

PIECNICS AT TAMPALPA Fresh Breeze Undoes the Work of the Fire-Fighters.

Conflagration Gets Beyond Control and Lays Waste Large Area.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN RAFAEL, July 5.—The fire that started on Mount Tamalpa yesterday afternoon still raging on the northern slopes. Gangs of men were this morning dispatched to the scene and every effort is being made to subdue the flames. Word was received this afternoon from William Barr, superintendent of the Lake Lagunitas Water Company, that the fire was under control. Later in the afternoon, however, a fresh breeze fanned the flames into renewed life and hundreds of acres of brush and forest were soon aflame.

The fire started on the picnic grounds at the western end of Lake Lagunitas. Heroic efforts were made at the time to get it under control. The water company sent wagonloads of men to the scene.

It was believed the fire would burn itself out during the night, but this morning found the flames reaching toward the west and north. The flames supplying this city with water were in jeopardy, but have not yet been extinguished. To-night the conflagration was racing toward Bill Williams Gulch, where it will prove hard to control. Efforts are being made to check the fire along the old wagon road leading to the summit of the mountain. If these be successful the scope of the fire will be confined to the mountain brush in the county, where it is impossible for men to accomplish much. Every precaution has been taken and the tavern at the summit of the mountain is believed to be safe. Near the top of the mountain the brush is so dry that it is checked should it ascend that far.

VETERANS AT SANTA CRUZ ELECT OFFICERS

Commander D. H. Bryant Remains at the Head of the Association.

SANTA CRUZ, July 5.—At Camp Wallace, Reynolds to-day the officers of the California Veterans' Association for the coming year were elected, as follows: Commander, D. H. Bryant of San Jose; senior vice commander, Philip Hynes of Santa Cruz; first vice commander, Mrs. Mary A. Galt of San Francisco; second vice commander, Mrs. S. J. Post of San Jose, for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; third vice commander, Captain L. B. Malory of Los Gatos; fourth vice commander, Mrs. Pearl Bibbins of Santa Cruz, for the Daughters of Veterans; fifth vice commander, Mr. Brandt of San Jose, for Mexican and Philippine War Veterans; sixth vice commander, Mrs. Gertrude Lewis of Los Gatos; chaplain, Rev. E. O. McCreary of Santa Cruz; quartermaster, J. C. Nichols of Los Gatos.

Moore Briggs of San Jose was appointed adjutant, and Commander J. C. Brown of Salinas chief of staff. The council of advisers consisting of the following officers was appointed by Commander Bryant: L. A. Mahoney, San Jose; L. J. Stone, San Jose; vice chairman, E. B. Pond and Mrs. Gertrude Jones of San Jose; P. B. Shuler, G. B. Fitch and Mrs. Abby Shuler, Los Gatos; Mrs. M. J. Galt, Los Gatos; Mrs. C. Mason Kings of San Francisco; Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie of Menlo Park; Mrs. C. Craighead and Mrs. Marie Colbaugh of Santa Cruz; Mrs. Merlicia, and E. Brown of Salinas, and Mrs. Eliza B. Brown and Mrs. Cora E. Merrill of Oakland.

The officers were installed this afternoon by Comrade D. Coates of Campbell.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE FRANCHISES Santa Clara Supervisors Clear the Way for Proposed Railroad System.

SAN JOSE, July 5.—The Board of Supervisors to-day took up the remaining three franchises for electric railways petitioned for by a syndicate of capitalists headed by George T. Dunne of Gilroy and instructed the clerk to advertise them for sale. A franchise for a road to Gilroy from this city was passed last Monday, and the franchise for a road to-day was passed for a road from this city to the Santa Clara and Alviso roads from this city to Los Gatos by way of Campbell. There was no opposition to the granting of the franchises. Bids are to be opened on August 19.

All of the roads must be completed in ten years. The franchise for the Santa Clara and Alviso road from Santa Clara must be begun within six months, the Los Gatos road in nine months and the Alviso road in one year. No restrictions were made in the sale of fare, except in the franchise for the Los Gatos road, which was fixed at not more than 30 cents, from Santa Clara to Agnew's and from Santa Clara to Alviso not more than 20 cents.

GIANT FIRECRACKER ROBS HIM OF SIGHT Premature Explosion Maims the Assistant Postmaster at East Highlands.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 5.—Charles Tyler, aged 22 years, was rendered totally blind as the result of the premature explosion of a large firecracker at East Highlands last evening. Tyler applied a match to the firecracker and walked away to await its explosion. The fuse of the fuse ceased and Tyler went to apply another match. Just as he was stooping over it the firecracker exploded. His left eye was entirely destroyed and he was terribly burned about the face and hands.

