UPRISING WAS QUICKLY CHECKED

Jealousy of Samoan Chiefs Nearly Caused an Outbreak.

Prompt Action on the Part of Lieutenant Commander Dorn Prevented the Braves From Using Their Clubs.

Special Correspondence of the Associated Press.

TUTUILA, Samoa, Dec. 9.—Governor B. F. Tilley has gone to New Zealand with the Abarenda to get supplies of coal and to have the ship repaired. He left on November 26 last, calling at Apia en route, and from there he departed on the 28th of November for Auckland. Lieutenant Commander E. J. Dorn, of the Abarenda, is now in charge of the station, and Government affairs with foreigners and natives are running smoothly.

Previous to leaving for New Zealand Governor Tilley made official visits to all the districts. He was accompanied by Judge E. W. Guarr, secretary for native affairs. District meetings were held at the leading centers. At these meetings all the native officials, native chiefs and talking men were present. Highest tributes of praise and thanks were unanimously given by the people to Governor Tilley and to the United States Government for the protection now afforded them. The chiefs stated that they now feel safe in their holdings, and they can pursue their avocations, cultivating their plantations and improving their towns without fear of molestation and wanton destruction on the part of their opponents. Their disputes are settled satisfactorily in the courts, in which they have the greatest confidence. The people are all satisfied and the desire to retain Governor B. F. Tilley in the islands has been publicly expressed. At each district meeting the Samoans passed resolutions recommending to the Governor the passage of the following law:

First—The raising of revenues by taxing the Samoans for native affairs.

Second—The abolishment of the custom of presenting a large number of fine mats and property at marriages and deaths for distribution among the friends attending the marriage or funeral rites.

Third—The prohibition of the custom of a whole village or district taking a malaga (journey) and billeting themselves on other towns and districts for an indefinite period.

After the meetings the people indulged in processions, singing and making an act of allegiance to the Governor, and these were followed by feastings, dancing and games.

There is much jealousy between the people of Tutuila and Manua, and this made itself very apparent during the visit of the Governor to the latter place. For many generations the places have been rivals as to superior lineal descent. The chief of the Native Guard is a Tutuila high chief, a division of the guard is stationed at Manua under a Manua chief. It was arranged to have a general review of the whole guard at Manu, and the main body from Tutuila accompanied the Governor on this tour. At Manua the local chief objected to be under Lelato, the Tutuila chief, and the relationship was strained for a while. Governor Tilley insisted that the Manua chief must obey this superior officer and left the Tutuila chief to act. Lelato, at the review and inspection, placed the insubordinate Manua chief in the ranks instead of being in his position as an officer. Matters were then settled amicably. But the Samoans do not know when to stop, and when the rest of the Tutuila people heard of it they were indignant and expressed a wish to resort to the Samoan custom of paying a visit to Manua and clubbing a few of the inhabitants. Lieutenant-Commander Dorn has checked them by threatening to punish severely any one who incites others to carry out any such threat.

Some trouble has been caused by the differences and disputes between the local missionary societies, one of which is the Mormon. It became necessary to enact a law enabling a settlement of disputes, and a Sunday ordinance is now in force.

The steamship Mariposa arrived on December 6, but only remained a little over an hour. There was great disappointment among the natives, who had come from all parts to see the first big steamer arriving in Pagopago.

Mataafa of Upolu does not seem to realize that the German Government has supreme control in the government of Upolu and Savaii and that the United States has that of Tutuila. He has written a letter to the chiefs of Tutuila, inviting them to attend a gathering of the whole of the Samoan government at his placed on Mulinuu in Upolu and to bring presents which may be construed as tribute. The Tutuila chiefs have strongly resented the invitation.

The German Government is collecting all the back taxes prior to the hoisting of the flag at Apia.

The money for the guns surrendered by the Malietoa and Mataafa factions is in Apia, and the Samoans are awaiting payment, but there are some disputes as to the manner of paying out. The German Government wants to do the whole through its treasury, but there are many natives now under America's protection who are to receive a considerable share of the money.

SHOTS FROM REGULATION PISTOL HAVE NO EFFECT

Three Bullets From a Policeman's Weapon Fail to Penetrate a Horse's Skull.

A horse which was attached to a delivery wagon and left unhitched near the corner of Powell and California street made a wild run down the steep grade of the latter thoroughfare at about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. On reaching the crossing of Kearny street the now thoroughly frightened animal, by a miracle, escaped knocking down several people. In front of the California Market he collided with another horse.

The runaway was thrown, but was soon on its feet again, apparently none the worse for its exciting experience.

