FOREIGN TRADE AND RECIPROCITY

New York Chamber of Commerce Considers the Question.

Disapproves of the Action Taken by the Washington Convention.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held here today. Addresses were made by M. L. Weiller, a representative of French interests, and by Ludwig Max Goldberger of Berlin, both of whom are in this country to investigate American commercial methods. The committee on foreign commerce and the revenue laws presented a report and resolutions disapproving the action taken by the reciprocity convention held in Washington. This report and the resolutions were adopted after considerable debate. The resolutions read as follows:

Whereas, This chamber has consistently favored the establishment through reciprocal concessions in tariff rates of closer trade relations between the United States and the commercial countries of the world; and

Whereas, The National Reciprocity Convention, in its recent session in Washington, D. C., adopted a resolution recommending reciprocity through tariff modifications where it can be done without injury to any of our home interests of manufacturing, commerce or farming, thereby rendering any application of reciprocal tariff concessions impracticable; and

Whereas, The National Reciprocity Convention in a second resolution recommended the establishment of a new committee to which shall be referred the consideration of all reciprocal trade agreements, thereby nullifying and disregarding the valuable and beneficial work successfully accomplished by the present commissioner plenipotentiary in the negotiation of important treaties whereby a great part of the trade of these countries would be thrown open to us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this chamber hereby expresses its disapproval of the action taken by the National Reciprocity Convention in Washington on November 20, as subversive of all attempts to bring about closer trade relations with our sister nations, and to open new and wider markets for our products; and be it further

Resolved, That the chamber views with apprehension the policy advocated by the reciprocity convention as likely to invite hostile legislation on the part of other nations to this country to the great detriment of its commercial interests.

Gustave H. Schwab, chairman of the committee on foreign commerce, supported the resolutions, saying he thought the injury which would be done to certain industries by reciprocity was so small compared to the great good which would result to the country at large as to be not worth considering.

Charles H. Scherrer, former Mayor of Brooklyn, who was a delegate of the Chamber of Commerce to the reciprocity convention at Washington, said he objected to any reflection being cast upon that convention. He said in part:

The men who composed that convention were the very men who were responsible for the great prosperity of the country. We cannot compete with foreign countries because of the quality of goods we manufacture. So long as we have the system of protection we can employ skilled labor, which makes our goods what they are. If the duty is taken off we will have to cease employing the skilled mechanics and employ the ordinary laborer and when that is done the present high standard of our manufactures will be gone. You cannot adopt this report without casting a reflection on that convention and on the country at large.

The following substitute for the report of the committee was offered, but was rejected:

Resolved, That this body does not recommend reciprocity in our trade with foreign countries until it can be done without injuring any of our own products and manufactures.

The committee report and resolutions were then adopted.

PALMA DEFEATS MASO FOR PRESIDENCY OF CUBA

Election Held Last Tuesday Results in a Great Victory for the Nationalist Candidate.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—The General Board of Scrutiny has made public the following returns of the election held in Cuba on December 31:

Thomas Estrada Palma, the Nationalist candidate for the Presidency of Cuba, has fifty-five electors, while General Bartolome Maso, the Democratic candidate, who withdrew from the campaign, has eight electors. Senor Palma secured the unanimous electoral delegations of the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara, and one elector from Puerte Principe and five electors from Santiago. General Maso secured three electors from Puerto Principe and five from Santiago.

The following civil Governors were elected: Perez in Pinar del Rio; Nunez in Havana; Lecuona in Matanzas; Gomez in Santa Clara; Recio in Puerto Principe, and Echevarria in Santiago province.

NO DANGER OF POLITICAL BREAK IN SOLID SOUTH

General Joseph Wheeler Says White Supremacy Can Alone Insure Financial Stability.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—General Joseph Wheeler was in this city to-night. In a newspaper interview he stated in reply to a question on the possibility of a political break in the South:

"There is no question that the superiority of the white race in the South must be maintained. Any one who has seen the South under the rule of the other color, as it was directly after the war, can understand why this must be so. For one reason white supremacy alone can insure financial stability. There will be no political break in the solid South by any party which tries to interfere from the North, through the medium of politicians, with the solving of the color problem by the South."

Pope Appoints Commission.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Tablet announces that the Pope has appointed a special commission for the consideration of all questions connected with Biblical studies, to which Catholic scholars the world over may apply in cases of difficulty. Cardinal Parochi is president of the commission, which will include eleven "consultors" chosen from different countries.

Southern Hotel Company Formed.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—The Potter Hotel Company filed articles of incorporation with the Los Angeles County Clerk to-day announcing its capital stock at $500,000, $300,000 of which is already subscribed. The principal object of the company is to construct a $300,000 hotel at Santa Barbara.

