READY TO CHECK KLONDIKE PLOT

United States Does Not Sanction the Bold Conspiracy.

If Necessary Troops Will Be Stationed on Border to Prevent Filibustering.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—No information has been received by the State Department regarding the alleged purpose of American miners and others to establish a republic in the Northwest Territory of Canada, and no complaint concerning this movement has been made to the State Department by Lord Pauncefote, the British Embassador.

The movement will not receive the official support of the United States. Furthermore, action will be taken to prevent filibustering expeditions from organizing on Alaskan soil and marching into Canada. If necessary orders will be given to the troops in Alaska to take stations on the boundary line and prevent any violation of the neutrality laws. The authorities do not believe the movement is important and they expect that as soon as the winter is over the Canadian police will disperse the men involved in the affair.

OTTAWA, Nov. 26. — Superintendent Primrose of the mounted police, who has been in charge of the Dawson district for some time past, arrived in the city this morning on three months' leave of absence. Superintendent Primrose was one of those who advised the Government of the report that reached him of a scheme to capture Canadian territory in the Yukon. He afterward said that he was unable to confirm it. Superintendent Primrose reported to Comptroller White of the mounted police here and the latter afterward stated that the last had been heard of the Yukon scare.

HUNTINGTON AT HEAD OF RAILWAY COMPANY

Financial Plans of Promoters of the Los Angeles Interurban System.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—The Pacific Electric Railway Company has organized with H. E. Huntington as president, Espes Randolph as vice president, I. W. Hellman as treasurer and E. B. Holliday of San Francisco as secretary.

Plans for financing the company have been approved and the funds for the construction of the lines which are to constitute the proposed Huntington-Hellman interurban system are to be obtained by the sale of bonds. As fast as the different "feeders" are built bonds covering the construction will be placed in the market. The promoters probably will take most of the securities. The company is authorized to bond in the sum of $10,000,000.

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WILL NAME OFFICERS

Caucus Is Called by the Majority in the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The Republican members of the House of Representatives will meet in caucus Saturday at 2 o'clock for the purpose of nominating House officers. There is no contest and Speaker Henderson and the other elective officers will be re-elected. It is expected that there will be quite a sharp contest over readopting the Reed rules. All the afternoon and evening, if necessary, will be given to the subject.

The Democratic caucus will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday to nominate minority candidates and also to nominate the few employes conceded to the minority in the House.

DRILLING SHIP IRIS SUFFERS NO DAMAGE

United States Vessel That Went Ashore Near Iloilo Is Again Afloat.

MANILA, Nov. 26.—The United States drilling ship Iris, which, as cabled November 24, had then been aground on a reef near Iloilo, island of Panay, for three days, which was succored by the cruiser New York and by the gunboat Yorktown, has been floated. It is believed that she did not sustain any damage.

Patterson, an Englishman, the secretary of Sixto Lopez, who was smuggled ashore by Fiske Warren of Boston, was taken before the Collector of the Port, with Morgan Shusler, when he called at the Custom-house for his baggage. The Collector requested that he take the oath of allegiance, and as Patterson refused to do so he will be deported.

Battle Expected With Convicts.

LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Nov. 26.—Warden McClaughery has received word of the capture at Tuscumbia, Ala., of James Seymour, one of the convicts who escaped during the mutiny. Captain Telford leaves to-night to bring him back. Word has also been received that a posse of Deputy United States Marshals have surrounded Keating and Murray in the Shawnee hills, Indian Territory. These men are desperate convicts and a battle is expected.

POSTUM CEREAL.

COFFEE IMPORTER

Tells Some Plain Facts.

One of the heaviest importers of coffee in America and who requests that his name be kept from the public in connection with the following subject because of the effect it would have on his business, says: "I have used coffee for over thirty-five years, but about a year ago was compelled to discontinue its use on account of its effect on my health. Since that time I have used nothing in its place but Postum Cereal Food Coffee, and properly prepared it is simply delicious with cream and sugar.

"In connection with this I have also used Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food. While in Florida this winter I carried a package with me all the time, so if I was unable to get what I wanted for breakfast I could rely on my own supply.

"Any one who could have known of my condition a year ago, and the very great improvement now, would have no cause to question the wisdom of my change from the old-fashioned diet to the present."

This man is one of the best known coffee experts in the world and his testimony regarding the flavor of Postum Cereal Food Coffee is noteworthy.

Now and then a person gets Postum Food Coffee served under-boiled and consequently almost tasteless. A chemical change takes place in Postum after it has been actively boiled for twelve or fifteen minutes; this change brings out the food value and the delicious taste. It does not answer to simply leave it on the stove for fifteen minutes, it must stand on the stove until boiling commences, then be allowed to bubble fifteen minutes.