The other horse did not fare so well. Though it managed to hold its feet, an examination showed that the poor beast's leg was broken. A large crowd had collected and Policeman Reade was called upon to kill the horse to end its misery.

The officer was equipped with a 32-caliber revolver of the pattern which was recently decided upon as the regulation pistol of the Police Department. The officer drew his weapon and fired, but the crippled beast remained standing. Again Reade pulled the trigger, aiming at a spot in the center of the skull, but with no better success. After a third shot had been fired a man in the crowd found the bullet on the rim of his hat and handed it to the officer.

Reade then called Officer George Douglass, who with one shot from his 41-caliber pistol killed the still suffering animal. The horse belonged to Joseph J. Fagen, the stableman, and was valued at $100.

GUNBOAT COMMANDER ANNEXES AN ISLAND

Recently Discovered by a Norwegian and Lying Between Philippines and Carolines.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin says that Captain Saxegaard, a Norwegian, has discovered and named after himself an hitherto unknown island in the Pacific Ocean, lying in latitude 2 degrees 4 minutes north and longitude 135 degrees 30 minutes east, between the Philippine and Caroline groups. It is stated that an American gunboat commander has annexed the island, which seems to be richly wooded and very fertile.

Knocked Down by a Wagon.

Mrs. Kate Gillick, residing at 224 Taylor street, was knocked down by a wagon while crossing Market street at its junction with Sixth yesterday and sustained injuries which were treated at the Receiving Hospital by Dr. Putnam for a broken hand and several abraised wounds of the head and face. August Cardeniti, driver of the wagon, was arrested and charged with battery.

CHILD VOICES WILL RING OUT IN JOYOUS PRAISE

Oakland Prepares to Usher in Day of Redeemer's Birth With Peal of Bells and Tuneful Adoration From the Throats of Little Ones.

Miss Della West — Miss Cordie Bishop. — Seymour Phelan — Rudolph Schilling — Miss May Coogan — Miss Irene Bangs

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—The jingle of bells mingling with peals of merry laughter re-echoing through the darkness in Oakland's residence districts will usher in the day dedicated to peace and good will. Anon the faint strains of Christmas carols will float out on the midnight air.

Long before dawn to-morrow the bands of carolers will be astir, ready to sally out through the streets of the sleeping city as bands of carolers have done in ages gone, breaking the holy calm of Christmas morning with their sweet songs.

By 2 o'clock Miss May Coogan and her band of waits will have started from the Coogan home on Filbert street. They will be chaperoned by Mrs. Charles Beck and will sing at the Goodfellow residence in East Oakland, at the homes of Franklin Bangs, J. A. Fillmore, Miss Mollie Conners, M. W. Kales, Charles Holt, A. Schilling, John D. Isaacs and Senator Stratton, whence they will proceed again to the Coogan residence, where the Christmas breakfast will be served. They will be accompanied by two violins, two mandolins and a flute, and will sing "The First Christmas Song," "Angels' Sweet Refrain," "Birthday of the King," "Hail, Glad Christmas Time." Besides Miss Coogan there will be in the company the Misses Marian Goodfellow, Irene Bangs, Bessie Fillmore, Ada and Isabella Kenna, Jean Donney, Bessie Reed, Edith Beck, Lillie Isaacs and Cordie Bishop; Messrs. Walter Bakewell, Arthur Kales, Parker Holt, Jim Kenna, Rudolph Schilling, Ned Beck, Seymour Holt, Seymour Phelan, George Davis, Day Baxter, Howard Baxter and Harold Baxter.

Miss Albright Leader

The Fruitvale children composing Miss Violet Albright's well-trained group will take their big coach-and-six at the Albright residence, East Oakland, where they rendezvous. They will serenade many residences in Fruitvale and will be tendered an early breakfast at Arbor Villa, the palatial Smith residence, at 4 o'clock. The villa has been elaborately decorated in readiness for the children's reception. From Arbor Villa the carolers will be driven to the Albright home, where their Christmas tree has been made ready. In this party will be Helen Plaw, Arthur Dawson, Emelie Harrold, Lloyd Albright, Susie Harrold, Taylor Albright, Louise Boyd, Warren Harrold, Ilmia Jones, Boyd Harrold, Gilbert Jones, Alice Albright, Georgie Marwedel, Letcher Albright, Walter Hush, Valentine Hush, Fannie Plaw, Madlin Clay, Lottie Tomis, Cecil Harrold, Minnie Corria Catherine Hanson, Freddie Hanson, Charles King, Alice Glen, Jessie Glen, Pearl King, Charles Higgins and Will Higgins.

