EVANS RETAINS PENSION OFFICE

Old Soldiers Will Not Be Able to Cause His Removal.

Senator Scott Denies Having Made Promise to Grand Army Men.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, June 28.—A sudden collapse has come in the movement to induce President McKinley to appoint a new Commissioner of Pensions, on the alleged ground that the Republican National Committee promised Evans' head to General Sickles.

General Sickles' friends have been saying that Senator N. B. Scott of West Virginia, who was the leading member of the National Committee in 1896, wrote a letter promising that Commissioner Evans should be removed. Senator Scott was in the city to-day, and on learning of this statement called on Commissioner Evans and assured him that he had made no such promise.

"I am positive," said Senator Scott, "that I wrote no such letter. During the campaign I received many letters from old soldiers criticizing Evans. I dictated answers to these letters, and may have expressed the opinion that Mr. Evans would not remain as Commissioner of Pensions, but at no time within my recollection did I write to any one making any promise on behalf of the President.

Scott Had No Authority.

"I had no authority to make any such promise, as neither the President nor the National Committee had instructed me to do so. If any such letter is in the possession of any one it is outside of the authority of the National Committee or its chairman. I asked my stenographer if she remembered writing any letter to General Sickles. She said I had dictated something like 18,000 letters to her during the campaign and that she had no recollection of any letter to General Sickles promising the removal of Commissioner Evans."

President McKinley has listened to the complaints of old soldiers and also to the other side. It can be stated that he has no one in mind as Commissioner Evans' successor, and he is said to be much impressed with the cleanness of Commissioner Evans' administration and the commendation that Evans has received from the press.

The Commissioner's statement, including the letter of General Sickles commending the management of the pension bureau, is regarded in official circles as closing the controversy, so far as General Sickles is a factor.

Sickles Publishes Correspondence.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Nettled by the denial of Senator Scott, chairman of the last Republican National Committee, that the removal of Commissioner Evans had been promised, General Daniel Sickles to-day made public the correspondence in regard to the disputed matter. General Sickles expressed great indignation.

"In view of this denial," he said, "I herewith give to the press my correspondence with Senator Scott. Based upon these assurances from the Republican National Committee, I caused it to be known in the Western States I visited in October that Commissioner Evans would be superseded in March, when his term expired. These assurances were ratified by the President on November 27, after election, in the presence of representative soldiers from different parts of the country, when we visited him at the White House by appointment to congratulate him upon his re-election. He then stated to us that it was his intention to choose a successor to Commissioner Evans at the expiration of his term of office."

Sickles publishes Senator Scott's letter in which Scott stated his belief that President McKinley would choose a successor to Evans, a man who would be satisfactory to the old soldiers. Scott closed his letter in these words: "This is all I can say without embarrassing the President."

General Sickles says he then wrote to McKinley; "but," says Sickles, "I must decline to state what answer the President made. The time has not arrived yet. I will say, however, that unless Evans is removed there will be 'music.'"

EVENTS IN SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bayley gave an enjoyable dinner in their new home on Sunday last. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Artigues, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lacaze, W. J. Gorman, Kitty Bailey, Dr. O. Relle, Master Artigues, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rieser, Mr. and Mrs. C. Artigues, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.

A pleasant party took place at the residence of Mr. D. Driscoll, 488 Castro street, on Tuesday, the occasion being the celebration of Annie L. Driscoll's sixth birthday. Those present were: Ether Secor, Charlotte O'Neil, Eunice Miller, Georgette Orr, Leona Kip, Shirley Gray, Marion Gray, Sophia and Carmelita Gilbert, Agatha Kavanaugh, Ethel Campbell, Irene Barker, Genevieve Ott, Gertie Doheney, Marie McCormick, Amelia, Belle and Mary McMahon, Lorraine Kip, Mary Dolph, Alice and Lorraine Young, Lucinda Hall, Maud Livingstone, Bernie and Louise Myers, May and Gertie O'Neil, Luna Biasauf, Elsie Piper, Master Montagne Barton, Stanley Livingston, Leo McMahon, Harold and Milton Waters, Willie Hanes, Harry Driscoll, Clyde Evans, Edgar Kennedy, Leo Powelson, the Misses Victoria Orr, Maggie Bassett, Eveline Beaudet, May O'Neil, Mabel Driscoll, Mesdames Hall, Bennett, Galvin and Bassett.

