

MARCONI TELLS OF HIS TESTS

Says Defects With Reference to Secrecy Are Removed.

Intends Sailing for Canada to Continue His Experimental Work.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—At a general meeting of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company to-day Marconi, referring to the trans-Atlantic experiments, announced that the next series of tests would include the transmission of words and messages. He added that there was nothing to prevent the company from undertaking commercial communication with ships at sea. The system at present was in permanent use on board seventy ships and there were twenty-five land stations. His transmission of twenty-two words in a minute did not compare badly with the work of the cables. The defects with reference to secrecy had been removed. After perfecting arrangements in Canada he would challenge Sir William Pries and Professor Lodge to intercept messages. The monopoly claimed by the British Postal Telegraph had hitherto impeded the establishment of a wireless service in England and Ireland. Marconi complained that obstructions were thrown in his way on this side of the Atlantic, in marked contrast with the generous encouragement which he had received from the governments and press of the United States and Canada. In regard to the commercial side of the system Marconi said that on the recent arrival of an American liner upward of 6000 words were received within sixteen hours. The transmission of this number of words daily across the Atlantic would represent an annual income of \$75,000 for each pair of stations. The company, in the first instance, was proceeding to install two pairs of stations. Marconi will sail for Canada next Saturday.

BOXING PERMIT FOR MARCH STILL UNPLACED

Portion of the Heavy-Weight Championship Fight May Go to Charity.

The Supervisors' Police Committee again postponed action yesterday for one week on the applications of the National, Hayes Valley and Pacific Coast Athletic clubs to give a professional boxing exhibition in March. The representatives of the clubs were willing to draw lots for the permit, but the committee refused to consent to the arrangement. Supervisor Boxton favors the National Club, Curtis the Hayes Valley Club, while Eggers is non-committal. During the discussion "Jim" Neal said V. A. Brady informed him that the Yosemite Club had clinched the coming Jeffries-Fitzsimmons match for May. Supervisor Curtis questioned the right of the club to arrange a match without being sure of its permit. Curtis said the club promoting the contest should give a portion of the receipts to charity or for the children's playground south of Market street. Joseph Goddard agreed on the part of the National Club to give one-half of the profits of the exhibition. Neal said the Pacific Coast Athletic club would give 10 per cent of the profits to any charity suggested by the committee.

The Lycern Clothing Co. Will sell men's fleece lined undershirts, worth 75c, for 30c, at the manufacturers' sale, 25 Market st., opp. Mason.

BASIN'S LANDS CAUSING STIR

Statement Is Made by the Assessor of Santa Cruz County.

Prompt Act of Commission Has Preserved Key of Situation.

The exclusive story in The Call concerning the prompt action of the Big Basin Commissioners to hold for the State lands in the Big Basin that might otherwise find private owners and so become a source of embarrassment to the State in connecting bodies of land that may be selected for park purposes has caused much approval for the Commissioners. A stir has also been occasioned at Santa Cruz by the publication of the facts. It was pointed out in The Call that had not the Commissioners acted at once one mile of the bed of the indispensable west fork of the Waddell Creek would have been homesteaded by Miss McKinney, daughter of one of the holders of timber lands in the Big Basin. The Commissioners succeeded in having the Land Commissioner at Washington hold up from location all the Government lands in the Big Basin. Other points of importance to the State might easily have been lost for the zeal of the Big Basin Commission.

Boundaries in Doubt.

Some question has been raised in Santa Cruz as to whether the Government lands that have been discovered by the Big Basin Commission are really in the Basin. The Commissioners take the view that they are in the Basin or on the ridges surrounding the Basin. No one can exactly define the Big Basin. A topographical map of the region makes it apparent that there are two basins rimmed in with high hills in the general locality. The wisdom of the Commissioners in taking care to keep from private entry any lands that may be needed to connect up tracts or that are scenic points is evident in this view of the case. Assessor Frank Mattison of Santa Cruz County has sent a statement to The Call in which he disputes the assertion made in The Call that Government lands have been assessed to unknown owners in the office of the Santa Cruz Assessor. The material point in the statement of The Call was that the lands had been conveyed from the public under the general designation of lands held by "unknown owners." Mr. Mattison says on this point:

Vague Map Books. The reason said lands are marked "unknown owner" on maps, rather than "government lands," is that until patent is filed in the office or over the means of knowing whether any of these lands have been filed upon or not. This information can be obtained, of course, upon request from the land office, but, as the lands are not assessable until patented, there is no information except as to patent of any value to this office. My map books are and always have been open to the inspection of the public and are daily made use of by abstractors and others interested in real estate transactions, and there is nothing more mysterious in the manner these lands are carried upon said books than is the case with any other lands. In this Mr. Mattison reveals several points. One is that the books in the office of the County Assessor of Santa Cruz upon which the Government lands are carried under the designation of "unknown owner" are the map books and that these are the books that the public consult for information. The general public could not recognize Government lands that they could get for the homesteading under any such designation as "unknown owner." Another point is that he had no information to give about the lands, for he says in the foregoing: "As the lands are not assessable until patented, there is no in-

DETACHMENT OF A CRACK DRAGOON REGIMENT IS CUT UP BY THE DARING BOERS AT KLIPDAM

Scots Greys Meet a Crushing Defeat, Two Being Killed, Six Wounded and Forty-Six Captured---Prisoners Subsequently Released.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A detachment of the Scots Greys (Second Dragoons), one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Major C. W. M. Feilden and Captain E. Ussher were severely wounded, two men killed, six were wounded and forty-six captured. The news was received this morning from Lord Kitchener in a dispatch dated Pretoria, Wednesday, February 19. The Scots Greys formed part of General Gilbert Hamilton's column. The latter, while moving on Nigel, February 18, engaged a force of Boers at Klipdam. The Scots Greys became detached, were surrounded and cut off. General Hamilton was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, so he continued his march toward Nigel. The Boers released the Scots Greys who had been made prisoners.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20.—It is said in Boer circles that if Wolmarans and Wessels, after investigating the situation in the United States, advise Kruger that a tour of the United States would be beneficial to the Boer cause, the Boer President will overcome his aversion to a long trip and undertake the journey. Kruger appears to be in excellent physical condition and his physicians advise him that he could safely go to America at the proper season. Wolmarans and Wessels will spend a month in the United States.

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—In the Reichsrath to-day Herr Wolf, the Pan-German leader, gave notice of an interpellation inviting the Austrian Government, in conjunction with the Government of Hungary, to prohibit the export of horses from Austria and Hungary to South Africa and thus maintain neutrality.

formation except as to patent of any value in this office. Concerning the last consideration it may be said that if the Big Basin Commission had been contented to accept the situation in this easy fashion, when a map was secured that had on it several tracts merely marked "unknown owner," they would already have found trouble in the control of the west fork of Waddell Creek.

Important Matter.

What Mr. Mattison appears to regard of little account—the ownership of the tracts in question—has already been considered of sufficient importance to engage the prompt attention of the Governor of California and his associates in the Big Basin Commission and also Senator Perkins and the General Land Commissioner at Washington.

The Santa Cruz County Assessor asserts that the lands in question are not in the Big Basin. Against this opinion must be put the acts of the Big Basin Commission, including the Governor, unless the proposition is entertained that in their capacity of Big Basin Commissioners they are engaged in annexing lands that can be of no use to the park when it is finally accepted. Private parties, as was said in the original story in The Call, had knowledge that the Assessor failed officially to find out. They were prepared to turn it to private advantage when the Big Basin Park Commissioners stepped in and interfered in behalf of the State of California.

There is no danger that the private parties will get the public domain in the Big Basin at present. Upon this the State and the commission are to be congratulated. Mr. Mattison's plea that the lands are not in the Big Basin, in view of the attitude of the Big Basin Commission, will hardly be accepted to extenuate ignorance of the facts concerning realty in Santa Cruz County, which it is his duty to know all about for assessment purposes.

Counterfeiter Bair Pleads.

Ulysses Grant Bair, the Fruitvale counterfeiter, was arraigned yesterday morning in the United States District Court and pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging him with making, passing and having in possession counterfeit dollars. Monday, March 10, was fixed as the date for the trial.

PLUMBER FIGHTS THREE ROBBERS

Jacob Maas Has an Exciting Experience With Thugs.