Sloat Monument Stones Laid.

MONTEREY, Jan. 2.—Four more stones were laid in the base of the Sloat monument on the military reservation at this place to-day with appropriate ceremonies. Delegates from each of the counties represented, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and Contra Costa, were present to lay their respective stones.

Ex-Convicts Again Arrested.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 2.—Detectives Fisher and Fitzgerald to-night arrested Charles Lowell and Eugene Cereghino, lately discharged San Quentin convicts, while they were disposing of ladies' gold watches, diamond rings, earrings and opera-glasses, evidently stolen in San Francisco.

Billiardist Carter Dies.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Eugene Carter, the billiard expert, died here to-day of lung trouble, aged 48 years. He had been ill since September. Mr. Carter's fame at three-cushion caroms and as a fancy-shot player was worldwide. His earlier years were spent in Toledo and Cleveland.

Depew and Bride Coming.

NICE, Jan. 2.—Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew left here to-day for the United States.

HIGHEST COURT TO HEAR MERGER

Minnesota Officials Preparing to Appeal Railway Cases.

Great Battle Against Consolidation Will Be Carried to Supreme Tribunal.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—Governor Van Sant and Attorney General Douglas reached home this afternoon. Both drove straight to the Capitol and went to work on the railway merger case.

The Attorney General will leave tomorrow night for Washington and will institute the State's suit Monday in the Federal Supreme Court. His appearance Monday will be a formality. The court will set a date for the hearing and Douglas will return to Minnesota. When he next goes to Washington he will be accompanied by George P. Wilson and L. S. Munn, his associates in the case. Then the great battle will be on in earnest.

The institution of the first suit in the United States Supreme Court is in line with the original plan made by Douglas. Regardless of its effect on the ultimate result of the fight, it will definitely settle the question of jurisdiction, which is somewhat clouded.

The suit in the Supreme Court may be immediately followed by an action along the same lines in the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

SOCIALISTS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO UNIONS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—At the second session of the State Convention of Socialists to-day resolutions were presented denouncing the recent arrest in Porto Rico of Santiago Iglesias, an organizer of the American Federation of Labor, charged with conspiracy. Another resolution adopted recites:

"The Socialist party is distinct from and entirely independent of the trades union movement, but pledges its aid and sympathy to the trades unions in all their strikes, boycotts and other struggles on the economical field. It is recommended that all Socialists join the respective unions of the trades to which they belong."

Murderer Seaton Must Hang.

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—William Alden Seaton, the young Missourian who partially succeeded in his brutal attempt to exterminate a whole family, will be hanged here to-morrow morning. The final effort to save the murderer's life was speedily disposed of to-day by Governor McBride, who said he saw no reason to do otherwise than the late Governor Rogers did when the case was before him.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Josephine Bernstein (widow) to James Christensen, lot on N line of Haight street, 150 W of Webster, W 25 by N 137:6; $10.

Simon Clayburgh to same, lot on N line of Haight street, 149:4 W of Webster, W 25:8 by N 137:6 (quitclaim deed); $10.

A. Mecartney to same, lot on N line of Haight street, 149:4⅝ W of Webster, W 25 by N 137:6 (quitclaim deed); $5.

City and County of San Francisco to Samuel C. Bigelow, 50-vara lots 1 and 2 in Western Addition block 381, fronting 137:6 on Steiner street and 275 on McAllister; $—.

Samuel C. and Isabel O. Bigelow to Giovanni Perasso, lot on N line of McAllister street, 174:6 W of Steiner, W 27 by N 137:6; $10.

Estate of Eleanor M. Carlisle (by John W. Root and Vincent P. Versalovich, executors) to J. W. Mullen, lot on E line of Devisadero street, 55 N of Pine, N 27:6 by E 100; $5000.

J. W. Mullen to August H. Schierholz, same; $10.

Cornelia J. Pringle (widow) to William Schwarke, lot on E line of Broderick street, 110 S of Oak, S 27:6 by E 100; $10.

Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to Thomas J. Sullivan, lot on W line of Broderick street, 27:6 S of Eddy, S 27:6 by W 100; $1100.

Estate of John Couch (by Theodore J. Roche, administrator) to Rosa Couch (widow), lot on W line of Guerrero street, 203:6 S of Sixteenth, S 6:9, W 104, S 31:3, W 1, S 3:6, W 49:10, N 132:4⅜, E 42:8, S 60:2½, E 99; $2050.

Elize Entzminger (widow), by D. W. Loring and C. F. Rillliet, trustees, to Continental Building and Loan Association, 1883 D, 195, lot on S line of Twenty-ninth street, 255 W of Church, W 25 by S 114 (trustees' deed); $1044.