The semi-annual reception of the Native Sons of Vermont will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday evening, July 5. The following excellent programme has been prepared for the evening's entertainment: Overture, national airs, Delleplane's orchestra; specialties, Miss Marguerite Honn; baryione solo, Mr. Robert Lloyd; song, Miss Maud Day Caine; trio, "Thou Everywhere," Lachner (soprano, Miss Gertrude Kummer; violin obligato, Miss Letitia Mordhorst; piano, Miss Slancesca Kummer); reading, Mrs. Rule D. Meeke; specialties, Waterman sisters.

Dr. W. S. Thorne will sail from New York on the steamer Etruria, July 6, for a three months' stay abroad.

Mrs. John Morrisey is home again after an absence of three months. She has been visiting relatives in the East. On the return journey she spent several weeks in the Yellowstone National Park.

Mrs. A. L. Fogle of the Hotel St. Nicholas left last Saturday to visit relatives in New York City. She will also visit the Buffalo exposition, and will return in two months.

Mrs. Harry Morosco and children are spending the summer months at the country home of Mr. Walter Morosco, Geranium Place, Fruitvale.

Mrs. J. Newark of Needles is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Folks, at 829 Ellis street.

Mrs. M. Seizer is stopping at the Montrose.

Genevieve O'Neill and Gertie McArdle of San Francisco are sojourning at Anderson Springs, Lake County.

Mrs. Max Gruenberg, Raoul Gruenberg and Mrs. E. Hirschfeld of Alameda are at the Toland House, Howell Mountain, for their summer vacation. Mrs. Gruenberg will spend the month of July at Catalina Island.

Mrs. G. Lederer and Mrs. B. Meyer have moved to 971 Post street. At home first Tuesdays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lork leave for Aetna Springs the early part of July.

Mrs. J. Louis McKinnon and her daughter Aileen are guests at Congress Springs.

Mrs. M. J. Kelly and Miss Laura Kelly have gone to Bartlett Springs for the summer.

Miss Eva Pincus is spending a few weeks at Ross.

Miss Frances Heiman is at Skaggs Springs for a fortnight's stay.

Ben Lust and Joseph Zuckerman will spend their vacation at Skaggs Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Clayburgh announce the engagement of their daughter Emily to Mr. Charles E. Baer of Bakersfield. They will receive on Sunday, July 7, and Tuesday, July 9, from 2 to 5 o'clock at 1810 Bush street.

BROTHER ELKS WILL CONTEST ON THE DIAMOND FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE BASEBALL REALM

Los Angeles Team Starts on a Tour Through California, Oregon and Washington, and Will Make the First Stop to Play a Friendly Game With Oakland.

OAKLAND, June 28.—The Los Angeles Elks' baseball team left this evening on the Owl train to meet the Oakland Elks' baseball team in a game on Sunday. This is the beginning of one of the longest amateur baseball tours that has ever been planned, for it will extend from the southern part of California through the States of California, Oregon and Washington, with Oakland as the first stopping place.

The Los Angeles team will travel in luxury. The players will have their own car and will make the entire trip in it. They are due to arrive in Oakland tomorrow morning and will be met by a delegation of Oakland Elks, who will escort them to the Metropole Hotel, where they will stay while in this city. At the close of their visit in Oakland they will leave for Portland, where they will play the Portland Elks July 6. They will then go to Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane and other cities in the Northwest where there are Elk baseball teams. Upon their return to California they will play the Elk baseball teams of Stockton, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Vallejo and a return game with Oakland. The trip will consume about a month.

The Los Angeles team is accompanied by several southern Elks who are not players, among them J. M. Mott, the exalted ruler of the Los Angeles Lodge.