These are the carolers who were formerly under the care of Miss Jean Hush and during the time she drilled them they earned a wide reputation for themselves and their leader. They have caroled on Christmas eve and Christmas morning for several seasons.

SOME OF THE LITTLE CAROLERS AND THE LADIES WHO TAUGHT THEM.

NEW DESTROYER IS LAUNCHED

Macdonough Is Given to Her Element at Braintree.

EAST BRAINTREE, Mass., Dec. 24.—The torpedo boat destroyer, Macdonough was launched at the works of the Fore River Iron Company to-day, amid the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles. Mrs. Lucy Charlotte Macdonough Reade of Philadelphia christened the vessel with champagne. The new boat was taken down the river to the Quincy works of the company.

There were very few of the long list of invited guests who remained over from Saturday to witness the launching to-day. Lieutenant Gustave Kaemmerling, engineer of the Olympia during Dewey's battle of Manila Bay, was present.

The Macdonough, which has been in the course of construction during the past six months, has aroused great interest among naval men because it is of a new type, and is to be one of a fleet of fifty craft of the same kind. The length of the boat is 242 feet, while the entire breadth of beam is only 22 feet. The vessel is fourteen feet deep from deck to keel and has a displacement of 470 tons. She draws six feet eight inches of water. No part of the Macdonough is armored save the forward conning towers, which are covered with three-quarter-inch nickel steel.

The engines are protected only by the coal bunkers, which extend for 100 feet amidships on either side, and which have a capacity for 150 tons of coal, sufficient to provide a speed of fourteen knots an hour for 4000 miles.

The outer hull is of half-inch steel plates. This shell would be pierced if struck by a projectile. The vessel, however, is built with twelve separate watertight compartments. There are two conning towers. Accommodations are provided for a crew of eighty officers and men. The ship presents the innovation of having the officers' quarters forward, and those of the crew aft. Underneath the living deck and forward of the boiler is a water-tight deck. The engines will give the Macdonough a speed of thirty knots.

The armament of the Macdonough will consist of four fourteen-pounder, three-inch rapid-fire guns and three six-pounders. The fourteen-pounders will be placed one on top of the forward tower and three on the center line of the vessel. One six-pounder will be located on each side of the forward tower and the other will be on the after bridge. The two eighteen-inch torpedo tubes are located in the stern. The cost is $281,000.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 24.—There was a strong earthquake shock here to-day, but no damage was done.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—After handing down a number of opinions to-day, the United States Supreme Court adjourned until January 7.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 24.—The Archbishop of Caracas has been excluded from religious functions owing to illness and mental trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The monthly statement of the collection of internal revenues shows that during November, 1900, the total receipts were $25,344,285, an increase as compared with November last year of $886,851.

SHEBOYGAN, Mich., Dec. 24.—John Hawes, William Campbell and Ernest Marquette, employes at McCarthy's lumber camp, while crossing the ice on Mullet Lake, twelve miles from here, Sunday afternoon broke through the ice and were drowned.

NEW ULM, Minn., Dec. 24.—An express car attached to a Minneapolis and St. Louis train was burned last night near Searles, seven miles from here. The car was heavily loaded with Christmas goods and most of its contents were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A source of railway information in this city, hitherto reliable, is authority for the statement that the stock of the Cloverleaf is being purchased by the heavy holders of Canadian Pacific interests, and that the Canadian Pacific will soon have possession of the road.

SONORA, Ky., Dec. 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to rob the Sonora Deposit Bank. The would-be robbers were evidently frightened away before they succeeded in forcing an entrance to the safe. They left all their tools lying near the vault. The bank officials were unable to open the vaults this morning and business was suspended for the day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The United States Supreme Court to-day advanced two more cases involving the question of the relationship between the United States and their insular possessions to be heard on the 7th of January. There are now eight of these cases set for that date. One of the cases advanced to-day involves the collection of duties on goods imported from Hawaii.

Brownell Bankrupt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Ralph E. Brownell, vice president of the Brownell Improvement Company, filed a petition in bankruptcy to-day. Liabilities $163,000, assets $15,000. Mrs. Hetty Green of New York is one of the creditors.

Lord Beresford Improving.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is announced that Lord William Beresford's condition this evening showed continuing improvement.

Improved Delivery Service.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Free delivery was established to-day by the postal department for Golden Gate and Alden. Five carriers will be put on at once.

Cows in Belgium wear earrings. This is in accordance with the law, which decrees that every animal of the bovine species, when it has attained the age of three months, must have in its ears a ring, to which is attached a metal tag bearing a exact record of the number of animals raised each year.