A piece of butter twice the size of a pea should be put in the pot to keep it from boiling over.

Many a man or woman continues in a half sick state from month to month, not knowing that the drug in the coffee they use is the cause; try leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee. That change has worked salvation for many skeptical sick ones.

BRITAIN'S WAR PLEASES EUROPE

Powers Have No Desire for Attempt at Intervention.

United States Not Likely to Intercede for the Boers.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Despite the apparent desire of the powers of continental Europe that the United States should intervene to stop the war in South Africa, the administration officials express the opinion that those governments really prefer its continuance.

This belief is based upon the fact that the prolongation of the struggle weakens Great Britain and makes the European nations relatively stronger. It is true that unofficial suggestions have been advanced to the United States to interfere, but these suggestions have always been met with the response that the scene of the war is 8000 miles away from this country and there is no excuse for intervention.

Great Britain has been extremely friendly to the United States. She has without hesitation granted important concessions, notably in the matter of the isthmian canal treaty, and she has promptly settled all questions which have arisen in connection with the South African war.

The latest case to which her attention has been called is that of Lenon Porter, an American boy, who is serving in the British army. Young Porter's father claimed that he had been employed as a muleteer on a vessel transporting British mules to South Africa and that he was practically forced to enlist in the British army. An investigation made by the State Department established that no pressure was applied to young Porter and that he enlisted of his own free will. It is emphatically denied that Great Britain has a recruiting station in this country. The British Government is now inquiring into the case of Porter. He will probably be discharged from the British army and returned to his parents.

HOLDS IT A VIOLATION OF LAWS OF MONTANA

Governor Toole Makes a Statement About the Northern Securities Company Plan.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 26.—Governor Toole to-day replied to the request of Governor Van Sant of Minnesota for his views on the absorption of the stock of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington railways by the Northern Securities Company. Governor Toole says that according to the interpretation of Governor Van Sant of the objects of the Securities Company the absorption is a plain violation of the constitution and laws of Montana. He says he does not now know what legal means can be taken to defeat the objects of the consolidation, but whatever they are they will be brought into operation.

The Governor says the constitution of Montana plainly forbids just what the attorneys of the Northern Securities Company have accomplished. He intimates that the company is trying to do indirectly what it could not under the Montana law do directly, and he says that while the plan appears to be a successful evasion of the law, it shall not be so taken until the court of last resort has passed upon the question. He promises the active aid of the Attorney General of the State and says that later he will fix a date for meeting and conferring with Governor Van Sant.

Deputies Debate Over Indemnity.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—The Chamber of Deputies, after a stormy sitting this afternoon, passed the second article of the Chinese indemnity bill. Previous to the passage of this article, however, and in spite of the Government's opposition, the Chamber adopted by large majorities two amendments to the bill. The first amendment provides for the publication of a detailed statement of the expense of floating the loan and the second amendment is directed to setting aside a sufficient sum as capital with which to pay the pensions awarded to the troops wounded in the French expedition to China and indemnities to the families of the men killed there.

THE DAY'S DEAD.

Martin Hogan.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Martin Hogan, the Irish patriot, died to-day at the County Hospital. He was 93 years of age. Hogan, together with others interested in the Fenian movement, was convicted of treason in 1866 and transported to the English penal colony in Australia. In 1869 Hogan and his companions, excepting John Boyle O'Reilley, who had previously escaped, were rescued by a boat which had been fitted out for the purpose by Irish sympathizers.

Clarence Selah.

O'NEILL, Nebr., Nov. 26.—Judge Clarence Selah died at his home early to-day of typhoid fever. He published papers at O'Neil and Ewing during the early history of the State. He was prominent in politics for many years. He had been a member of the Legislature and in 1897 was elected Judge of Holt County. He was a Populist State Committeeman at the time of his death.

Russell Munger.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 26.—Russell Munger, a well-known pioneer music dealer with theatrical and musical firms all over the United States, died to-day at the Rochester Hospital for the Insane, where he was committed a few months ago for safeguarding. He occupied a leading position in Northwestern musical circles for many years.

Juan de la Mata Boronda.

MONTEREY, Nov. 26.—Juan de la Mata Boronda died in this city last night after a long illness. He was a member of one of California's oldest Spanish families, and was born in Monterey eighty-four years ago. Boronda at one time owned the Laurellas rancho, in this county, now the property of the Pacific Improvement Company.

R. L. Stillman.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 26.—R. L. Stillman, a prominent Minneapolis attorney, died in an inter-urban streetcar last night. Coroner Miller decided that apoplexy was the cause of death. Stillman was born at Chester, Pa., in 1851. He was a prominent member of the Royal Arcanum and well known politically.