The Oakland Elks intend giving their visiting brothers a good time while they are here. They will be given the freedom of the town during the day and in the evening they will visit the theater, where boxes have been reserved for them. After the performance a banquet will be spread in the Elks' lodgeroom. The game will be on Sunday at 12:30 at the Golden Gate League grounds. The Los Angeles team will remain here until Tuesday, when they resume their trip north.

To Oakland Lodge No. 171 belongs much of the credit for the interest that is now taken by Elkdom in baseball. Oakland has had a baseball team for several years and has been playing games with teams from Stockton and Sacramento. This year the Oakland team has played two games, one with Stockton and one with Santa Rosa, and has won both. Last year Oakland played Stockton three games and won the two played in Stockton and lost the one played on the local grounds. After the Los Angeles team leaves there will be games with Vallejo, Santa Rosa and Sacramento and the return game with Los Angeles.

The make-up of the Los Angeles and Oakland teams as they will appear on Sunday will be as follows:

Los Angeles 99.	Positions.	Oakland 111.
Wilding	Catcher	Wyms
Bentley	Pitcher	Blethen
Guerdo	First base	W. Dean
Leland	Second base	Ewing
Adams	Third base	Platt
Hart	Short stop	B. Dean
Rendall	Left field	Sessions
Mead	Center field	Uhl
Nolan	Right field	Cook
Hill	Etxra	Matthews

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF LOS ANGELES ELKS THAT IS MAKING AN EXTENDED TOUR OF THE PACIFIC COAST STATES PLAYING FRIENDLY MATCH GAMES OF BASEBALL WITH THE PICKED NINES FROM THE LODGES OF THE CITIES VISITED.

CENSUS OFFICE GIVES RETURNS

Figures on the Number of Men in Several States.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The Census Office to-day issued a bulletin giving the number of persons of school age, males of military age and voting age, and citizenship of foreign born males 21 years of age and over, from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado and Connecticut. It shows the number of persons of school age, 5 to 20 years, inclusive, and the males of school age, respectively, as follows:

Alabama, 733,222 and 367,757; Alaska, 11,408 and 2000; Arkansas, 529,375 and 265,541; California, 420,081 and 212,723; Colorado, 160,531 and 80,729, and Connecticut, 257,101 and 127,962.

The males of military age: Alabama, 328,999; Alaska, 19,703; Arizona, 34,231; Arkansas, 230,308; California, 358,877; Colorado, 142,138, and Connecticut, 207,696.

The males of voting age follow: Alabama, 413,862, of which the native born number is 405,598; Alaska, 37,500, native born 26,489; Arizona, 44,081, native born 30,606; Arkansas, 313,836, native born 305,484; California, 544,087, native born 318,817; Colorado, 185,708, native born 133,935; Connecticut, 298,280, native born 173,248.

Over 50 per cent of the foreign born of voting age were naturalized, save in Arizona, where only 34.8 per cent were naturalized. There is a large percentage of illiterates among the alien element. The males of voting age as a whole include only a very small percentage of illiterates in California, Colorado and Connecticut, but in the remaining four States and Territories illiterate males of voting age constitute from one-fifth to one-third of the whole number; 33.7 per cent in Alabama, 26.3 per cent in Alaska, 23.9 per cent in Arizona and 20 per cent in Arkansas. These large percentages are due to the great number of illiterate persons of negro descent in Alabama and Arkansas, illiterate Chinese and Indians in Alaska and illiterate Indians and foreign whites in Arizona.

The percentage of illiterates among the native white males of voting age is 14.2 for Alabama and 10.3 for Arkansas and of illiterate foreign whites 30.9 for Arizona and 15.6 for Connecticut. The percentage of foreign born males of voting age ranges from 27.9 per cent in Colorado to 41.4 per cent in California. Of the whole number of males of voting age in Alabama and Arkansas practically 98 out of every 100 are native born; in Alaska, California and Connecticut more than one-third, and in Arizona and Colorado more than one-fourth of the males of military age are foreign born, while in Alabama and Arkansas substantially all the males of this class are native born.