THREE MILLIONS FOR MISS HILL

Half-Sister of Charles W. Fullerton to Inherit His Estate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—All claims in interest in the estate of the late Charles W. Fullerton have been concentrated in Miss Mattie Hill, half-sister of the decedent, as the daughter of his father's second wife. The concentration was effected by means of a number of deeds filed for record to-day, in which the heirs at law of the estate transfer their interests to Miss Hill. These deeds, however, it is understood, do not relieve the heirs at law of the necessity of proving their several claims to the estate, and do not in any degree interfere with the legal process commenced in the probate court to-day, when the heirs at law made application to Judge Cutting to have the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company appointed administrators for the estate.

It is understood the grantors in the several deeds filed will have to establish in the probate court their titles to the property and the interests they have so transferred. As these heirs are non-residents, it is expected some nice legal points will be raised in the courts before their right to name an administrator is established.

The Merchants' Loan and Trust Company and the Public Administrator are rivals for the handling of the large estate of the late Charles W. Fullerton. The estate has been placed at a valuation of $3,000,000, but the petition of the trust company for letters of administration schedules property as follows: Real estate, $750,000; personal property, $500,000. Total, $1,250,000.

Coburn Case Submitted on Briefs.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—The case of William Coburn vs. Thomas Lottridge, in which the jockey sues the horseman to have an alleged illegal contract annulled, will be submitted on briefs. Lottridge's attorneys appeared in court this morning and argued the motion for a dissolution of the injunction forbidding their client from preventing Coburn from riding other mounts than his own. The court denied the motion. Coburn's attorney was instructed to amend his complaint so as to indicate the fact that the jockey's father is not living, and also to make out the complaint in the name of Mrs. Coburn.

Wide Difference in Bids.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—The bids for the new concrete culvert over San Leandro Creek at the town of San Leandro were opened at the meeting of the board this morning and showed a wide variation in figures. They were as follows: Cotton Brothers, $32,000; G. L. Nusbaumer, $36,150; F. D. Elwell, $25,000; J. G. McMillan, $25,150; W. F. Boardman, $24,800; J. B. McMath, $17,000; J. W. Miller, four structures, one for $12,240, one for $9000, one for $9870 and one for $8600; G. F. Allardt, $19,803.

HIS ONLY DIAMOND PIN.

How Lincoln Came to Wear the Jewel and How He Disposed of It.

Colonel W. N. Cave of Barnewell, S. C., who is now in Atlanta on business, is in possession of a unique relic in the shape of a diamond pin which was at one time the property of Abraham Lincoln, and which is the only piece of jewelry of the kind that President Lincoln ever wore. The pin is of the old-fashioned style of cluster brooches, with a clasp at the back for the purpose of securing it to the frilled shirt fronts worn by gentlemen fifty years ago. The center diamond is a large, particularly white one, and it is surrounded by a number of smaller brilliants.

The pin has a strange history. Some years before the war and prior to the time that Abraham Lincoln was beginning to loom up as a Presidential possibility, while practicing law in Illinois he met a young dandy from New York State whose sporting proclivities had caused him to run short of funds. The young fellow went to Lincoln for assistance, and left with him as security for a loan a handsome diamond pin. For some reason he never returned to redeem the pledge, and from that day Lincoln did not again see him.

Lincoln was naturally a man of quiet taste in matters of dress and seldom wore jewelry of any kind. However, his accidental possession of a fine ornament proved a temporary temptation to adorn himself. One day James Moyers, a stock dealer of Kentucky and a close personal friend of Mr. Lincoln, who had known him intimately from childhood, went to Springfield on a visit. As soon as he saw Lincoln the pin attracted his attention.

"Well, who'd 'a thought that Abe Lincoln would be strutting around the streets with a diamond pin in his shirt front!" exclaimed Moyers in mock surprise.

Lincoln looked vaguely abashed and tried to explain. The explanation ended by his taking the pin from his shirt and pinning it on Moyers, insisting as he did so that he did not want it and was only too anxious to get rid of it. Moyers kept the ornament for some time and finally gave it to a friend, James Drummond. Drummond was captured during the war by the Federals and died at Fort Monroe. In 1866 a sale of his property and personal effects took place at Barnewell, S. C. Among the latter was the pin that had belonged to Lincoln. Colonel Cave bought it for a small sum. He knew its history and prizes the relic highly.—Atlanta Constitution.

Joseph Jefferson says that when an actor is young failure doesn't affect him much, but when he reaches the time of life that Mr. Jefferson has attained failure would be more than unbearable. This is the Jefferson reason for producing no new plays.