Major James Burney.

MONTEREY, Nov. 26.—Major James Burney died in Seaside this morning. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was 87 years of age. He came to California from South Carolina thirty years ago. Major Burney leaves considerable property.

Joseph Henry Thayer Bussey.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 26.—Professor Joseph Henry Thayer Bussey, professor emeritus of New Testament criticism and interpretation of Harvard University, died to-day in his seventy-fourth year.

James Fletcher.

GENOA, Nov. 26.—James Fletcher, United States Consul in this city, is dead. He was born in England and was appointed from Iowa eighteen years ago.

Frank Hunt.

WOODLAND, Nov. 26.—Frank Hunt, an old resident and hotel-keeper of Davisville, dropped dead this morning. Paralysis and heart failure were the cause.

BRIGANDS WANT SNOW TO MELT

Captors of Miss Stone In No Hurry to Negotiate.

Consul General's Absence From Sofia Causes Apprehension.

SOFIA, Nov. 26.—The brigands are determined to wait until the disappearance of the snow permits them freedom of movement before resuming negotiations for the release of Miss Stone and Madame Tsilka.

The impression which prevails among the best-informed people here is that Consul General Dickinson's departure for Constantinople increases the difficulty of gaining the confidence of the brigands and expediting a settlement of the ransom question.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Mr. Leischmann, United States Minister to Constantinople, called at the State Department prior to his return to his post, having been on leave of absence in this country. As he returns to Turkey in an interesting and critical stage, owing to the pendency of Miss Stone's case, it was necessary for the department to equip him fully with instructions.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The battleship Missouri will be launched at Newport News, Saturday, December 28 next.

MANILA, Nov. 26.—The United States lighthouse steamer General Alava has been towed into Sorsogon, Southeast Luzon, with her shaft broken.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The Branch Appellate Court, through Judge Waterman, to-day ruled that a policeman or other public officer cannot assign his salary.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Frank A Munsey, the publisher, has purchased a controlling interest in the New York Daily News from Mrs. Benjamin A. Wood.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 26.—An official bulletin issued to-day says Queen Wilhelmina has recovered from her recent illness and will be able to go out in a few days.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Arrangements have been made for the opening of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition by the President next Monday.

VALPARAISO, Nov. 26.—It is declared here that the recent rumors of war between Chile and the Argentine Republic are due to speculation in gold exchange and stocks.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—The Bundesrath to-day adopted the navy estimates for 1902, aggregating 209,000,000 marks, which is 3,400,000 marks less than the budget committee's estimates.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Abraham Pleser, charged with having set fire to a Greenwich-street tenement-house in which sixty-two persons were asleep, was arrested to-day and booked for arson.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 26.—The jury in the District Court has brought in a verdict of guilty against Walter Bourne, former deputy County Auditor, tried on a charge of false auditing and fraud.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Nov. 26.—The Peruvian Minister, Senor Orman, and the Bolivian Minister of Foreign Affairs, have signed a protocol submitting to arbitration the pending questions between their respective countries.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 26.—John E. Connor, a blacksmith, has begun suit in the Canadian courts against the Canadian Government to recover an estate valued at over $3,000,000. The estate comprises the site of the town of Guelph, in Ontario, a city of 16,000 people.

Jury Returns No Verdict.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—After deliberating for nearly thirty hours the jury in the case of John L. Semple, the Camden, N. J., lawyer, who was tried in the United States District Court here charged with aiding and abetting counterfeiters, was unable to agree and was this afternoon discharged by Judge McPherson. Semple was accused of having assisted Arthur Taylor and Baldwin S. Bredell in the manufacture of plates from which were printed $20 counterfeit notes.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

BEECHE WINS LIBEL SUIT.—In the libel of Salusteo Beeche et al. versus the steamer Hyades, United States District Judge de Haven yesterday ordered a decree in favor of the libelant for $6100, with interest, for material furnished.

LEG FRACTURED.—John Cullen, who resides at 3104 Point Lobos avenue, was knocked down last night by a car on the Sutro line at the corner of Fifth avenue and Clement street. He sustained a compound fracture of the right leg.

ORDERS DESTRUCTION OF NET.—Judge Buckles of Fairfield, Solano County, yesterday ordered the destruction of fishing paraphernalia seized by the Fish Commission and over which no one claimed owenership. The net was taken in the Sacramento River, where it had been set to catch salmon in violation of the law.

WORKMAN'S LEG BROKEN BY A FALL.—Michael Tracy, a workman employed by the Oregon Improvement Company, had his right leg broken by a fall yesterday. Tracy was walking over a gangplank, when it broke, precipitating him to the wharf. He was taken to the City and County Hospital for treatment.