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES COOPER PERJURY CHARGE

Indictment Against Man Who Illegally Married Miss Norine Schneider Is Certain.

The new Grand Jury began its labors yesterday by conducting an investigation of a perjury charge against "Sir" Harry Westwood Cooper. District Attorney Byington presented the evidence in the trial of Cooper, wherein it was shown that he had perjured himself in testifying that the telegram sent to Miss Norine Schneider, whom he afterward married, was sent as the result of an agreement between him and his future wife.

The first witness called was Mrs. Schneider, who repeated the evidence given by her in court that Cooper had not had a secret meeting with her daughter to arrange the sending of the telegram, as he had testified. Miss Marie Schneider, another daughter, testified similarly. Captain Seymour told of Cooper's admission that he had sent the telegram.

While no action was taken, it is understood that the Grand Jury will return an indictment against Cooper for perjury.

Cooper appeared before Judge Cook yesterday to be sentenced, but on account of the Grand Jury proceedings sentence was postponed until July 15.

Foreman Symmes announced the following standing committees to serve on the Grand Jury:

Mayor and Board of Supervisors, Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer, Public Administrator, Tax and License Collectors—James Butler, S. B. Fauson and H. J. Owen.

Board of Public Works, Park Commission, Election Commision, Registrar—Philip J. Lawler, Henry W. Wreden and Julius Finck.

Board of Health and City Physicians, Almshouse, hospitals and Magdalen Society, Coroner's office and Morgue—J. B. Duggan, John Tonningsen and John A. Kennedy.

Superior, Police and Justices courts, county and court clerks and stenographers, District and City and County Attorneys—Thomas J. Welsh, J. C. O'Connor and R. H. Schlueter.

Board of Education, public schools and teachers, public library and branches, Recorder, Civil Service Commission—Samuel Irving, J. M. Ellis and B. B. Sturdivant.

Police Commission, police force, City Prison, Sheriff's office, County and Branch jails, Fire Commission, firemen and engines, Fire Marshal, fire alarm, department of electricity—Peter J. Tormey, A. P. Giannini and Roy T. Kimball.

Charles R. Gagan was appointed official stenographer of the Grand Jury.

Spends His Life in Jail.

James Wilson, an ex-convict, was sentenced by Judge Mogan yesterday to six months in the County Jail on a charge of petty larceny for stealing a bolt of cloth from Harry Francis, a tailor, on Sutter street, near Montgomery. During the past twenty-four years Wilson has been sentenced twenty-six times for stealing.

In the Divorce Court.

Decrees of divorce were granted yesterday to Mary A. Kollman from Thomas A. Kollman for desertion, Marie Astrup from Hagen Astrup for cruelty and Frances A. Lynch from Michael H. Lynch for failure to provide. Mrs. B. B. Walcott has sued A. R. Walcott for divorce, alleging failure to provide as cause of action.

LABOR'S PARTY WILL BE RULER

Wayne MacVeagh Predicts Great Political Division.

BOSTON, June 28.—The oration of "Ideals in Politics" which Wayne MacVeagh delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa at its annual meeting at Cambridge, has attracted unusual attention. Among other things MacVeagh said:

It seems to me quite too plain for dispute that no single member of a weaker race can be killed; no hut of such a race, however humble, can be burned; no one can be selected for especial honor for his part in such pitiful warfare without its helping to light the torch which starts the fire by which some hapless negro is to be burned at the stake in our own country, not only in defiance but in contempt of law, and all such acts must be surely followed by greater insecurity for the surplus wealth which the contented class possesses.

Now it is at least quite possible that in the not distant future American politics may transform Webster's warning into history, for our electorate is already beginning to be divided, and must, in obedience to the law of social evolution, continue more and more to be divided by that sharp cleavage which separates those who are contented with their lot from those who are discontented with their lot.