Edmond Rostand, the famous French novelist, owes his poor health largely to his hard work. He writes nearly all the day and far into the night.

SCARES AWAY HIS TWO BODYGUARDS

Crazed Mariner Drives Off Men He Hired for His Protection.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Dec. 24.

Captain William S. Thaxter, at one time a prominent mariner and pilot of San Francisco, was returned to-day from this city to the State hospital at Agnews, from which institution he was released on parole several weeks ago. Captain Thaxter became mentally unsound last March and was committed to the hospital from San Francisco. His tendencies were to violence.

His relatives were anxious to care for him outside if his condition permitted, and friends have been very solicitous for the afflicted mariner's condition. Captain Taylor of 220 Durant street has given special attention to Captain Thaxter, but on Saturday was compelled to make a request upon the authorities to again take charge of the captain because he had become unmanageable. Mrs. Thaxter, who resides at 1625 Seventh avenue, was also compelled to join in the request, fearing her demented husband would either injure himself or those who were trying to care for him.

Captain Thaxter by some unknown way learned of his friends' movements. He hired a couple of bodyguards and went to San Francisco, declaring that he was the victim of a plot to railroad him to a madhouse. During his stay there the patient became violent and his hired guards fled. Thaxter wrote a long letter to Chief of Police Hodgkins bewailing his fate and reiterating his delusions about "railroading."

After a forty-eight hours' search Thaxter was found in a Washington-street lodging house. He made no resistance to the officers, who took him to the detention ward at the Receiving Hospital. The mental disturbance has also been accompanied by a serious physical crippling from rheumatism.

Captain Thaxter has considerable property. He is being given the best of care at Agnews.

WILL HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS

Episcopal and Catholic Churches to Celebrate the Holy Day With Communion and Masses.

BERKELEY, Dec. 24.—Christmas services will be held to-morrow at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Bancroft way and at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Addison street. Both houses of God have been beautifully decorated for worship on the holy day. Special music will be sung at each church.

Nine masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's at the following morning hours: 5 o'clock, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:15, 9:45 and 10:45. At 9:15 o'clock children's mass will be held. The service will be sung in Latin by the pupils of St. Joseph's School. High mass will be celebrated at 10:45 o'clock. The Rev. Father O'Riordan and the Rev. Father Cantwell will conduct the services. Holy communion will be celebrated at St. Mark's at 6 a. m., 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. The 6 o'clock service will be with music and the 8 o'clock service without music. At the 11 o'clock service the following quintet will assist the regular vested choir of men and boys: Mrs. H. S. Parsons, soprano; Mrs. H. G. Van Sant, contralto; Whitney Palache, first tenor; Charles Marton, second tenor; J. C. Wilder, bass.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock Christmas carols were sung by the children of the church.

Davoust Wins a Point.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Marshall Davoust will not be compelled to await the action of the Alameda Board of Trustees on his claim for damages for the accidental electrocution of his wife before bringing suit in the Superior Court.

Judge Ogden decided to-day that the board could not by delaying action on Davoust's claim force him to let his suit be outlawed by the statute of limitations. The case will come up before Judge Greene after the holidays.

New Grand Army Officers.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Lyon Post No. 8, G. A. R., will install the following named new officers on New Year's night:

John H. Smith, post commander; H. H. Woodruff, senior vice post commander; Joseph Simon, junior vice post commander; J. A. Colquhoun, quartermaster; Rev. James Curry, D.D., chaplain; John A. Robinson, surgeon, W. A. Adams, officer of the day; Otis A. Allen, officer of the guard; John Kaighan, G. A. Norton, C. K. King and J. Winkles, council of administration.

Girl Frightens Burglar.

BERKELEY, Dec. 24.—A burglar attempted to break into the residence of H. W. Reddan, 1936 Haste street, this morning at 3 o'clock. Miss Louise Reddan was awakened by the sound of the prowler's jimmy working at the window casing. She arose and ran to the window and frightened the thief away. Before she could arouse other members of the family the burglar had disappeared.

Badly Hurt in Saloon Row.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—During a drunken brawl last night in an Emeryville saloon, William Malone, a horseshoer at the racetrack, was knocked down and badly injured by William Harmon, also a racetrace employe. Malone was beaten on the head with a file and may have sustained a fractured skull. His condition is serious.

TRUSTEES WROTH AT ALLEGED TRICK

Passage of Saloon License Ordinance Delayed Through Error.