John C., James J. and Mary A. Smith to Richard Roche, lot on N line of Twenty-fifth street, 215 W of Noe, W 25 by N 114; $10.

Allen H. Piper et al. to John Hammond, lot on W line of Front street, 41:8 S of Sacramento, S 25 by W 87:6; $23,200.

Jean Lorang to August Dietrich, lot on E line of Stockton street, 137:6 N of Pacific, N 36:9, E 35:9, S 10:7½, E 21:9, S 26:1½, W 57:6; $10.

Francis R. Larkin and William B. and Isabel H. Pringle to Giovanni Taleri, lot on SE corner of Pacific and Stockton streets, S 34:0⅛ by E 49:6¼; $10.

Pierre and Therese Escoffier to Jean P. Luc, lot on N line of Pacific street, 105 E of Taylor, E 20 by N 62:6; $10.

J. J. Rauer to Frank D. Grossman, undivided one-half of lot on W line of Vermont street, 100 S of Sierra, S 33:4 by W 100 (quitclaim deed); $10.

Mary R., Grace and Alfred Barstow to Charles D. Blaney (trustee), lot on E line of Minnesota street, 122:4 S of Twenty-third, S 77:8, E 124:1½, NW 148:9 (warranty deed); $10.

Callaghan Estate Company (corporation) to Alice Krampert (wife of Gustav), lot on W line of Eleventh avenue, 125 S of H street, S 25 by W 120; $10.

Alice and Gustav Krampert to E. B. Hallett and W. S. Gee, same; $10.

Callaghan Estate Company (corporation) to same, lot on W line of Eleventh avenue, 125 N of I street, N 25 by W 120; $10.

Peter H. and Mary C. Curtis to Solomon Getz, lot on NW corner of Ninth avenue and N street, N 43.72 by W 120; $10.

Aaron and Louise R. Heringhi to Oscar Heyman, lot on N line of Henry or Felton street, 30 E of Bowdoin, E 30 by N 100, lot 17, block 39, Railroad Avenue Extension Homestead Association; $10.

George W. and Salome E. Kelley to Calvin S. Kelley, undivided ½ of lot on SW corner of Eleventh avenue and M street south, W 76, S 99:9, S 120, SE 38:6, N 200:5, lot 77, block 228, Central Park Homestead Association; $10.

Oscar Heyman to Frank D. and Jennie V. Cooney, lot on E line of California avenue, 25 S of Virginia avenue, S 25 by E 70, lot 74, Jacob Heyman's subdivision Cobb Tract; $10.

Olaf F. L. Ferenkam to Henry P. Anderson, lot on NE line of Ninth avenue, 150 SE of G street, SE 150 by NE 100, lots 11 and 12, block 159, South San Francisco Homestead and Railroad Association; $10.

George W. and Minerva K. Frink to Abby G. Bickel, lots 3, 14 and 15, block 403, same, quitclaim deed; $1.

Abby G. Bickel (Peterson) (wife of Homer T.) to Olive Verkouteren (widow), lot on SW line of Twentieth avenue, 150 NW of K street, NW 75, SW 200, SE 150, NE 100, NW 75, NE 100, lots 3, 14 and 15, block 403, same; $10.

Henry F. Jr. and Clara H. Bianchet to Kate Ryan (wife of George), lot on SE corner of Stoneman (Norwich) and Shotwell (California avenue) streets, S 75 by E 30, portion lots 51, 54 and 55, Cheeseman's Map 1, Precita Valley lands; $10.

Henry Moffatt to Joseph B. Coryell, lot on SW line of Sixteenth avenue, 75 NW of P street, NW 25 by SW 100, lot 18, block 332, O'N and H Tract; also lot on SW line of Sixteenth avenue, 150 NW of P street, NW 25 by SW 100, lot 21, block 332, same; $10.

Thomas B. Bishop and Arzo N. Lewis (trustees estate of Miranda W. Lux), Magdalena Holtzscherer, Dorethea Rott, Henry Sr. and Henry Jr. Roehrig, Salome Lux Wolf, Caroline Lux, Michel, George, Emil and Henry Lux, Lizzie Lux Pott, Lena Lux Macbride and Henry Lux (trustee) to Peter Moran, lot on NW corner of Fourth avenue and L street, W 200 by N 200, lots 34 and 35, Butchers Reservation; also lot on N line of Fourth avenue, 260 SE of L street, N 150 by E 80, lot 41, block 59, same; $10.

Thomas Ross Cooley (by James H. Campbell, attorney), to same, lots 34 and 35, block 58, same; $10.

Peter Moran to John E. Miller, same; $10.