MRS. PETERS ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES.—The trial of the suit of Sarah J. Peters against William Ehrenpfort for $10,000 damages for injuries she received by falling over a trapdoor in front of Ehrenpfort's premises at Eighth and Natoma streets, was commenced in Judge Hunt's court yesterday. Mrs. Peters claims that the accident was caused by Ehrenpfort's carelessness.

Builders' Contracts.

Mary E. Callahan (owner) with O. A. Cramer (contractor), architect C. A. Meussdorffer—All work except mantels, gas fixtures and shades for alterations and additions to convert a two-story and basement frame building into three flats, on S line of Geary street, 82:6 E of Octavia, E 27:6 by S 120; $7100.

M. H. de Young (owner) with George Goodman (contractor), architect Clinton Day—Excavation for basement and trenches, all concrete work in foundation walls and piers for a seven-story brick and iron building with cellars, on S line of Geary street, 192:6 W of Stockton, W 55 by S 137:6; $5688.

Same owner with Thomas Butler (contractor), architect same—Brick, granite, wrought and cast iron work for same on same; $32,165.

Same owner with Peter Crichton (contractor), architect same—Timber and framing, flooring, roofing, tin and galvanized iron work, skylights, lathing, plastering, window frames and sash, door frames and doors, inside finish, stairs, trimming hardware, painting, finishing and whitewashing for same on same; $20,188.

Same owner with William F. Wilson Company (corporation) (contractors), architect same—Plumbing and sewer work for same on same; $2050.

E. W. Bennett (owner) with Jacob Schuler (contractor), architect August Nordin—All work except mantels, shades and gas fixtures for alterations and additions to a two-story and basement frame building at 640-642 Castro street, W side; $1843.

Minnie P. Shotwell (owner) with F. W. Kern (contractor), architect Nathaniel Blaisdell—Carpenter and mill work, etc., being all work included in general contract (but not including tiling, lathing, plastering, plumbing, sewering, gas fitting, steam heating, trimming hardware, electrical work, marble work, elevator, wainscoting of bathrooms, lavatory and closets, painting, tinting and finishing) for a six-story and basement brick building, on S line of Eddy street, 137:6 W of Mason, W 55 by S 137:6; $17,855.

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Tuesday, November 26.

U S stmr Thetis, Buhne, 3 days from Seattle.

SAILED.

Tuesday, November 26.

Stmr Bonita, Nepander, for Port Harford.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

SAN DIEGO—Arrived Nov 26—Stmr Santa Rosa, from San Francisco; stmr St Denis, from Ensenada.

Sailed Nov 26—Stmr Santa Rosa, for San Francisco.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

MOVILLE—Arrived Nov 27—Stmr Ethiopia, from New York, for Glasgow, and proceeded.

NEW YORK—Arrived Sept 26—Stmr Bremen, from Bremen and Cherbourg.

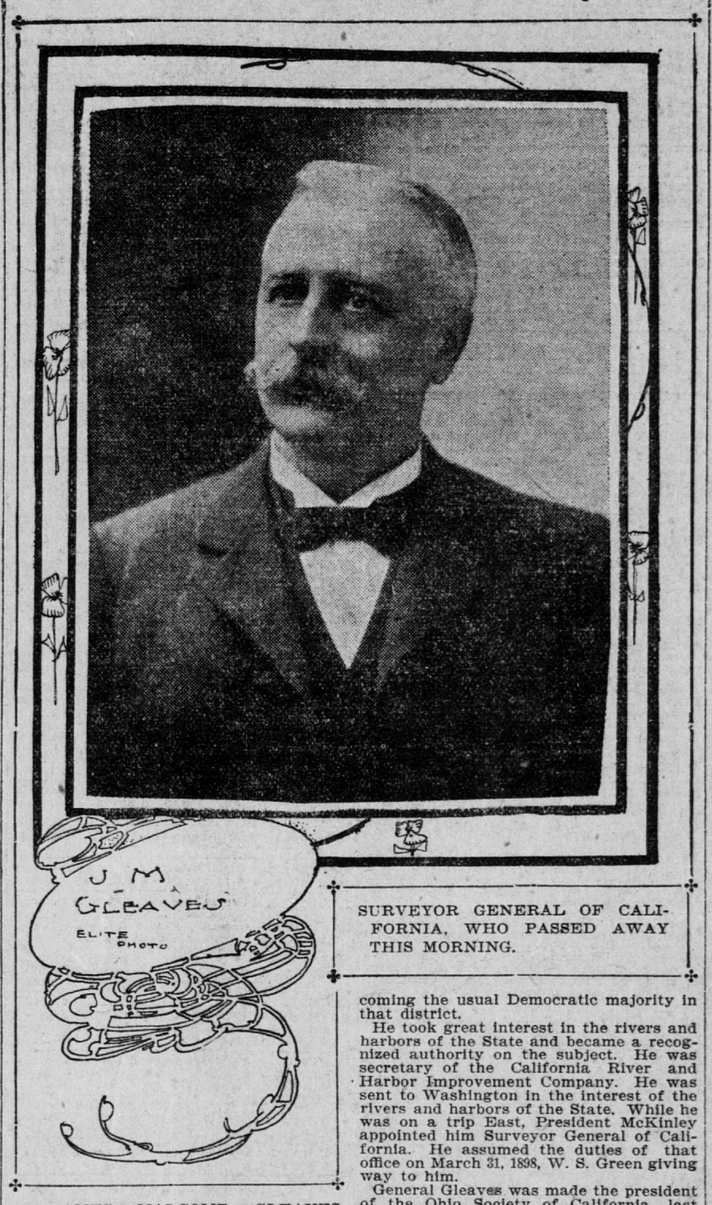
Arrived Nov 27—Stmr Menominee, from London.

