unloading there.

Relative to this change President H. F. Fortmann of the Alaska Packers' Association states that his company will move from Folsom to Fremont street wharf in the month of April.

Then came the opening of bids for repairing the wrecked dolphins at the entrance of the ferry slips. These bids were smashed on several occasions by the new propeller ferry steamer Berkeley when she became unmanageable and plunged her nose in among the timbers.

The State will have the work of repairing by contract and send the bill to the Southern Pacific Company. There were eight bidders, and their proposals ran from \$200 to \$1,000.

By resolution of the board all the bids for work on the Broadway wharves were rejected.

The matter of the rents of the new ferry piers are still in a confused state of adjustment, and the subject did not come before the board.

COURSING WILL CONTINUE.

Ingleside Club Will Hold the Largest Meeting of the Season.

An executive meeting of the Ingleside Coursing Club was held last evening, and after discussing the ordinance passed by the Supervisors which prohibits the selling of pools on horse and dog racing it decided to follow out the programme arranged at the last meeting of the board.

BOTH OUT OF DANGER.

Deputy Assessor Harrington and Mrs. Skirm Recover From Their Gas Experience.

Edward Harrington, deputy assessor, was so far recovered from the effects of the gas he inhaled in his room at the Grand Southern Hotel as to be able to leave the Receiving Hospital yesterday morning.

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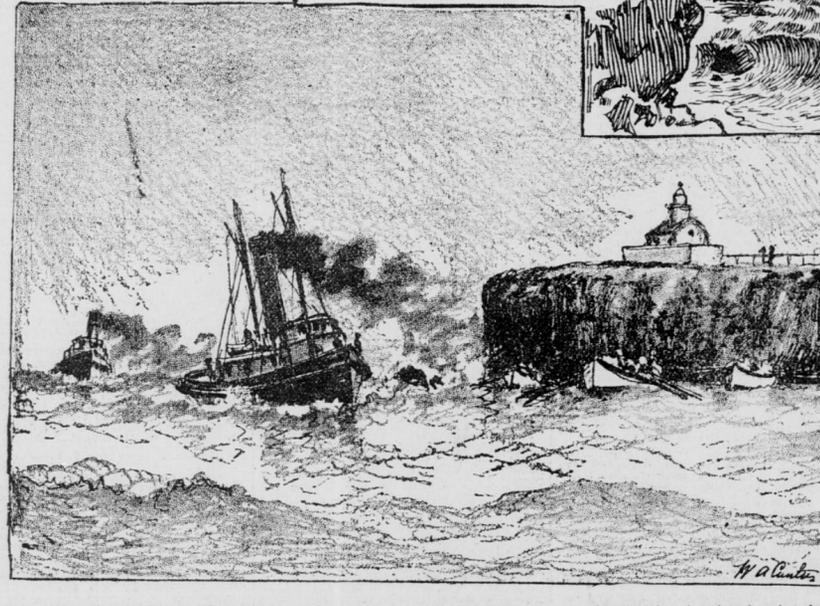
RESCUED FROM A WAVE-SWEEPING ROCK

Terrible Experience of a Crab-Fisher off Point Bonita During Yesterday's Storm.

FIVE short blasts and a long one from the lighthouse station on Point Bonita created consternation in shipping circles yesterday morning. It was the distress signal, and the first time it echoed across the Golden Gate was when the mail company's steamer City of New York went ashore in a fog below the lighthouse.

When the signal blew for the second time yesterday the wind was blowing 50 miles an hour from the northeast, the fog had shut down until it was impossible to see across the Golden Gate, and it was a nasty morning.

During a lull in the storm the light-keeper fancied he heard a cry for help. He waited until the squall had passed. The cry came again, and again was drowned by the gale. The keeper made a tour of the reservation, but the fog was so thick that he could not see anything, nor could he locate the direction from which the cries came.



It was then he sounded the distress signal.

Across the Golden Gate John Hyslop was on the lookout for the Merchants' Exchange, while a short distance from him was the lookout for the Golden Gate Life Saving station. Hyslop was the first to make out the "distress signal" and he at once notified the exchange. It did not take long to let the tug companies know, and in a few moments the Shipowners' Company had the Sea King and the Spreckels Company the Relief on the way to the scene.

Half a dozen crab nets were out, but there was no sign of the crab boats, and the captain remarked to his mate, "I wouldn't be a bit surprised if a few fishermen had been drowned."

From Point Bonita the Sea King and Relief went out through the north channel and up the coast as far as Bolinas. No sign of a wreck could be seen nor was any vessel in distress sighted, so both tugs returned to port.

In the meantime the life saving stations had been notified and Captain Hodgson of the Fort Point station,

Captain Varney of the Golden Gate station and Captain Smith of the South Side station soon had their boats in the water and under way. Smith and his crew had to go from four miles south of the Cliff House to Baker's Beach, as they could not launch their own boat, but even when that handicap they were not far behind the others. When they all got across the Golden Gate no trace of a disaster could be found.