Jerome A. and Pearl Erskine (by D. W. Loring and C. F. Rillett, trustees) to Continental Building and Loan Association, 1899 D, 92, lots 541, 543, 545, 547 and 549, Gift Map 2 (trustees' deed); $845.

Builders' Contracts.

L. F. Starks (owner) with Felix Marcuse (contractor), architect R. W. Hart—All work for a 7-room frame building with brick foundation on E line of Seventh avenue, 175 S of Lake street, S 25 by E 120; $3100.

Marie A. Maas (owner) with W. E. Grant (contractor), architect —. All work except mantels, sewer, water and gas street service for alterations and additions to make a 2-story frame building on N line of Seventeenth street, about 186 W of Noe, W 15, N —, E 15, S to beginning, No. 3938 Seventeenth street; $1285.

Ida C. Spencer (owner) with Thomas Wilson and H. Williamson (contractors), architect G. A. Dodge—All work for a 2-story and basement frame building (flats) on S line of Sacramento street, 131:3 W of Baker, W 25 by S 137:6; $3400.

FREIGHT ENGINE BLOWN TO ATOMS

Three Men Meet Instant Death and Nine Are Badly Injured.

Cold Water Turned Into Overheated Boiler Causes Explosion.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 2.—A freight engine just out of the shop and fired up in the roundhouse of the Central Railroad of Georgia exploded without warning to-day, killing three men, injuring a number of others and shaking the entire city. The report was heard seven miles away and houses four miles distant felt the shock. The dead:

E. W. HUDGES, machinist.
J. M. McDONALD, machinist.
URIAH CORNELIUS (colored), helper.

The injured: J. J. O'Neill, machinist, fracture, will die; Henry Fox, machinist, fracture, will die; R. L. Willis, blacksmith, severely scalded; F. D. Hambrick, carpenter, head lacerated; William Wilson, carpenter, fractured ribs; J. M. Meadows, carpenter, general bruises; Peter Hammond (colored), scalp wound; Wesley Johnson (colored), face cut; Peter Adams (colored), contused shoulder.

The negro Cornelius was in the cab assisting the inspector, John McDonald, who was on top of the engine. They were blown to atoms. The others were at some distance from the engine. It is supposed that the negro had turned the water in the boiler too low and had suddenly injected a stream of cold water on the red hot crownsheet. The engine was reduced to fragments, parts being hurled through the building two or three hundred yards. One piece weighing 3000 pounds was thrown 150 yards.

MEXICAN BOY TRIES TO KILL HIS EMPLOYER

Exhilarating Vinous Draughts Spur the Young Man to Desperate Measures.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Charles Coralles, a Mexican lad, 19 years of age, is behind the bars to-day, charged with assault to kill, as a result of attempting to shoot his employer with a shotgun late last night.

Coralles drank too much wine in celebration of the new year and became involved in a dispute, it is said, with Mitchell Pentuso, who he claimed had kicked him out of the house. Crazed by the wine he had drunk, Coralles procured a shotgun, and finding Pentuso commenced firing upon him without inflicting any damage. After an exciting chase, in which the would-be murderer abandoned his gun, Coralles was captured by the police an hour later, still bent on killing and armed with a length of iron pipe. He was promptly jailed.

WRECKAGE OF VESSEL STREWS NORTHERN SHORE

Keeper of the Carmanah Light Tells of Evidence of a Marine Disaster.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 2.—W. P. Dayton, lighthouse-keeper at Carmanah, in a letter dispatched by the steamer Queen City, says the coast is littered with wreckage in the vicinity of the lighthouse. It includes large butter kegs or barrels with galvanized hoops, two hatches painted reddish brown, two cabin doors painted white, a vessel's bowsprit and jibboom.

Between Carmanah and Cloorse a large amount of wreckage was found, evidently from a steamer. In the surf a couple of yards were floating. A mess table which looked as though it might have come from the forecastle of a schooner was also found. Farther down the coast in the vicinity of Cape Scott a piece of deckhouse is reported, but no clew was obtained as to what it belonged.

RUNAWAY TEAM CAUSES DEATH ON NEVADA ROAD

VIRGINIA, Nev., Jan. 2.—While Colonel E. D. Boyle was driving into Dayton from his mine at Coma to-day in company with William McQuarrie the team ran away on a narrow road, throwing the occupants of the buggy out.

McQuarrie was killed and Boyle received probably fatal injuries. Boyle is a prominent mining man.

Railroad Laborer Runs Amuck.

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Jan. 2.—Trouble in a Southern Pacific grading camp at Cosgrave, twenty miles west of here, necessitated the sending of a special light extra engine at 9 o'clock to-night with Sheriff McDeid, two deputies and Dr. Hanson. The party returned at 11 o'clock, the Sheriff having A. Martin in custody. William Fitzgerald was brought in and sent to the County Hospital. Martin has been the bully of the camp for some time, but was discharged to-night. He later attacked Fitzgerald and cut him severely.