LIZARD—Passed Nov 26—Stmr Amsterdam, from New York, for Boulogne sur Mer and Amsterdam.

The average American's views of Europe are mostly stereoscopic.

DEATH SUMMONS CITIZEN WHO SERVED STATE WELL

Surveyor General James M. Gleaves, Who Took Deep Interest in California's Rivers and Harbors, Dies After an Operation



SURVEYOR GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

JAMES MALCOMB GLEAVES, United States Surveyor General of the State of California, died at Waldeck Sanatorium at 2 o'clock this morning.

James Malcomb Gleaves had been a resident of this city for four years and of the State for twenty-seven years. His residence here was at 889 Pine street. He was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, on September 10, 1852, and was educated in the University of Missouri, to which State he went when a boy. He taught school for a time after graduating and in 1874 came to California and taught here for a short period. In 1875 he settled in Shasta County, following the occupation of a mining engineer. Later he was elected Surveyor of that county. In 1894 he was elected State Senator from the Second District, on the Republican ticket, overcoming the usual Democratic majority in that district.

He took great interest in the rivers and harbors of the State and became a recognized authority on the subject. He was secretary of the California River and Harbor Improvement Company. He was sent to Washington in the interest of the rivers and harbors of the State. While he was on a trip East, President McKinley appointed him Surveyor General of California. He assumed the duties of that office on March 31, 1898, W. S. Green giving way to him.

General Gleaves was made the president of the Ohio Society of California last year and helped entertain President McKinley when he came to San Francisco in May of this year.

It was feared for a time that General Gleaves was suffering from ptomaine poisoning. A week ago last Sunday he ate some broiled lobster and shortly afterward was attacked by severe pains in the stomach. Dr. W. D. Clark was summoned, and after a few days the patient gave indications of recovering. So well, in fact, had he become that he commenced to make arrangements for returning to his office. Last Sunday he took a drive through Golden Gate Park to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. Upon returning to his home the general experienced no immediate ill effects from his recreation, but during the evening he was taken suddenly ill and complained of severe pains in the abdominal region.

On Monday he was removed to the Waldeck Sanitarium, where an operation for appendicitis was successfully performed, but no sign of that malady was found.

SETTER GUARDS RUNAWAY CHILD

Victoria Martin, Aged 11, Starts Out to See the World.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Nov. 26.

A pretty little girl and an Irish setter were the first passengers this morning in the police patrol wagon. They had both strayed from their homes and when weary of wandering had shared a bed under the stars in a vacant lot at the corner of Forty-seventh street and San Pablo avenue.

Victoria Martin is 11 years old. Her father is dead. Her mother "works in the city." Victoria is "boarded out," as she calls it, with Mrs. M. E. Strange, a colored woman, living at 1771 Goss street.

Instead of going to school Victoria devoted yesterday afternoon to seeing the world. She invaded territory to her unknown and by evening the little girl was completely lost. She had formed the acquaintance of the setter during the afternoon and night found them still together. Victoria had treated the dog's advances with patronizing condescension, but as darkness fell the relations changed and by the time the stars were all hung out doggie was in full charge of the expedition.

When Mrs. Dr. H. E. Rowell looked out this morning on the vacant lot adjoining her residence she discovered Victoria and her guardian. They were lying side by side. The little girl was still asleep, cuddled close to her warm coated friend, with her arms clasped tightly around his neck.

The dog resented Mrs. Rowell's interference, but when Victoria awoke they both enjoyed the breakfast that was soon provided for them.

Mrs. Rowell notified the police and dog and girl were transported to the City Prison, where Victoria was later claimed by Mrs. Strange and taken home. The dog, finding his charge in good hands, resumed his wanderings alone.