Under whatever disguises, called by whatever names, inheriting or seizing whatever partisan organization, the alignment of two great political divisions of American voters who will sooner or later struggle against each other for the possession of the Government, will inevitably be upon the basis I have named. The party of the contented will be ranged under one banner and the party of the discontented will be ranged under the other, and that alignment will steadily develop increasing sharpness of division until the party of the discontented, being the majority, has obtained the control of the Government, to which, under our system, they are entitled, and then they will be sure to remodel the present system for the distribution of wealth, unless we have previously done so, upon bases wider and more equitable than those now existing. The one party will be, under whatever name, the party of capital, and the other party will be, under whatever name, the party of labor.

It certainly would tend to make private property far more dear in America if the less fortunate majority of our population saw us, or the more fortunate minority, would give courage and time and thought to efforts to solve these problems and others like them, and thereby to lessen some of the evils which in many cases bear so heavily and so unjustly upon the poor.

CRAIG LECTURES ON STRIKES.

President of the Chamber of Commerce Speaks to the Machinists.

Hugh Craig, president of the Chamber of Commerce, delivered an interesting address last night before the Machinists' Union at the headquarters on Sixth street on, "New Zealand, a Land Without Strikes." The hall was crowded with iron workers and the address was listened to with marked attention. At its conclusion the speaker was interrogated regarding the laws of New Zealand and their applicability to the economic conditions of this country.

The lecturer said in part: "In New Zealand 85 per cent of the representation in the Legislature is in the hands of the laborers. In this country arbitration has been suggested as the proper settlement of labor difficulties, but in New Zealand it has been made compulsory. Laboring men are encouraged by the authorities to unionize. If the sanitary conditions of a factory or its ventilation is not properly arranged or if the cubic air law is violated, the laborers in New Zealand need but complain to the commission and the abuse will be righted.

"There is a regularly elected court of arbitration in New Zealand, with power about equal to that of our Circuit Courts, which decides all cases of dispute between capital and labor. From its decision there is no appeal and both parties are bound to abide by it."

In response to a query Mr. Craig stated that he thought the laws of New Zealand were capable of indefinite expansion and that they might be utilized to ameliorate the conditions of labor in this country.

Oakland Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, June 28.—The following marriage licenses were issued at the County Clerk's office to-day: Frederick W. Smith of Oakland, aged 39, and Annie A. Western of Oakland, aged 32; Chris J. Jensen of Oakland, aged 24, and Lena C. Nielsen of Sausalito, aged 26; Archibald C. Leone of Oakland, aged 21, and Belle Yorah of Oakland, aged 23; Alexander J. Barry of Oakland, aged 29, and Annie McCann of Oakland, aged 38.

TRIES TO SAVE HUSBAND'S LIFE

Wife Says She Is Guilty Before an Electrocution.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 28.—Mrs. Edwin Ruthven, wife of the Cleveland murderer who was electrocuted at the penitentiary early this morning, made a last effort to save the life of her husband. In the presence of the Rev. W. M. Langford and others she declared that she herself killed Policeman Shipp. She said that on the night of the murder she and her husband had a little quarrel and she left the house to cool her wrath. She met Charles Jacobs, the mysterious individual of which Ruthven spoke so often, and he asked for Edwin, saying that he had a job on hand. She told him that her husband was not at home, but that she would help.

According to her story, she dressed herself in her husband's clothing and assisted Jacobs in committing the burglary. Policeman Shipp appeared on the scene and Jacobs fled, leaving her alone with the policeman. She said she shot and killed Shipp. Ruthven, when told of the confession, declared that it was not true and that his wife was innocent of any crime.

PLEADS FOR PAL ON GALLOWS.

Alabama Murderer Says That Former Companion Is Innocent.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 28.—Frank Miller, a notorious safe-robber and murderer of Policeman J. W. Adams, was hanged at 10:55 o'clock, and Alonzo Williams, colored, murderer of Bob Callahan, colored, was hanged at 11:58 o'clock today in the yard of the Jefferson County Jail.

After he had mounted the scaffold and viewed the crowd of 300 spectators, Miller asked if any one desired to ask him any questions. State Solicitor Heflin urged Miller to tell the truth.

"I am innocent," he replied, "and Duncan is innocent, too. If you hang Duncan you will hang an innocent man."