Accidentally Poisons Herself.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 2.—Miss Beulah Wheeler, a beautiful young society woman, died early to-day at her home on Second avenue from arsenic poisoning. Last evening she retired to her room to rest before starting for the theater. Soon afterward she called her mother for aid and said she had taken the wrong medicine. What the young woman had taken for antipyrine proved to be arsenic. Miss Wheeler, who was 22 years of age, was born in Rome, N. Y.

Says Trouble Is Not Threatened.

BAKERSFIELD, Jan. 2.—J. W. Jameson of Los Angeles, who is largely interested in oil holdings at McKittrick, states that there is no trouble threatened so far as he or his men and the Producers' Guarantee Company is concerned. He states that the talking has been done by parties who are anxious to stir up trouble, but that nothing of a serious nature will be allowed to take place if he is depended upon to take the initial step.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 2.—Levi Reed, who was among the prisoners that escaped from the Federal jail here on July 5 last, was recaptured on New Year's day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Secretary of War to-day received a brief telegram from General Wood, at Havana, saying the elections had passed off smoothly, but giving no details.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Bangor, North Wales, and its district are again under control of the military owing to the further serious riots between strikers and workers at Penryn and Bethesda quarries.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 2.—Judge Cant has decided for the settlers in the case of Frederick Weyerhauser and the Northern Pacific Railway against settlers on the famous second indemnity strip.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—W. R. Spillman of Manhattan, Kan., formerly private secretary to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, has been appointed chief of the appointment division of the latter's office.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The United States Rubber Company has adopted the policy this year of announcing its prices on January 1, instead of April 1. The new list records an advance of about 5 per cent net in prices for 1902.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—David A. Nunn, whose resignation as Collector of Internal Revenue of the Fifth Tennessee District was called for by the President a few days ago, handed his resignation to the President in person today.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—W. Murray Crane took the oath of office to-day as Governor of Massachusetts for his third term. The attendance on the ceremony was the largest assembled for a similar occasion in many years. The inaugural address treated of State matters exclusively.

Death of Yreka Attorney.

OAKLAND, Jan. 2.—The body of Homer B. Warren, an attorney, who died here yesterday at 1014 Sixtieth street, was shipped to Yreka, decedent's former home, today. Mr. Warren was 66 years old. His ailment was hemorrhage of the lungs.

PHILIPPINE BILL CAUSES DEADLOCK

House and Senate Not in Accord on Tariff Measures.

Cuban Reciprocity Question to Be Taken Up When Congress Reassembles.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—It is thought that the Senate and House are quite likely to get into a deadlock on the Philippine tariff bill. Many well-known Senate leaders are in favor of scaling down the rates on goods coming from the Philippines to this country and when the bill comes out of the upper branch it is altogether probable that it will be a different measure from what it is now.

Chairman Payne and Representatives Dalzell and Long of the Ways and Means Committee had a long conference to-day on the question of the Cuban tariff and other matters that will soon occupy the attention of the House.

It has been decided to take up Cuban reciprocity immediately after Congress reassembles next week. No bill has yet been framed and the question will not take this form until hearings have been held and all shades of opinion expressed. It is the intention of the committee to have protracted hearings open to all people interested in the question of the sugar and tobacco tariffs. The majority of the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee are still opposed to lowering the rates on Cuban products, but the administration, represented in this matter by Secretary Root, is still insisting that something be done and done at once for the alleged relief of the people of the island. Undoubtedly some sort of a bill will be brought in, but just what form it will take no one on the committee can now predict. Senator Platt of Connecticut had a long conference with President Roosevelt to-day on the Cuban situation.

McCUTCHEN PARTY CAUSES SPECULATION

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCutchen will entertain over one hundred and fifty guests this evening at their residence, 2016 Pacific avenue. The invitations have created more interest than any others this season, chiefly because of the novel character of the entertainment planned and the mystery surrounding it. Nearly everybody has accepted, not alone from a curiosity to see something quite original, but to enjoy the kind of hospitality the McCutchens always extend. The only hint in the invitation as to the nature of the affair was the words: "Curtain rises at 9 o'clock." What they are going to do and how they are going to do it is a secret most profound. It has leaked out that many changes have been made in the interior of the residence with special regard to the events of the evening.

The following twenty people will be participants in the amusement scheme:

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmiedell, Burbank Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop, Miss Bessie Ames, Miss Carolan, Miss Genevieve Carolan, Miss McBean, Sam Boardman, W. S. Burnett, Mr. Burrage, Harry Poet, Charles Marks, Mrs. Smedberg, Captain Renwick Smedberg, Frank Owen, Miss Sarah Collier, Miss Cora Smedberg, Miss Edith Preston.