Child Plays With Powder.

SACRAMENTO, July 5.—Little Anna Casey, a six-year-old deaf and dumb child of H. R. Casey, was terrified if not fatally burned this afternoon. The child got some matches and set fire to powder which an elder sister had gathered from fireworks from the land. The child was found by her mother and sister when they were buried before they could put out the flames.

Bullet Ends His Life.

STOCKTON, July 5.—E. R. Drilling, a carpenter by trade, residing in Gambetta's Addition to Stockton, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was 37 years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

since then has largely increased in value. By article 7 of his will he provided that \$100,000 should be placed in the hands of trustees, the income from which was to be paid to Princess Hatzfeldt during her life and the capital to go to her issue at her death or, failing issue, to such persons as she might direct by will.

If the amount named failed to yield 4 per cent income or became reduced by untoward investment the trustees were authorized to make good other principal or interest out of other funds not specifically appointed under the preceding terms of the will. This request to the Princess was for her sole use and benefit and not for the debts of her husband. The same provision was made in the case of the other married legatees under the will.

TWO CRUISERS READY TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS IN ARGENTINE

Congress of the South American Republic Proclaims Buenos Ayres in a State of Siege for Six Months and Censors All Cablegrams Owing to the Participation of Anarchists in Local Disturbances



GENERAL VILLO-A-RONCA PRESIDENT OF THE DISTURBED ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND HIS FAVORITE RESIDENCE AT THE CAPITAL, WHERE ANARCHISTS ACTS HAVE CAUSED MARTIAL LAW TO BE PROCLAIMED.

ALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, July 5.—In case American interests in Argentine should be endangered by the trouble prevailing there, the projected cruisers Chicago and Atlanta will immediately sail for Buenos Ayres. Minister Lord, accredited to Argentine, has not cabled any information to the State Department showing that a serious condition of affairs has arisen, nor do his mail dispatches indicate that he anticipated an outbreak which would require the Government to apply martial law. Rear Admiral Cromwell, commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic station, only left Buenos Ayres a few weeks ago with his squadron for Rio de Janeiro, where he has since arrived. Had he anticipated trouble at the time he was sailing the authorities say he would certainly not have gone. Admiral Cromwell undoubtedly arranged to keep in communication with Mr. Lord, and if the latter thinks a warship necessary to insure the protection of American interests a dispatch to the naval officer will be followed by its appearance.

NEW YORK, July 5.—The Western Union Telegraph Company is advised that the Argentine Congress has declared Buenos Ayres in a state of siege for six months and has established censorship on all messages thereto.

BUENOS AYRES, July 5.—A state of siege has been proclaimed here. This is due to the participation of anarchists in local disturbances. Quiet now prevails here. Berdso, has resigned. The Government drawing the bill for the unification of the debt. The Minister of Finance, Dr. Enrique will send a message to Congress with-

SENSATIONAL RATE WAR AMONG TRUNK LINES OPERATING WEST FROM CHICAGO

Santa Fe Loses Trade in Such Alarming Proportions That It Makes a Cut of 50 Per Cent Below the Present Printed Tariffs

CHICAGO, July 5.—A rate fight of liberal proportions is on among the trunk lines operating between Chicago and Missouri River point centers. For several weeks there has been widespread though secret manipulation of rates on a head and to force the lines that have had no open rupture between any of the roads until to-day. When it became evident that peace could not be restored except by some drastic action of several of the roads began to plan open reductions in tariffs. The Santa Fe was the first to act, and to-day came out with an announcement that it would put in a scale of rates, effective July 15, between this city and Southwestern Missouri River points, which would be 50 per cent below the present printed tariffs.

It is believed that the action of the Santa Fe will be followed by similar announcements by all competitors and that the cuts are intended to bring the long standing secret fight for business to a head and to force the lines that have been out of the pool to become members. W. B. Biddle, freight traffic manager of the Santa Fe, discussing the cut in rates, said: "In making an open reduction in rates we are only doing what most of our competitors have been doing secretly for many weeks. Our traffic between Kansas City and Chicago has been decreasing week by week until it is now only 4 or 5 per cent of the total traffic between these points, while one of the weakest lines is carrying over 15 per cent. Such a condition of affairs could only be caused by secret rate cutting by our competitors. To stop such reduction we determined to make wholesale reduction in rates openly. If this reduction proves to be insufficient to stop secret rate cuttings we will open to make another big one. As soon as we are given assurance that all our competitors will maintain reasonable rates, we will advance ours to a normal basis, but not before then."