Duncan is Miller's alleged accomplice, who is serving a life sentence. Miller repeated prayers after Father O'Reilly just before the drop fell. Williams died in a religious frenzy.

One night in March, 1900, the safe of the Standard Oil Company was blown open and robbed by a gang of five men. Policeman G. W. Kirkley and J. W. Adams arrested Frank Miller and Frank Duncan. They broke away and fired at the officers, fatally wounding both of them. Later they were apprehended. Miller was convicted and given the death penalty and Duncan was given a life sentence in the penitentiary. Miller appealed to the German Embassador, claiming German citizenship, and that official requested the Governor to commute Miller's sentence, but this request was refused.

Williams was serving a life sentence for murder in the Pratt mines penitentiary when he killed Bob Callahan, a fellow-convict, stabbing him with a coalpick.

Cites Assessors to Appear.

CARSON, Nev., June 28.—Judge Hawley issued a restraining order in the matter of the application by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for an injunction against the Assessors of the State of Nevada, by which they are to be restrained from assessing the property of the Southern Pacific in the State of Nevada. It is directed to every Assessor in the State, and cites them to appear on July 15 and show cause why an injunction should not be granted.

THE DAY'S DEAD.

R. L. Craig.

LOS ANGELES, June 28.—R. L. Craig, head of the wholesale grocery house of R. L. Craig & Co. and president of the Los Angeles Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, died suddenly at his residence in this city at 9 o'clock this morning. The cause of his death was blood poisoning.

James B. Cook.

SANTA CRUZ, June 28.—James B. Cook died here this morning. He was a native of Massachusetts, aged 59 years.

Low Rates All Over the State.

Southern Pacific will sell Fourth of July excursion tickets at low rates from every ticket office on the system. On sale July 3 and 4, limited to July 8. For details inquire of nearest agent, or at 613 Market street.

PRAISE WORK OF THE UNIONS

Delegates to Conference in Chicago Discuss Labor.

DETROIT, June 28.—"Unification of Reform Forces and Organization" was the subject discussed at to-night's meeting of the second national social and political conference. Professor Seely of Ohio University, the first speaker, advocated direct legislation. H. G. Wilshire of Los Angeles, Cal., argued for a co-operative system as against the present competitive wage system, and asserted that three years from now the co-operative system would be recognized as the remedy for present economic conditions and would be generally adopted.

Professor E. W. Bemis of New York discussed "The Place of Trades Unions in Reform Movements." He said:

"In order to progress socially and economically we must educate and organize, and I think that the unions are giving men lessons that will help greatly in organizing the masses."

Discussing Professor Bemis' paper, the Rev. Mr. Mills of Chicago said that labor must follow the example of the great trusts, and by becoming political masters of the country make themselves an international factor.

During the afternoon delegates interested in single tax, the Ruskin Hall movement, mutual banking, prohibition and other special subjects formed themselves into groups and talked over these subjects.

DEATH AND PROSTRATION FROM INTENSE HEAT

New York Experiences the Warmest Weather of the Year, 92 in the Shade.

NEW YORK, June 28.—New York experienced the hottest weather of the year to-day, the thermometer registering 92 in the shade. In Greater New York eight deaths and fifty prostrations were reported up to midnight. In Jersey City and near-by towns in New Jersey about twenty prostrations occurred, but no deaths. To-night a gentle breeze cooled the atmosphere somewhat.

CHICAGO, June 28.—This was the eighth day of the hot wave. The temperature reached 93 degrees and there were two deaths.

OMAHA, Nebr., June 28.—To-day was the hottest June day on the records of the Weather Bureau, the thermometer reaching 100 degrees. The whole week has been a record-breaker, Wednesday the register was 98, and 96 was the minimum high point for the week.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 28.—The temperature at 4 p. m. was 100. Michael Carter, a plasterer, was overcome by the heat and his condition is critical.

PITTSBURG, June 28.—While the maximum temperature to-day was but 88 and the minimum 70, three deaths and several prostrations were reported.