HUSBAND AND WIFE HURT IN RUNAWAY

J. Sorenson Dragged a Block and His Spouse Pitched Out of Their Buggy.

OAKLAND, Nov. 26.—J. Sorenson, foreman for Wellman, Peck & Co., San Francisco, wholesale grocers, and his wife were badly bruised this evening in a runaway accident on Washington street. Sorenson was driving a spirited horse along the thoroughfare when he noticed that one of the traces had slipped from the singletree of the buggy shafts. He quietly turned into the curb just north of Thirteenth street to refasten the tug. Just as he stepped out the horse jumped and tore up Washington street, dragging Sorenson along the street, his wife in the buggy screaming with fright. At Fourteenth street the horse ran into a telegraph pole, throwing Sorenson under the buggy wheels and pitching Mrs. Sorenson headlong over the dashboard. She landed on the horse's back, and that saved her life.

Assistance was quickly at hand. After recovering sufficiently Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson went to their residence at 1009 Pine street. The buggy and horse were uninjured.

CHIEF HODGKINS CHARGES FRAUD

Accuses Pound Officials of Looting the City Treasury.

OAKLAND, Nov. 26.—According to the report made by Chief of Police Hodgkins to-day to City Clerk Church, Poundmaster Swift and his deputies have been for some time past successfully operating a scheme for looting the city treasury by means of false returns.

The law allows the poundmaster $1 50 a head for all dead pigs picked up within the city limits. The average harvest prior to Poundmaster Swift's incumbency was about fifty pigs per annum. In 1900, however, the pound received $1 50 a head for 349 dead pigs removed from the streets and this year up to November 12 the total is 878.

Police investigations, which are borne out by the confession of Deputy Poundmaster Frank McClelland, show that the pound officials have been collecting infant pigs in all directions, drawing largely on the refuse of various slaughter houses. The crop was at times too large for the market and the police report tells how the surplus was stored in pickle and drawn on from time to time to keep up with the financial requirements of the pound management.

The City Council will take action on the report at its next meeting.

Licensed to Marry.

OAKLAND, Nov. 26.—Licenses to marry were issued to-day to Edward C. Murray, aged over 21 years, and Anna C. Bromley, over 18, both of Oakland; James H. McCall, 24, and Annie L. Bryant, 22, both of Oakland; Oscar A. Cozard, over 21, and Marguerite M. Bistorious, over 18, both of Oakland; Marcus Eads, 35, and Adelle Berdon, 30, both of San Francisco; Oluf M. Nygaard, 33, and Hattie Quime, 26, both of San Francisco; Ludwig Reinestsen, 38, San Francisco, and Mary L. Reick, 29, Oakland; Edward W. Neidt, 29, and Eliza H. Chaloner, 22, both of Oakland.

Spring Valley Presents Stock.

OAKLAND, Nov. 26.—Testimony in the Clough-Spring Valley Water case to-day developed that William Brooks and W. A. Yates, employes of the Spring Valley Water Works, had been presented with stock in the Washington and Murray Township Company after it had been purchased by the big corporation. They admitted that after receiving the stock they took no interest in the township ditch and hardly knew of its existence, the intention of their employers being to establish that it had been abandoned.

Railway Man Promoted.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 26.—A. B. C. Deniston, city passenger agent of the Great Northern Railroad, was to-day formally tendered the position of general Western passenger agent of that road, to succeed R. C. Stevens, deceased. Mr. Deniston left to-night for St. Paul, and it is understood that on his arrival there he will accept the position.

The word influence at first had an astrological meaning. It referred to the subtle energy supposed to emanate from the sun, moon and stars, and to exercise some mystic power over the human race.

TWO MERCHANTS FACE COURT'S IRE

Contempt Proceedings Sequel to Peculiar Robbery.

Cayucos Business Men Are Fighting for Their Liberty and Honor.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—From the little town of Cayucos, San Luis Obispo County, comes a sensational legal case involving the honor and liberty of two prominent business men. It is being heard in the United States District Court of this city, where Judge Olin Wellborn is trying three persons for contempt. The story involves the sudden failure of a supposedly rich firm, the disappearance of many thousands of dollars, the peculiar robbery of a safe which was not injured and a mysterious woman who has exerted an influence over one of the partners.

Natels de Gottardi and David E. Righetti for many years conducted a general merchandise store in Cayucos, a town of about 400 inhabitants. Despite humble surroundings, the firm did a big business and turned over many hundreds of dollars each week. On April 30, 1901, it was indebted to merchants and banks in the sum of $30,000. De Gottardi came to Los Angeles on April 27 and collected about $6000 in cash from Loeb, Feishman & Co.