BERKELEY, Dec. 24.—Four Town Trustees were ready to-night to put to final passage the ordinance to permit licensing of saloons. Then the quartet made the discovery that an error in the publication of the ordinance in the town official paper prevented them from enacting the law, and they hurled charges of deliberate jobbery at B. F. Arnold, manager of the paper, and declared he had willfully caused the mistake, which compels a republication and delays the final passage of the license ordinance until Friday night. A special meeting for that purpose was called for that time.

The official paper is the daily Gazette, which has fought the new ordinance bitterly. Manager Arnold was not present at to-night's meeting, and was therefore unable to explain the situation which enraged the Trustees. The first publication of the ordinance last Friday was correct. It occupied more than two columns. In Saturday's issue an advertisement had been inserted at the bottom of the first column and the section of the ordinance occupying that space had been placed at the bottom of the second column instead of at the top. No one had noticed the change until Trustee E. O. Turner arrived at the meeting and informed his fellow Trustees. Town Attorney B. A. Hayne said:

"The ordinance as it stands now is certainly illegal and cannot be taken up until printed twice correctly as required by law."

"There is no doubt in my mind," said Trustee R. C. Staats, "that the change was made by some one who knew what he was doing."

President Marston was likewise convinced that the matter was very irregular.

"I believe that this change has been made on purpose," declared Trustee C. Hoff. "I have no proof of it, but there can be no excuse for such a mistake."

The temperance people see nothing hopeful in this unexpected delay, as the majority of the Trustees have declared they would enact the ordinance, happen what may.

MRS. STENDEL IDENTIFIES THE SLOOP OF MYSTERY

Declares Her Belief That Her Husband Was Knocked Overboard by the Boom.

POINT RICHMOND, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Herman Stendel, wife of the missing owner of the sloop Lulu, visited the boat of mystery to-day in company with B. E. Loomis.

The distracted woman identified the little craft and recognized many familiar articles aboard, including the dresses which she said were her own. The most thorough search, however, failed to uncover anything that would lead to the whereabouts of her husband. Mrs. Stendel said:

"I am fully satisfied that my husband was accidentally drowned. He was due at home in San Francisco on Saturday. I believe he might have been knocked overboard by a swinging boom, or he might have slipped and fell from the deck. He had no companions on his trips and I know of nothing about him or his affairs that could have prompted anyone to murder him. Now I can only wait for the bay to give up his body."

Mrs. Stendel will be given possession of the boat as soon as she can arrange to have it moved. The laborers who found it will be amply recompensed.

Plaintiff Must Pay Alimony.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Victorine Martin, whose husband Joseph is suing her for divorce, has been granted alimony pending the trial.

This ruling was brought about by the showing of the defendant that immediately prior to the filing of the suit her husband had brutally beaten her. She will file a cross-complaint.

Remarried Within Four Days.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Richard Hutchinson, released from one marriage last Saturday, will wed again to-morrow. Hutchinson's escape from matrimonial obligations does not rank as a divorce, the court having severed his bonds on the ground that he was tricked into assuming them by his last wife. To-morrow he will marry Miss Teresa Nicoll.

Red Cross Watch Meeting Off.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—The proposed watch meeting for the benefit of the Red Cross Society has been given up. Mrs. Isaac Regna, who had the matter in charge, has announced that no suitable place for holding the affair could be obtained on New Year's eve.

Newspaper Man to Wed.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Herbert S. McFarlin, a newspaper man of this city, and Miss Elsie L. Howard will be married at noon to-morrow at the residence of the bride's sister on Valdez street. Rev. A. J. Needham will officiate.

Alice Nielsen in Oakland.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Alice Neilsen appeared to-night in "The Fortune Teller," with her large company at the MacDonough Theater. To-morrow evening she will present "The Singing Girl."

Dr. J. P. Dunn Returns.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Dr. James P. Dunn has returned from a tour of Europe, having spent much time in the great hospitals of the Continent and England.

MEXICAN CROESUS FOOLS OAKLANDERS

Drops Into Town With Millions in His Mind and Drops Out.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Dec. 24.

Colonel John Powers, alleged millionaire from Mexico, is among the missing, and half a dozen prominent dealers in Oakland realty wonder whether all of their drives, dinners, theater parties, small "bots" and small loans have been wasted.

Colonel Powers came to town a week ago, made quick connections with leading firms, passed the word along that he had $3,000,000, made in the southern republic mines, and was going to invest $1,000,000 in Oakland. Colonel Powers likewise told some rare stories of the days when he fought under Colonel Jack Hays in the Texas Rangers, and how he drove the Mexicans across the Rio Grande.

The story runs that Frank J. Woodward, W. H. Mackinnon, Arthur Holland and Colonel Robert McKillican all knew the dapper colonel to their sorrow.