It is known that these guests, besides several "dark horses," are actually going to take part, but they are all very quiet about it and quite as mysterious as it is possible to be. They intimate that the programmes themselves, long and explicit as they may be, are equally non-committal.

For the past few days many wagons have lined up at the McCutchen residence, and the strangest looking paraphernalia has been unloaded which strongly reminded an observer of mechanical devices and equipment of a Grau season coming to town. Everything was carefully covered, however, and nothing is left for the inquiring public but speculation and patience.

The McCutchen function bids fair to be the hit of the season.

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The Argonaut Club assembly at the Palace Maple Room will be largely attended this evening, about 300 guests being expected. There will be dancing until a late hour and a dainty supper will be served.

The fifteen young men who comprise the Argonaut Club are giving the dance complimentary to the ladies, and there is every indication of a great success.

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The hop to have been given at the Roanoke Hotel on Bush street on January 4 has been postponed to January 18 out of respect to the memory of Miss Mollie Taylor, the pianist, who died Wednesday after an operation for appendicitis.

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Miss Edith Simpson gave a small luncheon yesterday at her home for a few friends.

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Miss Bernice Landers gave a small tea on Wednesday afternoon.

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Mrs. L. H. Bryant gave a delightful chafing-dish party on Wednesday evening at her artistic home, 2422 Buchanan street. The drawing room and dining room were decorated, chiefly with holly and American beauties. Twenty guests were hospitably entertained by Mrs. Bryant, who is ever a charming hostess.

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Mrs. Albert Gallatin received a large number of friends on New Year's eve at her home, Scott and Jackson streets.

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Mrs. Edwin P. Dole, wife of Attorney General Dole of Honolulu, was guest of honor at a dinner given Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mortimer Fortesque at the Cumberland.

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Captain Frank Cheatham and his bride left Wednesday on the Sheridan for Manila, where they will make their new home.

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Mrs. Dita Hopkins Kinney, superintendent of the army corps of nurses, left on the transport Sheridan for Manila. Mrs. Kinney is a graduate of Mills and has distinguished herself in her profession. Her appointment was received through the Secretary of War. She has been ordered to Manila and may be gone three months. Her headquarters is in Washington, D. C.

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Another Mills graduate, Miss Minnie Hopkins, has just married a prominent attorney in Manila. She is one of the first teachers sent out and has been most successful in the educational work. She has decided to remain in Manila and help carry forward the good work begun.

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Miss Helen Connelly of 509 Hermann street and John A. Morgan, a well-known young business man of this city, were married Thursday by Father Burns of the Sacred Heart Church.

"Queen of Gold" Denied a Landing.

Anita Perez, a Mexican passenger on the Curacao, has been denied a landing by the United States Immigration Bureau upon the report of Immigrant Inspector de la Torre, who discovered that she was an assisted immigrant, her passage to this city from Mazatlan having been paid by a lady friend. Miss Perez is 32 years old, and up to a year or two ago was regarded as one of the most beautiful women in Mazatlan. For many years she was the consort of a gambler known as El Rey de Oro, "the King of Gold," and for that reason she is known as La Reina de Oro, "the Queen of Gold."

Game Law Violator Caught.

Deputy Fish Commissioner Thomas Rhodes arrested W. S. Middlestadt at Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, yesterday for having doe hides in his possession contrary to the game laws. Justice of the Peace Whipple fined the offender $50. The commission will confiscate the several hundred hides which were seized.

FATAL INJURY TO OCTOGENARIAN

Aged Mrs. Lyndall Falls From a Window to Her Death.

Stranger Finds Her Lying on the Ground With Both Hips Fractured.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Jan. 2.

Under the impression that she was climbing into bed Mrs. Elizabeth Lyndall, 77 years of age, last Monday night crawled through a second-story window, fell to the ground and received injuries from which she died this morning.

Deceased was a widow and lived with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Schneider, at 611 East Fifteenth street. The old lady has been ailing for some time and her mental faculties were considerably impaired. She was extremely feeble and required constant watching.

She was seen safely to bed on Monday evening, but evidently arose during the night and lost her bearings in the darkness. The window through which she fell was open only about eighteen inches.

When picked up, probably about two hours after falling, she had clutched in her hand one of the pillows from her bed and was feeling about for the covers and complaining of the cold.

Mrs. Lyndall was picked up by a stranger. She told him her name, but declared that she lived in Santa Clara. He aroused Mrs. Schneider, who had difficulty in believing that the sorely crippled form was that of her mother! She had tucked in bed a few hours previously.