SQUATTERS MUST QUIT THE LAND

LOS ANGELES, July 5.—An order was filed in the Superior Court to-day which marks the ending of ten years' litigation, going through the California Supreme Court and receiving final determination in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The case is that of the Los Angeles Farming and Mining Company against C. S. Thompson and 124 other defendants, involving the validity of the original grant of about 75,000 acres of land in the upper end of San Fernando Valley, which might have been received from the State Supreme Court, stating that the original judgment in favor of the plaintiff was affirmed by the highest court in the land, and directing that the order of affirmation be entered against the defendants, who appealed the case.

The action was brought by the Farming and Mining Company to restrain the defendants from interference with its possession of the great tract of land in San Fernando Valley. The land was used for agricultural purposes. The defendants, Thompson and his co-defendants, conceived the idea that the title of the company's title was defective and might be held in possession in the event that the defendants' title was held to be invalid by the courts. To that end they formed an organization and proceeded to carry out the plan of "squinting on the land." The suit was filed, and a temporary restraining order was issued against the defendants to keep them from the land. But before they really submitted to this several of them were held in contempt of court for refusing to leave the premises.

Texas is the largest cotton State. Her product last year amounted to 2,248,000 bales. Georgia came second with 1,260,000 bales, Mississippi 1,225,000 and Alabama 1,035,000 bales.

Tulare County's Squirrel Crop. VISALIA, July 5.—Including to-day's count the total number of squirrel tails on deposit with the clerk of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors is 84,300. This number is the total for the month of July. The bounty on these tails amounts to \$2520. The bounty law has been repealed, and no bounty will be paid for squirrels killed after July 1.

Homesickness Leads to Suicide. EVERETT, Wash., July 5.—Earl G. Nutting, 22 years old, employed as a yardman at the Fellips Mill, hanged himself to-day in the basement of his general merchandise store at 6 o'clock last night. The cause was an explosion of oil in the basement. The smoke was so dense that the firemen could not enter the building, the only fire protection being a bucket brigade and the water tank of M. E. & E. T. Hay. There was no loss of life, although several persons were injured. Two blocks have been destroyed, and at 2:30 o'clock this morning the fire is spreading.

The principal losses are as follows: M. E. & E. T. Hay, \$100,000, fully insured; J. H. Robertson, blacksmith, \$500, no insurance; C. M. Carpenter's saloon and hotel, \$6000, insurance \$4000.

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GLASS HIS AGE AND SELF GOAL FIGHTS SWORD DEEL WITH THIEF

Elsinore Rancher Murders His Spouse With a Pick.

Commits Suicide by Holding His Head Under Water in a Spring.

Remarkable Combat in a San Bernardino Residence.

Seventeen-Year-Old Nita Lemon Worst Intruder in the Encounter.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 5.—"Two or three times I could have run my saber clear through my adversary, but the thought of seeing blood stopped me. My chief thought was to protect myself and escape. I had no desire whatever to hurt him. He thrust at me several times, but only once did he hurt me, and that was in the arm. The wound is quite sore and pains me considerably, but I will venture he yet feels that blow I gave him on the head."

Thus spoke Miss Nita Lemon, the 17-year-old daughter of Charles Lemon, a conductor on the Santa Fe. In describing to-night her experiences in one of the most remarkable sword fights on record. The young girl, attacked by a strange man, who invaded her home while she was alone, had picked up a member of which to defend herself. Her assailant, himself an adept at fencing, had seized the weapon's hilt, and the battle for life followed Miss Lemon's expert sword play stood her in such good stead that she succeeded in putting her opponent to flight after receiving a slight scratch on the arm.

Miss Lemon's father was in Bakerville, California, at the time of the fight, and the young lady was left to stop with her grandparents at night and to care for the house by day. On Tuesday morning while making a tour of inspection of her home she was suddenly confronted by a man whom she describes as a Frenchman of an appearance placed on the ranch by Mrs. Tiedman, and it is supposed that the couple quarreled over property matters.

The Tiedmans were married here less than six months ago. The prospective bride refused to have Tiedman get the girl until he had done to her the ranch, which consisted of eighty acres of land and a small cottage. This Tiedman finally agreed to do, and the transfer was made and recorded at the same time as the license. On the license book Tiedman's age appears as 60 and his wife's as 20. The marriage was recently placed on the ranch by Mrs. Tiedman, and it is supposed that the couple quarreled over property matters.