Woodward said: "He did not beat me, but you ask the others. Mackinnon put up $20. Arthur Holland was infatuated, and, if Colonel McKillican did not part with a double eagle, he was lucky."

Mackinnon said: "The Colonel didn't reach me, but you see Woodward. He was willing to bet a month's commissions the Colonel was OK."

Mrs. Ada R. Harris, at whose lodging-house, 566 Eleventh street, Colonel Powers had a room, said:

"It seemed very odd that so wealthy a man should have a little coffee pot in his room and live on coffee and doughnuts, but he said he couldn't stand restaurant fare. He said he was going to send for a foster-daughter, whom he had found in the wilds of Mexico, and who now received $1000 a month from him. The Colonel paid his room rent of $2 and disappeared after telling me he had bought a $75,000 lot."

Teachers' Certificates Granted.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—The County Board of Education has granted certificates to teach to the following named applicants: Grammar grade—J. Hal Cope, Pleasanton; Miss M. Fay Snow, Oakland; Mrs. Josie C. Hearsey, Fruitvale; Miss Lucy Agar, Oakland. Primary grade—Mrs. Dicey A. Maloon, East Oakland.

Daylight Burglary.

OAKLAND, Dec. 24—Mrs. W. J. Warren, of 1014 Eighteenth street, reported to the police to-day the burglary of a watch and several smaller pieces of jewelry. The thieves entered the house some tim last Saturday.

NOT THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

The Unbroken Serenity of Men Who Sit in Front of Livery Stables.

"I have always envied those men who sit in front of livery stables," said a citizen who admits that he is constitutionally lazy.

"That seems to me a beautiful life. It must be one long, sweet song, as the poet puts it. I have never known any of them personally," he continued, sighing, "but I have watched them all my life, and they fill me with a yearning to be a livery stable man. When I was a boy I had to pass a large livery stable on my way to school. It had an immense double door, which was never closed, and inside was a cool, dim vista of stalls and buggies in rows. Four men were always seated at the threshold, tilted back in cane-bottomed chairs. They were large, well-fed, contented-looking men, and what impressed me particularly was their air of placid abstraction. They never said anything to one another, but sat there calmly gazing into space and chewing straws. I remember distinctly that the sight of them always filled me with rebellion against work and made my school tasks seem all the more abhorrent. I had an almost irresistible inclination to chuck my books into the gutter, seize a cane-bottomed chair and a straw and become a livery stable man myself.

"I have never got rid of that feeling," the lazy citizen went on, lighting his pipe, "and the strange part about it is this: In all the years that have gone by that group at the big door has never changed, and, moreover, it isn't peculiar to any one stable. It is common to them all. Go where you will, whenever you encounter a livery stable you will invariably find four large, well-fed, contented-looking men tilted back in cane-bottomed chairs at the entrance, chewing straws and gazing into space. They always look exactly alike and never get any older or any younger. It is my private belief that they are immortal, and I have never asked any questions because I don't want to run the risk of shattering a beautiful ideal. What is it that Bret Harte says about San Francisco—

Serene, immutable as fate,
Thou sittest at the Western gate.

"That describes them exactly, and I am certain the poem must have been inspired by a California livery stable. Wars may rage and thrones may decay, and Mac may annex the Filipinos or tell them to go to thunder—but nothing will ever disturb the grand serenity of that group at the front door. I think it very unkind of fate that I should have become a hard-working professional man. I would have made a superb ornament for one of those cane-bottomed chairs."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

That Senate customs rarely change is shown by the two old-fashioned snuff boxes in that chamber. They are as carefully filled to-day as in the days when it was the fashion to "snuff." Few of the present members use the boxes, though occasionally one of the older Southern members will go up, take a "pinch," and calmly await the sneeze.

MAKES KNOWN ITS INSURANCE PLANS

Southern Pacific Cuts Out Compulsory Clause in Scheme.

Hopes to Overcome Objections of the Brotherhoods by a Revised Benefit and Pension Organization.

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The Southern Pacific Company has made public its plan to force life insurance upon its employes in the face of the promise made by the late President Huntington that the scheme, which proved objectionable to the brotherhoods, would be abandoned. The Call, two weeks ago, told the story of the company's new move and again on December 21 showed that by a system of petitions the insurance department proposed to have the scheme brought to a head and introduced upon the Southern Pacific system.