A daring attempt to rob Jacob Maas, a plumber, living at 2300 Francisco street, was made by three men at Powell and Francisco streets while he was on his way home about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Just as he reached the corner named the three men confronted him and ordered him to throw up his hands. He refused and one of them struck him on the face, knocking him down. They jumped upon him and he fought them as best he could, at the same time yelling for help. They dragged him to a water trough with the intention of throwing him in, but his cries finally frightened them and they ran away.

About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Maas told Policemen Peshon and Silver that the three men who assaulted him were drinking in a saloon at Stockton and Francisco streets and the officers went to the place. Officer Peshon entered the saloon by the front door and Silver guarded a side entrance. Only one of the men was there, and as Peshon entered with Maas he ran toward the side door into the arms of Policeman Silver. He was taken to the City Prison, where he gave the name of Andrew Cappelli, and was booked on the charge of attempt to commit robbery. Maas went before Judge Cabanis and swore to the warrants for Cappelli's arrest and for the arrest of the other two

men. He says he does not know their names, but will be able to identify them in event they are arrested. He gave an accurate description of them to Peshon and Silver. Maas was very much shaken up over his experience, more particularly the threatened ducking in the water trough.

ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT.

Fireman Takes Charles Conlan's Watch and Money.

Charles Conlan, a train dispatcher from Grants Pass, Or., was held up about 10 o'clock yesterday morning in front of the Bowhead saloon on East street and robbed of a watch and some money. The thief was John Kennedy, said to be a railroad fireman. There were several witnesses to the robbery and Kennedy was promptly arrested. Daniel O'Connor, who says he is a grovemaker, was also locked up on suspicion of being an accomplice. Conlan said that he met Kennedy on the train. They traveled together from Sacramento. Kennedy exhibited a pin of the railroad fraternal order, to which Conlan belongs, and said that he, too, was a member. When they got to this side of the bay they went to the Bowhead saloon, where they had several drinks together. Conlan left Kennedy in the saloon and was standing on the sidewalk in front of the place when Kennedy walked up to him, grabbed his watch and chain, pulled some money out of his pocket and ran up the street.

Policemen Dower and Castro, who were in the neighborhood, were notified of the occurrence. They arrested Kennedy and O'Connor, who had been acting apparently as lookout. When searched at the police station Conlan's watch and \$4 10 were found on Kennedy. Conlan says he lost about \$40. Kennedy and O'Connor were charged with grand larceny.

Will Lecture on the Buffalo.

The subject chosen for the regular Friday evening lecture at the South Park Settlement will be "The Buffalo in the History of the West." The lecture will be given by Miss Lucile Eaves and will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

CLAIMS THIEVES STOLE HIS CASH

Tony Phillips Alleges His Safe Was Robbed.

Burglars Enter Geary-Street Place and Steal Stock and Cash.

Tony Phillips, saloon-keeper, 2901 Baker street, reported to the police yesterday that sometime during the night his place had been entered, his safe opened and \$175 which was in the safe stolen. He had the money in the safe with the object of paying off some bills yesterday. Captain Seymour detailed Detectives Reynolds and Coleman on the case. They ascertained that Phillips was one of the saloon-keepers near the Presidio whose applications for licenses were refused by the Police Commissioners Tuesday night. Phillips told them he owed \$170 to Mr. Ritter, from whom he had purchased the saloon, and \$70 for groceries and liquors. The safe had no combination and is opened with a key. Sergeant Campbell carefully examined the premises, but found no trace of any one having climbed over the back sheds. The back door had the mark of a chisel on it and one of the other doors was locked. Phillips said this door had been forced off its fastenings, but the officers discovered no evidence of such an occurrence. The officers on the beat said that Phillips kept a garage door in the saloon at night, and if any stranger had entered during the night the dog would have signaled the fact. Sergeant Campbell said that two officers had been stationed around the corner nearly all night and they did not see any one enter the place, nor did they hear any noise. The detectives in submitting their report to Captain Seymour conclude with the opinion that it was a "last job."