FOSSIE ON TRAIL OF A MURDER SUSPECT San Bernardino Deputy Sheriffs Pursue the Alleged Slayer of Francisco Vera.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 5.—Sheriff Rouse this morning found a clew to the mysterious murder of Francisco Vera, whose body was discovered near Crafton yesterday with a knife penetrating the back of his head. The man, who is believed to be the murderer, is now in pursuit of him, but as he has eight hours start it is believed he will succeed in reaching the Mexican border.

Yegano is well known throughout Southern California as a dangerous character. He has been charged with several crimes of serious crime. He went to Crafton last Sunday from San Diego County, ostensibly to treat a sick patient. On Wednesday night he was arrested and the latter was afterward lured to his death on the pretext that he was to be taken to the hospital. The alleged murderer is a half-breed, 55 years old and fairly well educated.

On Tuesday morning I returned home shortly after 7 o'clock and got myself into a state of mind. I was wearing my mamma and Carl. While I was arranging my hair I heard a peculiar noise in the kitchen. I went to see what it was. I went to the incident, but five minutes later the noise was renewed, and believing it was caused by rats I went to the back of the house. I saw a man and I quietly opened the pantry door and said, "Catch 'em, kitty."

Just as I was about to close the door I saw a man in the face said: "Well, now, if there is going to be any catching I will do it." I was thoroughly frightened, and the fact that every door and window in the house was locked securely flashed over my mind instantly. I was alone in the house, and I did not know what to do. Upon regaining my senses my first thought was, what means this man's coming to my house? I was in the front room the first object I saw was a saber, which my sister and I had often used for practice. Naturally, I was somewhat excited with its use, for when papa lived in Los Angeles he had sister take fencing lessons from a French professor for several months. When I took the saber into my hands I turned around and saw that the stranger had followed me into the room. Looking at a center table he saw a long sword, which papa uses at lodge. He quickly rushed by me, and picking it up said angrily: "That is your game, but can play at it."

Then he struck at me, but I parried the blow. My saber was slight in weight, but the weapon he used, but I had not forgotten my former training and I went at him. I saw that my life depended upon my own strength and determination to do my best I met him face to face.

Wounds Her in the Arm. "The villain almost immediately started to fight unfairly. His brutal instincts became more evident at every blow. His first thrust pricked the skin of my left arm and tore the sleeve of my dress. At this juncture I fully realized the danger that I faced, for I saw that he was an expert with the sword. Turning my saber over my right shoulder I brought it down with my utmost strength over the man's left shoulder, which caused him to stagger and before he could recover I took the blade of the saber in my hands and dealt him another blow on the head.

It seemed as though I had before me a man who was determined to do me harm. I went across the street to tell brother Hancock what he could call the police, but just as I was entering the yard I looked around and saw that the man was running away as fast as he could down Ninth street, toward the railway shops. Mr. Hancock accompanied me home and found the tracks of the intruder in our house and evidence of our duel."

Director of the Mint Roberts, who has been in charge of the building for two weeks, yesterday removed all the gold from the cashier's working vault and after counting the gold received by the cashier a large vault. One million dollars was placed in the working vault and Temporary Cashier Pedlar gave a receipt for the same. The vault was locked at 10 o'clock, hours, locked the steel doors of the vault and also placed a seal on the door.

Director of the Mint Roberts yesterday sent a request to Washington for assistance in the investigation of the robbery. Chief of Secret Service Wilkie immediately replied that he had detailed a special agent to Washington for assistance in the investigation of the robbery, who is now at work on the case.

Director Roberts declined to make any further statements yesterday, but he said that certain evidence must be withheld until completed to the degree to warrant an arrest.

HAS A GOOD RECORD. Santa Barbara People Say Walter Dimmick Was an Exemplary Man.

SANTA BARBARA, July 5.—Walter Dimmick, chief clerk of the Mint, was formerly for many years a resident of Santa Barbara. He was a man of business, and a prominent member of the law here and afterward engaged in the banking business. William Eddy, T. H. Law and other business men who knew Dimmick here say he was an exemplary man.

Difficult Digestion. That is dyspepsia. Its sufferers eat not because they want to—but simply because they must. They know they are irritable and fretful; but they cannot be otherwise. They complain of a bad taste in the mouth, a tenderness at the pit of the stomach, an uneasy feeling of puffiness, heartache, headache, and what not. The effectual remedy, proved by permanent cures of thousands of severe cases, is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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