BOER PRISONERS ARRIVE AT BERMUDA

HAMILTON, Bermuda, June 28.—The British transport Armenia, having on board the first shipload of Boer prisoners to be quartered on Darrels and Tuckers islands here, arrived in these waters today. Only the health officers are allowed to visit the ship at present. It is rumored that there is much sickness on board.

The Armenian had a good passage of eleven days from the island of St. Vincent. The prisoners seem to be in good spirits, though rather ragged in appearance. There was no case of infectious disease on board and the ship was allowed pratique. The prisoners are a mixed lot of native Dutch and Europeans. The water supply for the new arrivals is scarce, as the weather has been exceedingly dry, and the condensing apparatus for the camps has not yet been erected. It was only received this week from London. The prisoners were not landed today.

OUR ARMY IS THE BEST, SAYS LORD WOLSELEY

LONDON, June 28.—During the debate on the army reorganization bill in the House of Lords to-day Lord Wolseley, the former commander in chief of the army, declared that the United States army was the finest of its size in the world. He said its superiority was due to good wages. Great Britain was to face the alternative of conscription or bounties to secure recruits.

BOATING PARTY ENDS IN DEATH

Two Alameda Lads While Skylarking Fall Into Canal.

OAKLAND, June 28.—A boating party from Alameda on the tidal canal this evening terminated in the drowning of one boy and the making of a hero of another lad, who saved the life of one companion and almost succeeded in saving the boy who was drowned. The party was composed of four boys living in Alameda—Paul Bordwell, son of the late George A. Bordwell; Arthur Gott, son of a Park-street jeweler; Samuel Nathan and Claud Smith. Young Smith was drowend. Bordwell saved the life of Nathan. Smith is a colored lad and lived with his mother, Mrs. E. L. Smith, a dressmaker, at 2412 Buena Vista avenue.

The boys went out rowing shortly after dinner. About 10 o'clock it was proposed that they go home. This was opposed by Claud Smith, the boy who was drowned. The boys began struggling, Smith trying to hold Nathan to prevent him from rowing. In the scuffle Smith and Nathan fell overboard. Neither was able to swim.

Bordwell was the only one able to swim, and it devolved upon him to try to save the lives of his two companions in the water. He bravely swam for the struggling lads and managed to catch young Nathan and swim with him to the shore. He then returned for Smith, but he was too late. The colored lad sank in a deep hole. Young Gott remained in the boat.

Nathan is now under the care of a doctor, but will recover. Bordwell did not suffer any injury.

NEGRO KILLS TWO MEN TO ESCAPE A LYNCHING

West Virginia Mob Has to Pay Dearly for Attempting to Override Law.

PANTHER, W. Va., June 28.—The attempt of a mob to lynch a negro at Jager to-day resulted in the killing of two of the would-be lynchers. The negro, Peter Price, was accused of insulting a white woman. He was pursued by a crowd of men and sought refuge in a small room in the rear of a saloon. The mob battered down the door, and as they entered the room Price threw himself at them with the ferocity of a tiger with a knife in each hand. In cutting his way out he killed George Hooks and F. M. McGran and seriously cut Charles Davis.

As Price struck down these men the others fell back and the negro made his escape through an open window. Price was pursued and captured by officers, who hurriedly sent him to the jail at Welch. Hooks and McGran were both well-known citizens.

Fire in Watsonville.

WATSONVILLE, June 28.—Fire broke out last night in the grocery store of George M. Martin at the corner of Main and Fourth streets. The building was owned by P. Brassel. His loss was $5000, with no insurance. Martin's stock was insured for $2000.

Perishes in a Fire.

VALLEJO, June 28.—Mollie Werner lost her life early this morning in a conflagration that destroyed Grace Ketchum's lodging-house in the tenderloin district.

WILL PAY MORE THAN IS ASKED

China's Liberality in Dealing With the Nations.