Dr. Edward R. Sill was called in and everything possible done for the injured woman. Her right hip was fractured and serious internal injury sustained. She retained consciousness, however, until this morning, when she died.

Mrs. Lyndall has not resided in Santa Clara for more than thirty years. The shock of the fatal fall rendered blank the interval since leaving there, and she died under the impression that she was still in Santa Clara among the friends of thirty years ago.

She was a native of New York. She leaves a daughter, with whom she lived, and a son, C. P. Lyndall, who is in the insurance business in Los Angeles. Her husband was killed in an accident at Union City some twenty years ago.

Odd Fellows Install Officers.

The officers of Pacific Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows were installed last night by District Deputy Grand Master Dubois, assisted by Frank Derby as marshal and a full staff of officers. The new officers are:

Franklin M. Carson, noble grand; Charles J. Thelan, vice grand; George T. Shaw Jr., secretary; O. C. Morrill, permanent secretary; E. A. Holmes, treasurer; Thornton Thompson, warden; David Malcom, conductor; P. E. Mertz inside and William H. Cant outside guardian; P. P. Ashworth right and H. R. Cate left supporter to the noble grand; Alexander McCullough right and H. Schwerin left supporter to the vice grand; H. V. Carter right and James E. Cone left scene supporter; F. L. Turpin, chaplain.

A banquet and speeches followed the installation.

District Deputy Grand Master J. Deas, assisted by S. R. Jacobs as marshal, installed the officers of Yerba Buena Lodge, who are as follows:

W. P. Humphreys, noble grand; J. J. de Haven, vice grand; W. W. Cross recording and B. F. Wellington financial secretary; L. E. James, treasurer; Stephen Heck, warden; R. J. Stephens, conductor; George L. Perham right and A. B. Moon left supporter to the noble grand; J. Schoenfeld right and E. C. Mills left supporter to the vice grand; A. Strummel right and George F. Mefret left scene supporter; U. S. G. Clifford, F. J. Smithson and Charles A. Stahle, trustees.

Two Companies Claim Ranch.

The Grocers' Fruit Growing Company is suing the Kern County Land Company to recover a valuable tract of land in Kern County. The plaintiffs claim that they acquired the 500 acres in dispute from the land company in March, 1896, for $35,000, the sum to be paid in installments. They made a number of improvements on the tract. Because the plaintiffs could not pay the installments they gave the property back to the defendants, they say, with the agreement that all the profits derived from the ranch should be credited to them so that they could regain possession of the land. It is now alleged that because of the increase in value of the property the defendant company displays an unwillingness to carry out the agreement.

Will Talk on Hebrew History.

Professor Thomas R. Bacon of the University of California will conduct a series of eight Sunday morning talks for the Young People's Society of the First Unitarian Church in the parlors of the church. His subject will be "Hebrew History in Its Relation to the Bible" and his observations will be based on Professor Toy's "History of the Religion of Israel." The course will be commenced on Sunday morning, January 5, when Professor Bacon will explain the nature of his subject, how it is to be studied and the method to be pursued by the class.

Germans Complain of Masters.

The Secretary of the Treasury has forwarded to Customs Collector Stratton copies of the correspondence between himself and the union of Hamburg ship owners in relation to the frequency of desertions of German sailors at California and Oregon ports. These desertions are caused, say the Hamburg people, by local shipping masters, who incite the seamen to desert. The German Consuls at Portland, Or., and at San Francisco report that they have not been able to succeed in effecting any improvement in the matter.

Head Fractured by a Fall.

Frank Grant, 13 years of age and residing on Kansas street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, fell from the top of a fence yesterday out in the Potrero and sustained a severe fracture of the skull and a disjointed elbow. He was removed to the Central Emergency Hospital, where he was attended to by Dr. Woodsey. His skull is so badly fractured that it is feared he will not recover.

Painter Fractures Hip Joint.

Frank Whooton, a painter residing at 1210 Golden Gate avenue, fell from a stepladder yesterday while at work on a new building at Page and Broderick streets and sustained a painful fracture of the left hip joint. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. Weyer dressed his injuries. It will be several weeks before Whooton will be able to resume work.

Ross Tries Habeas Corpus.

Bert Ross, who is under sentence of death for the murder of W. J. Ward at San Luis Obispo, applied through his attorney yesterday to United States Circuit Judge Morrow for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the Grand Jury that indicted him was not impaneled in accordance with law. Judge Morrow refused to issue the writ. The execution of Ross has been set for January 10.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

G S Crawford, Nebr
A Roy, N Mex
W I Ruggles & w, Or
T L Brown & w, Chgo
Miss Thompson, Ariz
A Marmer, Nebr
F T Bell & f, Nebr
Mrs A E Rudell, B C
B Harrington, Denver
W W Stanley, Cal
J H Maymord, Byron
J Warneke, Nebr
D Davis, Cal
L H Oxford, Cal
W Phillip, Cal
S A Clark, King City
A Chambers, Wash
W J Raid, L Ang
J W Sheffield, L Gatos
Mrs S W McCoy, Iowa
Miss E McCoy, Iowa

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

SAILED.