The saloon of Richardson & O'Lane, 551 Geary street, was entered by a burglar between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning and cigars and bottles of whisky to the value of \$15 and \$10 cash were stolen. The money was hidden in a back room off the barroom and the saloon men suspect a man who was in the place when it was closed for the night.

Horse Thief Arrested.

Frank Callaghan appeared in Judge Conlan's court yesterday on a charge of burglary and the case was continued till to-morrow. Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning Sergeant Blank and Policeman McKenna saw Callaghan leading a horse with saddle and bridle along Mission street and stopped him. They later learned that the horse had been stolen from Percy Benson's stables in the rear of 2822 Mission street.

Sons of the Revolution.

The California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, will celebrate Washington's birthday by a banquet in the Occidental Hotel. A feature of the banquet given by this association have been the after-dinner speeches, and this year will not be an exception to the rule. Those who will address the society are: Rev. F. W. Clappett, Charles M. Daly of the University of California, General S. B. M. Young, Horace G. Platt and Rev. Otis G. Baker of Oakland.

The Best Fountain Pens.

We are selling agents for the "Waterman Ideal Fountain Pens," \$2 50 to \$10 each, and sole agents for the "Marshall," the best 51 Fountain Pen in the world. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market st.

OUTLINES POLICY OF HIS COUNTRY

King of Italy Opens Parliament With Speech From Throne.

Says Government Intends to Confine Clergy to Their Own Domain.

ROME, Feb. 20.—King Victor Emanuel opened Parliament to-day with considerable ceremony. In the speech from the throne he referred to the tranquillizing effect on the country of the Government's liberal policy and to the excellent relations existing between Italy and all the powers. He said in part: A policy which bears in mind all our rights and all our duties has earned us a large share of good will and flattering testimonies of esteem in which our country is held by foreign nations. The confidence which Great Britain and France placed in me by selecting me as arbitrator is very pleasing to me. Thus, in the concert of the great nations, the defense of our interests and fidelity to our alliances and ties of cordial friendships are fully reconcilable with Italy's supreme aim, which is peace.

His Majesty dwelt at length on the necessity for social legislation, especially as regards the working people, and said: To honor labor, to fairly recompense and protect it; to improve the lot of those disinherited by fortune are the aims of the newer civilization. If the Government and Parliament succeed in this direction, while safeguarding equally the rights of all classes, they will have accomplished a memorable work of justice.

Referring to the proposed divorce bill, his Majesty said: In the relations of state and church my Government intends to maintain strictly the separation of the civil from spiritual authority, to honor the clergy, but to confine them in their own domain; to extend unrestricted respect to religious liberty of conscience, but to inviolably preserve intact the prerogative of power and the rights of national sovereignty. Queen Helena accompanied the King to Parliament. The procession to and from the Senate was imposing.

RICHMOND MERCHANTS SEEKING A SHORT CUT

Park Commissioners to Be Asked to Cut a Roadway for Their Convenience.

The Point Lobos Improvement Club is seeking direct communication with Sunset Valley, on the south side of Golden Gate Park. At a meeting of the club last night the inconvenience to Richmond merchants in delivering goods to the Sunset Valley residents was discussed. It was shown that all wagons hauling goods were compelled to go in a roundabout course, via Stanyan street. To overcome this a committee, consisting of E. E. Gillon, G. A. Blank and F. S. Lafferty, was appointed to request the Park Commissioners to cut a driveway across Golden Gate Park at some point between Sixth and Fifteenth avenues. Also to grade and macadamize Clement street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third avenues; Clement street, between Sixteenth and Eighteenth avenues, and the crossing of Seventeenth avenue.

Clerks Work Overtime.

Ten deputy county clerks worked on the documents in the County Clerk's office last night until 10 o'clock in an endeavor to bring the work of the office up to date. When County Clerk Mahony took office he found the work nine months behind. He will keep ten men at work every night until the work is caught up with, which will probably be about June 1.



I had been troubled a year, off and on, with constipation, biliousness and sick headaches. One day a friend asked me what the trouble was. When I told him he recommended Ripans Tabules. That evening I got a box, and after the second box I began to feel so much relief that I kept on with them. I have Ripans Tabules always in the house now and carry a package of them in my pocket.

At druggists'. The Five-Cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cents, contains a supply for a year.