At that instant the cry for help came again. It seemed to come from the ocean side of the promontory and thither the men made their way. Another faint and despairing cry brought them to the cave where the new life-saving station is to be built. The men made their way around the cliff and heard the cry of help distinctly.

Clinging to a rock, over which the waves broke every few seconds, was a fisherman. His boat was not far away, bottom up, but the rock was the better refuge, and to it the fisherman clung.

Hodgson and the men from the lighthouse did not waste any time about getting the man off the rock.

He was on the outermost end of a small reef and hard to get at, but with the aid of the gun and the shot line he was finally landed on the beach more dead than alive. The boat, although capsized, was anchored, and after some dangerous work it also was secured, righted and anchored in a sheltered spot.

The crab fisherman's name is Antone Razeto. According to his story told in the lighthouse, he went out early to set crabs. It was not blowing hard and he did very well. About 9 o'clock it began to blow and he made up his mind to get back inside. An hour later it was blowing a gale and the fisherman found he could not weather Point Bonita. He got into the little cove and there came to anchor, but the big seas came rolling in and capsized the boat. He got on the bottom, and he clung, calling for help every time there was a lull in the wind, until his rescuers came. Had it not been for the lighthouse, the life-saving station Razeto would have undoubtedly been drowned, as there are no other boats in the bay.

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BOLD CROOKS GET A WAX WITH VALUABLE BOOTHS

Raid a Residence on Henry Street.

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been entered by burglars. After gaining an entrance through the window the desperate crooks entered every room, taking everything of value.

Miss Wessenberg, before leaving her home, had placed her jewelry in a bureau drawer, which she locked. The burglars, presumably with a "Jimmy," they appropriated the contents, which consisted of several rings, a watch, a bracelet, and a brooch. Evidently dissatisfied with their haul, the thieves pair started to pry open a trunk containing some costly garments, but were frightened off by the return of Miss Wessenberg.

The detectives are satisfied that the men were in the habit of breaking open the trunk, intending not to overlook anything of value, when Miss Wessenberg returned. After she tried the front door, they think the housebreakers, fearing arrest, crawled through the open window and fled at once.

Miss Wessenberg is a well-known resident of the neighborhood. She is a widow and has a young daughter. She is a member of the Y. W. C. A. and is a very popular person.

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She particularly mourns the loss of a Masonic emblem which belonged to a dear relative.

Shortly before noon on Monday Miss Wessenberg left her home to do some shopping. She returned several hours later and was surprised to find the front door securely fastened. Thinking that one of the occupants had unconsciously bolted the door, she went to the rear and was astonished to see the window broken and half open. Suspecting something wrong she summoned a neighbor, who promptly entered the house. A casual glance convinced him that the house had

LIEUTENANT NEALL MAY RETURN AT ANY TIME

FRIENDS WILL MAKE GOOD HIS SHORTAGES.

The Young Officer Is Believed to Have Been in Hiding Somewhere in Mexico.

There is now reason to believe that First Lieutenant John Neall will shortly return and take his punishment like a man and soldier. It will be remembered that on February 15 Lieutenant Neall disappeared from the Presidio, and that a shortage was discovered in his accounts as a canteen officer of \$200, as well as shortage in the accounts of the Presidio Club, of which Lieutenant Neall was the secretary.

Ever since the occurrence the friends of the officer have been at work in his behalf to see what could be done. Lieutenant Neall is extremely popular, and there was not a more efficient officer in the service. It has been maintained by his friends that if he could only tell his own story there would be found some mitigating circumstances connected with his disappearance. So excellent is his past record that it is known the highest officials of the army were interested in his case and that their influence could be counted on in his behalf.

It is said that Lieutenant Neall has

been in correspondence with his wife, and that it is through her influence that he may be induced to return. It is positively known that Mrs. Neall wrote to General Shafter seeking his influence in behalf of her husband. The general was very ready to promise her anything unless Lieutenant Neall returned and gave himself up. However, General Shafter is a man of the highest character and it is known that he will do everything possible in his power to return to his former position.

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General Shafter, when seen last night, said he knew nothing about the intended return of the officer beyond what he had seen in the papers, and that he could not discuss the matter until Lieutenant Neall had returned. It is thought that the cavalryman will return and stand trial for his breach of military discipline, and after that he will resign from the army. His ruin was wrought by gambling, but beyond this there is nothing that can be brought against him. The charges that the officer was infatuated with a woman of questionable character is not true, as has been proven. Beyond his one weakness, which resulted so disastrously in his disappearance, he possesses both as a man and a soldier that made him popular and deserving of every extenuation possible, and this he will receive if he returns.

Another Operatic Star Here.

The Elton Opera Company received a strong addition from New York last night in the person of Antonio Ceppi, the great Italian tenor. He sang with Grau and Ellis in the Metropolitan opera house last Wednesday night, was released by that management and rushed across the continent. He is a singer of the highest quality, and will sing Verdi's "Aida" to-morrow evening, when Madame Gaski makes her debut.

General Shafter's War Lecture.