This amount he claims to have put into the firm's safe in Cayucos, together with $1500 of his own money, the same night.

On the morning of May 1 De Gottardi and Righetti announced that their safe had been robbed by burglars, who had secured entrance to the store by drilling the rear door. The safe was not damaged in the least.

Creditors Take a Hand.

San Francisco creditors sent for the partners, and they were examined in that city before a referee. The result was that the creditors attached the store and stock. Bankruptcy proceedings were instituted, and the partners were ordered to appear before Referee Louis Lamy in San Luis Obispo.

In that examination it was ascertained that De Gottardi had disposed of a one-half interest to his brother-in-law; that he had drawn from the firm's cash $6500 within six weeks prior to the so-called robbery; that Righetti had sold his interest in a dairy business for a $2000 note, which he claims to have given to his wife; that he also drew $1200 out of the firm's business and purchased with it a house and lot, which he immediately homesteaded; that the firm on May 1, after the alleged robbery, had paid to F. A. Dorn, a San Luis Obispo attorney, $2000, which the partners claimed was in payment of an $800 bill, the $2000 being a retainer for the burglary case.

During the first examination before the referee both De Gottardi and Righetti refused to answer vital and important inquiries on the ground that "my answer might tend to incriminate me and might be made the foundation of a criminal action against me, and it might have a tendency to subject me to punishment for a crime."

Refuse to Answer Questions.

The referee grew tired of an empty proceeding and brought the affair to the ears of Judge Wellborn, who decided that the questions must be answered.

When the examination was taken up again in October De Gottardi was asked what disposition he had made of the $6500 drawn from the firm's funds. The witness replied that he had given to a woman $6000 and to a physician $425.

"Who are these persons?" he was asked.

De Gottardi refused to answer. When pressed regarding the mysterious woman the father of five children informed the court that he had got into some trouble with her. That was the reason he had given her the $6000. The witness would not reveal more on this score and his refusal is a cause of the contempt case now on.

Mrs. Righetti, wife of the partner, is up for contempt also. She claims to have received a $2000 note from her husband, but refused to reveal anything more regarding it.

No Evidence of Robbery.

Referee Lemy, after taking all the testimony, found:

First—That there had been no robbery.

Second—That there had been no affair with a woman and the subsequent payment to her of $6000 by De Gottardi.

Third—That there had been no $425 payment to a physician.

On October 17 the referee, therefore, ordered the firm to pay to the trustee the sum of $7500; De Gottardi to pay the sum of $5000, making in all a total of $12,500. The two were given twenty-four hours in which to put up the money in favor of the creditors.

The orders were not obeyed by either De Gottardi or Righetti, consequently both are in the United States District Court upon contempt proceedings, fighting for liberty.

Attorney F. A. Dorn was notified by the referee to return the $2800 which the firm had paid to him. He immediately complied with the request.

The contempt proceedings will occupy several days, as much testimony is to be reviewed.

Dental Examiners Meet.

A meeting of the State Board of Dental Examiners was held last Monday in the office of Dr. F. G. Baird, 502 Sutter street. Committees were appointed to visit the various dental colleges in the State and also prepare examinations for students applying for admission.

The members of the board are: President, H. R. Harbison, San Diego; secretary, Dr. F. G. Baird, San Francisco; treasurer, Dr. F. J. Bethel; directors—Dr. R. H. Cool, San Francisco; Dr. J. M. Dunn, Oakland; Dr. G. E. Schellig, Marysville, and Dr. T. R. Cunningham of Los Angeles.

Buero Would Not Prosecute.

The case of John J. Devlin, dairyman on the Mission road, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was dismissed by Judge Mogan yesterday. Devlin was accused of attempting to stab J. Buero, a carpenter, in a saloon at the Six-Mile House. After leaving the saloon, it is alleged, he got a shotgun, returned and stood outside, firing it off occasionally and daring Buero to come out. Buero said yesterday that he and Devlin were old friends and for his mother's sake he would not prosecute him.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—Protestant clergymen throughout Saxony are preparing to protest against Joseph Chamberlain's Edinburgh speech.

CORONER STOPS THE INTERMENT

Orders Thorough Investigation of Hessman Suicide.

Inquest Postponed Because Wife Fails to Appear as Witness.

ALAMEDA, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Clara T. Hessman, widow of the late Otto Hessman, who committed suicide early Sunday morning, failed to put in an appearance this evening at the local branch Morgue at 5 o'clock, the time set for an inquest into the cause of her husband's death.

In explanation of her absence, Coroner H. B. Mehrmann received a note written on a scrap of foolscap paper, dated today, bearing the name George Adam, M. D., 1196 Green street, San Francisco, and certifying that Mrs. Hessman was suffering from nervous prostration and would be unable to be present at the inquest.