Thursday, January 2.

Stmr Mandalay, Reed, Coquille River.
Stmr Grace Dollar, Fosen, Grays Harbor.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

ASTORIA—Arrived Jan 1—Bark Scottish Minstrel, from San Blas.
PORT TOWNSEND—Arrived Jan 2—Schr Bangor, from Unga, for Tacoma.

CONSUL TUCKER LIES VERY ILL

Salvation Army Leader Submits to Capital Operation.

Condition So Serious That Husband Starts From New York.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Jan. 2.

Consul Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army lies critically ill at the Fabiola Hospital as a result of an operation that was performed for an abscess of the ear. Dr. N. H. Chamberlain, assisted by other physicians, treated the patient this morning at the hospital by making an incision back of the affected ear and removing the obstruction that has been causing her to suffer the most excruciating pain since her arrival in Oakland last Saturday.

While the operation was successful and the doctors are hopeful, the strain on the sick woman's health has been very great and she is now in a much weakened condition. She is not deemed in robust health under ordinary circumstances and her condition is such now that the slightest change one way or another means life or death.

So serious is Consul Tucker's health that her husband has been sent for and he is now on his way from the headquarters of the Salvation Army in New York.

Consul Tucker was first overtaken by illness just after her arrival on Saturday last. She suffered from a severe earache, but did not think it necessary to consult a physician until the pain became so great that she could not stand it any longer. Dr. Chamberlain, to whom she then went, found that an abscess was forming in the ear. He lanced the abscess at the home of Colonel French in East Oakland, but little relief was afforded the patient. As she continued to suffer Dr. Chamberlain advised her to submit to an operation.

Dr. Chamberlain, the attending physician, said late to-night that Mrs. Booth-Tucker was resting easily and that she had rallied from the shock following the operation. He expressed the opinion that the chances of recovery were in her favor.

"The trouble started with an inflammation of the ear," said Dr. Chamberlain, "and spread to the mastoid cells that are beneath the bone, immediately behind the ear. It was necessary to open these in order to relieve the patient of the possibility of the inflammation spreading to the brain. There will be danger from complications until these cells are thoroughly healed."

PARTY IS STOPPED BY A STRAY BULLET

Lead Crashes Through Window in Samuel Heywood's Residence and Endangers Life.

BERKELEY, Jan. 2.—A young people's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heywood at 1929 Grove street was broken up in the early hours of New Year's morning by a bullet crashing through a window in the rear parlor and glancing around the walls of the adjoining room. No knowledge as to the shooter has been obtained, but it is thought that the bullet was fired by a reckless celebrator of the incoming year, as many shots were being fired at that time all over town.

The bullet passed through a closely curtained window near the top of the upper glass and at an acute angle with its surface. It then went through the top of one of the high double doors between the rear and front parlors, struck a picture frame upon one wall, glanced to another and then to the floor. Miss Etta Heywood, Mr. Heywood's daughter, and D. J. Rose were standing by the door when the bullet passed through the wood above their heads. None of the other members of the party were in danger.

The Heywoods believe that the damage was done by a stray shot. The bullet was from a 38-caliber weapon.

HOME-MADE SCHOONER BOLINAS IS SEIZED

Her Builder, Police Officer Moebus, Neglected to Comply With Certain Navigation Rules.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 2.—Police Officer Charles Moebus' new home-made gasoline schooner Bolinas has been seized by the customs officials because it is claimed by them that the owner and builder did not have the craft inspected and failed to secure a certificate as to her seaworthiness, life preserving appliances and the capability of her crew.

The Bolinas was constructed by Policeman Moebus in his back yard during his leisure hours. He was three years building her. The gross tonnage of the schooner is twenty-three.

Moebus asserts that if he has violated any customs laws pertaining to vessels he did so unintentionally and without knowing anything of the rule or rules not complied with. He expects to explain matters clearly to the customs authorities and secure the release of the Bolinas.

OLD SOLDIER FALLS INTO CREEK BOTTOM

OAKLAND, Jan. 2.—E. D. O'Connor, a veteran of the Civil War, fell ten feet to the bottom of Strawberry Creek that runs through the university grounds at Berkeley. The old man, who is partially paralyzed, lost his way in the darkness and walked off a bluff into the creek. He lay there until found at daylight and was in a weakened condition as a result of the exposure. He was removed to the