The lecture to be given by General Shafter for the benefit of the United States Army and Navy Christian Mission at the Association Auditorium, Mason and Ellis streets, takes place to-morrow night. The subject will be "The Santiago de Cuba Campaign," as witnessed by General Shafter, who commanded the forces of invasion.

Miss Emma Richards, 24 Kearny street, announces her spring opening Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10th, 15th and 17th. All are invited.

FEDERAL OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Shirk Their Duties to Do Politics.

LOBBYING IN SACRAMENTO

LYNCH, HAMILTON, STEPPACHER AND SHAWN NAMED.

Customs Weigher Rhodes and Assistant Sharkey Booked for Dismissal From the Service for Drunkenness.

Complaints were lodged a few days ago with Special Agents Linck and Smith that a large number of Federal officials were not giving to the duties of their offices that attention which they would be obliged to give were they working for themselves or for business men. It was said that several of the delinquents spent the greater part of their time in Sacramento lobbying in the Senatorial contest and had left their offices in charge of their male deputies and female typewriters, to the great detriment of the service. Among those complained of are Internal Revenue Collector Lynch, his chief deputy, Jake Steppacher; Colonel "Billy" Hamilton, cashier of the Customs-house, and Assistant Appraiser William Thomas. Mr. Thomas had done a day's work in the office since the opening of the legislative session nearly three months ago, and the others have practically lived in the State capital during the same period.

The special agents informed the complaint that it was the official duty of the special agents to report to the Secretary of the Treasury all cases of dereliction of duty. It did not matter whether the culprit was a Presidential appointee or an underling, the fault was the same. They have already made other reports of a similar nature, and have found that the officials named have been neglectful of their duties for which they are being punished. For instance, the agents went to Appraiser Dara for information as to the absence of Assistant Shoen. Mr. Dara stated that Mr. Shoen had not averaged more than four hours a week since his appointment about a year ago.

Charges of drunkenness, neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming Federal officials preferred against Customs Weigher Rhodes and Assistant Sharkey were made during a recent investigation. J. Sharkey has been investigated, and the agents will recommend the dismissal of Messrs. Rhodes and Sharkey from the service of the Government. Both men have gone on spree and absented themselves from their posts for days and days at a time. Rhodes was investigated on a similar charge some two years ago, but escaped expulsion through political influence, the plea of first offense and the fact that he was a member of the legislature. Rhodes is that of being a persistent borrower of money from brother officials and others and a lapse of memory in regard thereto when payday came around.

Rhodes and Sharkey are booked for an evening in the city jail, and more influential shirkers of duty will hear from the Treasury Department in no uncertain tones.

SHIP BIDSTON HILL CHARTERED

She Will Carry Supplies for the Troops at the Philippines.

The steamer was very "dirty" outside yesterday, and all the coasters kept off shore. Early in the morning it was only blowing sixteen miles an hour from the southeast, but at 10 a. m. the gale had increased to 50 miles an hour. At noon it had dropped to 40. At 3 p. m. was only blowing 20 miles from the south, but the glass was falling rapidly. The schooners Premier and J. E. Langdon and the war-torn vessel Webfoot and Leslie D were the only arrivals during the day.

The British ship Bidston Hill has been chartered by the Government to carry merchandise for the troops to Manila. She is to be paid the lump sum of \$30,500. The

MADE STALE BEER FOAM AND RATTLED SALESMEN

Charges Made Against an Organ Which Judge Conlan as a Musical Critic Investigated to His Sorrow.

The discordant notes of an electric pipe organ in the free lecture room at an organ museum at 510 Pine street have disturbed the merchants in the vicinity to such an extent that they are up in

arms over the matter. Instead of considering the organ a musical instrument, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," the business men term it an instrument of torture which, if used in the days of the inquiry, would have been a more horrible punishment than the rack.

When the outraged auricular organs of the business men had become so tortured that it seemed impossible to stand the nuisance longer, and when trade fell off on account of the disqualification of customers to endure the electrical discords, the interference of the law was sought. Charles R. Tufts, who operates the infernal machine, and yesterday his case was up in Judge Conlan's court, where he was tried on the charge of maintaining a nuisance. Merchants along Kearny street testified that the organ was a detriment to their business and several guests from the California stated that the racket made by the instrument disturbed their slumbers. The owners of the machine deposed that it was a musical instrument of the highest grade and that the tunes it played were elevating.

Unable to determine from the testimony what ruling should be made in the case his Honor, the Judge, expressed a desire to hear what the defendant claimed was music and the plaintiffs asserted to be a nuisance. The organ was a familiar to the braying of a donkey. An offer to bring the instrument into court was speedily rejected by the Judge, who announced that he would visit the place where the bone of contention is kept. Last evening, accompanied by his clerk of his court and a few friends, his Honor started for the scene of the trouble. As

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Charged With Perjury. Benjamin J. Goldman, liquor dealer, 119 Bush street, swore to a complaint in Judge Conlan's court yesterday for the arrest of James Mershon, a liquor dealer on Battery street, on a charge of perjury. Mershon had Goldman arrested for threats against life and on March 7 Judge Graham, after hearing the evidence, dismissed the case.

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