After reading the note and conferring with City Marshal John Conrad and Drs. C. L. Tisdale and A. A. Stafford, Coroner Mehrmann announced to the jurymen and witnesses that he would not go on with the inquest without Mrs. Hessman's presence, or until he was thoroughly satisfied that she could not attend. He then postponed the inquiry until Thursday next at 10 a. m., and ordered Drs. Tisdale and Stafford to perform an autopsy on Hessman's body, which had already been placed in a coffin and prepared for burial.

Coroner Mehrmann said:

I know of no good reason why Mrs. Hessman could not be here this evening. She was regularly supenaed and was well able to be around yesterday and early last evening. Later she went over to San Francisco, and I am informed is now stopping at 736 Bush street. She wanted the remains of her husband buried yesterday, but I refused to allow this. Then she wanted them interred to-day. I refused again and notified Deputy Coroner James Fowler to hold the body until after the inquest.

Mrs. Mary Dickson, Mrs. Hessman's sister, came to me and desired to know if she could not appear as a witness in her sister's stead. I told her "No." I intend to question Mrs. Hessman, if it is possible for me to do so. Local appearances indicate that Hessman died from gas asphyxiation, but I have a witness who will testify that he saw Arthur Stenbiht jump upon Hessman's stomach with both feet after he had knocked him down in the fight Saturday afternoon. It may be possible that injuries thus inflicted had more to do with causing Hessman's death than the gas had. I mean to investigate this affair from beginning to end, so that it cannot be said that anything was left undone to determine how Hessman's life came to an end.

Drs. Tisdale and Stafford in the autopsy found that the internal organs in the abdominal and chest cavities were in fairly good order. The face was marked with numerous contusions caused by blows, but no trace of a skull fracture or brain concussion was revealed. The lungs held considerable gas.

Arthur Stenbiht, who was named as co-respondent in a cross-complaint filed by Hessman in the suit for divorce brought by the latter's wife, was released from the City Prison late last night on bail put up by his mother. Stenbiht was arrested on complaint of Detective George Brown for the part he took in the brawl with Hessman last Saturday and charged with disturbing the peace. He will be given a hearing to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock by Justice Morris. Stenbiht called at the branch Morgue this morning to ascertain whether he would be wanted as a witness at the inquest. He will be subpenaed.

Water Front Notes.

The bark R. P. Rithet, which arrived at the islands on November 8, had a rough trip. She was caught in a hurricane and was for a time on her beam ends. The decks were swept and the cabin and forecastle flooded. She finally reached her destination after an exciting experience.

The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's Chile is scheduled to sail for Central and South American ports on December 7.

John Calder, Philip Botini and G. Matutso had an all night experience on the bay. They went yachting Sunday, but the winds were not favorable, so they had to anchor in a cove near California City. Yesterday morning a fisherman in a gasoline boat saw them and towed the yacht over to the city.

Albert Morris, a machinist with the Union Gas Engine Company, was treated at the Harbor Hospital yesterday. A dumb waiter fell on him.

The Curacao will be due from Mexican ports to-day.

Scavengers Will Be Watched.

Chief of Police Wittman yesterday issued a circular addressed to company commanders calling their attention to the necessity of a rigid enforcement of the health ordinances relating to the disposal of garbage. Flagrant violations of the ordinances have been observed for some time past, and the matter was commented upon by the Grand Jury. Particular attention will hereafter be paid to the character of vehicles used in the transportation of garbage, and all who violate the ordinances governing the same will be prosecuted.

Sonora Hotel Man Asphyxiated.

D. M. Barnett, a hotel-keeper of Sonora, was asphyxiated last Monday night in his room at 212 Octavia street. He had been enjoying a vacation in this city and had gone to 212 Octavia street with B. F. Hendrix and engaged a room for himself for the night. Mrs. Nelson, the landlady, smelled escaping gas yesterday morning and had the door broken open. Barnett was dead. The stopcock on the gas fixture was turned one-quarter on. The death is believed to have been the result of carelessness on Barnett's part.

Woman Injured by a Fall.

Mrs. Esther Scott, aged 80 years, was treated at the Central Hospital yesterday for a fractured hip joint, sustained in a fall in front of her lodgings at 949 Howard street. Mrs. Scott was at one time a domestic in the employ of John Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, when he was earning his livelihood as clerk in a store. Soon after leaving his household wealth came to Rockefeller, and distress to Mrs. Scott. She was taken to the County Hospital, where she will be cared for at the expense of the city.

Services at Old St. Mary's.

Special Thanksgiving services will be held to-morrow morning in old St. Mary's Church, corner of California and Dupont streets. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock.

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