Greedy Powers Will Gobble Up All the Money That Is Offered.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, June 28.—It is said at the State Department that the demand of the powers for 450,000,000 taels ($327,000,000) may be sufficient to meet even the additional claims some of the powers contemplate presenting to China. The department has received a statement of the claims presented by each power and they give a total of 415,000,000 taels ($301,000,000). It was suggested that 35,000,000 taels ($25,400,000), the difference between this sum and the amount of the lump sum demanded by the powers, be refunded to China. It is altogether unlikely that the powers will perform such an act of generosity. Germany proposes to increase its claim for military expenses by 10,000,000 or perhaps 12,000,000 taels.

Because Japanese bonds sell at less than par, 80 being the price quoted, the Japanese Government has informed the powers that it proposes to increase its indemnity in order that it may not suffer a loss in consequence of the expenses it has incurred. Japan has submitted a very modest claim, $25,000,000, and the authorities do not object to its efforts to secure an additional $5,000,000, which will reimburse it for the expenditures.

But the authorities seriously object to Germany's claim for additional compensation. It is feared that the effect of Germany's action will be to cause other powers to increase their claims, and if this should be done, then the 35,000,000 taels will be distributed among the governments anxious to wrest China's last cent from her treasury.

PEKING, June 28.—Word has been received here of the arrival of Duke Lan and Prince Tuan at Ulumski, Turkestan, in which place of banishment they have been sentenced to reside. A Russian Consul is stationed at Ulumski and he will notify the Russian Government should the banished Chinese leave that place.

DIPLOMAS FOR PUPILS OF SAN DIEGO NORMAL

Twenty-Two Graduates of the State Institution in the South Are Honored.

SAN DIEGO, June 28.—The annual commencement of the San Diego State Normal School was held last evening at the assembly room of that institution on University Heights. The principal portion of the exercises consisted of an address to the class by Isadore B. Dockweiler, one of the members of the board of trustees. A short address was made by W. R. Guy, president of the board, and the diplomas were handed to the graduates by President Black.

There are only twenty-two graduates this year. The other members of the class, who helped in the commencement exercises this spring, are to graduate next February. Those who received diplomas are:

Gwinn Page Anderson, Fanny Fern Bagby, Guy Owen Frazer, Edgar Variels Dodge, Mary Bissell Cleary, Maud Elizabeth Clark, Ross Stage Carter, William Thomas Hale, Stella Viola Henking, Elizabeth Le Breton Marston, Eliza Swift Torrence, Marie Bowie O'Bannon, Hazel Marjorie Woodruff, Anna Catherine Lee, Nellie Louise White, Aime Baxter Titus, Charles Belford Jones, Herbert Kirk Wood, Floyd Sydney Wines, Anna Edith Lookyer, Phoebe Elizabeth Lilliorap, Erma Wellington Ricker.

VAQUERO LASSOES AND KILLS A LARGE EAGLE

Exciting Combat Takes Place on the De Long Ranch Near San Rafael.

SAN RAFAEL, June 28.—An exciting battle took place on one of the large ridges of the De Long Ranch yesterday, when Thomas Sutton, a vaquero, lassoed and afterward killed an enormous eagle.

"Yesterday morning I was riding over the ranch, looking for some cattle," said Sutton to-day in describing the combat. "As I went up over a high knoll on the ridge I rode right on to two large eagles that were sitting on the ground. One of them became frightened and flew away. The other tried to fly, but was only able to flap along the ground, owing, I believe, to the fact that it had just gorged itself on a nearby carcass.

"I got out my riata and threw a loop over the bird. The rope fastened to a wing and then the fun commenced. The eagle flew at my horse. It was only by some lively running that I was able to tangle him up in a brush patch, where after considerable trouble I killed him. Eagles are scarce here, these two being the only ones seen in years."

Sutton took his prize to Novato, where it was an object of much curiosity, and later sent it to San Francisco to be mounted. The bird's wings had a spread of seven feet.

Marble for Statue of White.

LOS ANGELES, June 28.—Frank A. Kimball, a personal friend of the late Senator Stephen M. White, who owns a marble quarry near Victor, has offered to donate as much marble as will be required for the base of the White statue to be erected in this city.

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