The petition proposition is being handled by A. F. Hess and a number of subordinate employes of the company, who have been doing missionary work among the unorganized departments of labor on the system. These petitions have been freely circulated. Hundreds of them are now among the men at West Oakland yards. They will be expected to sign them and then become members of a benefit and pension department to be established in accordance with a carefully prepared plan, the details of which are also being as actively circulated as the petitions. The latter read:

We, the undersigned employes of the Southern Pacific Company, do hereby respectfully petition the president and board of directors to approve the accompanying rules and regulations for government of a benefit and pension department, and if approved to inaugurate the same, and we hereby certify our desire to become contributors to one or more of the features as provided for therein.

The rules eliminate the compulsory clause which caused the storm of protest against the original scheme. In its stead the following is found in the new scheme:

The membership is to be voluntary for all employes, and members may withdraw at the end of any month by giving notice by the 25th day of such month, and it is clearly set forth that the standing of an employe is not to be affected in any wise by either becoming a member or by withdrawing from membership.

The new scheme also eliminates the requirement that employes shall insure in sickness and accident funds, leaving the kind of insurance to be taken optional with the applicant. Life insurance is provided for at the rate of $500 for forty-five cents a month premium. Employes who leave the service receive no rebate, but can continue the insurance at that figure. The disability section divides the employes in a haphazardous class composed of trainmen, engineers, firemen, train baggagemen and conductors, who will pay one and one-half per cent of their monthly wages and in case of sickness or accident or injury to receive sixteen per cent of their monthly pay each week for forty weeks and eight per cent a week until cured. The second class, non-hazardous, composed of shopmen, clerks, etc., receive the same benefits upon payment of one per cent a month of their wages.

Upon payment of sixty cents a month, employes will receive $500 for loss of a hand or a foot and $1500 for loss of both hands or both feet or a hand and a foot.

A pension scheme is also attached, as follows, and applies only to employes who have been in the company's employ twenty years or over:

The monthly payment of $1 for fifteen years would entitle an employe to $500 cash and $10 monthly during life; $1 50 monthly, to $900 cash and $15 a month; $2, to $1200 cash and $20 a month; $2 50, to $1500 and $25 a month; $3, to $1800 cash and $30 a month during life. In case an employe leaves the service of the company his pension payments are refunded to him, and in case of death his beneficiaries would receive the payments he had made with 2 per cent interest per annum. The pension money could not be drawn until the policy holder had reached the age of 60 years and retired.

The company by omitting the compulsory clause undoubtedly hopes to overcome the opposition which the organized brotherhoods have asserted against insurance by the company. They feared and openly declared that the scheme was an entering wedge for the disruption of those organizations, one of their principal elements of strength being the insurance of members against accident or death in the service.

Spell on the Spellbinder.

Many spellbinders have false teeth, and unless the plates fit well there is liable to be trouble when they soar into the realms of enthusiastic oratory. An annoying, yet amusing, incident occurred the other day to J. Leslie Gossin while addressing an audience on the Bowery. Mr. Gossin is an actor, a teacher of elocution and a fine speaker. Conversing with a friend, he complained that he suffered a good deal of trouble because his false teeth plate frequently fell when he was speaking loudly.

"That's easily remedied," replied his friend.

"How?"

"Get some gum and sprinkle a few drops on the plate and put it in position again."

The gum was procured, but Mr. Gossin made the mistake of applying so much of it to the plate that before he had been speaking ten minutes the gum had scattered about his mouth so that his lips, except in one small spot, were almost sealed. Mr. Gossin had to stop speaking.—New York Times.

A Great Wedding Breakfast.

The pomp and splendor with which weddings are invested by German peasants have recently been illustrated in the village of Mehmke, on the occasion of the marriage of a rich farmer and the daughter of a neighboring land owner. Six hundred guests were invited to the wedding breakfast, to provide which four oxen, four pigs, eight calves and many dozens of fowls were slaughtered. A thousand large cakes were eaten and six tons of beer and some hundreds of bottles of wine were emptied. The feasting continued for two days. Every guest, be it remembered, brought, according to custom, his or her own knife and fork and serviette.—London Mail.

In opposition to the determined vegetarians, who condemn all animal food, there is a growing number of physiologists in Germany who insist that abstention from meat, if continued for ages and generations, is responsible for the feebleness and low intellect of certain races.

The difference between ragtime and Wagnerian opera is that one appeals to the people and the other appeals to the purse.

The United States Government spends more than $10,000,000 a year in maintaining the Indians.

Fire a Shot 20 Miles.

The United States will fire a thousand-pound shot twenty miles, which will be a record-breaker for the distance. The gun from which it is to be fired will be a model of American ingenuity and workmanship. Another marvel of American ingenuity is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. For fifty years it has been the only medicine to cure constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, and by its direct action on the kidneys prevents rheumatism.

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