

TWO ARIZONANS MEET IN DUEL

One Is Dying and the Other's Condition Is Critical.

Game of Cards Leads to Pistol Fight in a Harrisburg Saloon.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 26.—Large Letford and George Wells engaged in a shooting affray yesterday in Harrisburg, forty miles west of Congress, and the result may be fatal to both. The men had previously quarreled over a game of cards. They met in a saloon and Letford handed Wells a six-shooter and told him to defend himself. Wells tried to reason, but the response was a bullet in the forehead, penetrating the skull. A second ball from Letford's revolver entered Wells' side, over the heart, but fortunately passed that organ.

By this time Wells got in a shot that took effect in Letford's abdomen, putting him out of the fight. Wells tried to shoot again, but his weapon missed fire. Wells' friends installed him as comfortably as possible in the stage and drove to Congress, where he caught the train for Phoenix this morning, arriving here in a semi-conscious condition. The bullet extracted and to-night it is believed he has a chance for recovery.

When Wells left Harrisburg last night, Letford was believed to be dying. Harrisburg is a desert stage station, the headquarters for cowboys and prospectors.

Mountain Teamster Loses Life.

NEVADA, Sept. 26.—John Herbold, a teamster who was engaged in hauling wood from Smith & Scott's old mill near Truckee, was found dead on the road on Wednesday. Indications bear out the theory that the wagon was driving struck a stump on one side of the road with such force that the man was thrown from his seat to the ground, the massive wheels of the freighter passing over his chest. Herbold was driving four horses. After the accident the animals continued down the road a short distance, until further progress was stopped by a large log. Herbold had a sister residing in Gilroy.

May Lay Rails Into Stockton.

STOCKTON, Sept. 26.—It is now said that the railroad Captain John Cross of Los Angeles proposed to construct from Sacramento to Antioch, across the marshes, will be built to Stockton, as originally intended. Cross attempted to procure a right of way into Stockton, but was refused a franchise. Not long ago it was given out that he proposed to construct the road to Antioch. It is known that the proposition to build to Stockton has been revived and it is said by those interested that there is a good chance for the road going through.

Commission in Lunacy Meets.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 26.—The quarterly meeting of the State Commission in Lunacy, superintendents of the State asylums and members of the board of managers was held at Agnews Asylum today. Governor Gage failed to appear and Daniel Keane, secretary of the commission, presided. Much of the session was devoted to a discussion of the dietary for patients, with a view of increasing the per capita allowance for certain articles of food. Stress was laid upon the results gained by the use of good rich milk.

Water Supply for Tonopah.

AUSTIN, Nev., Sept. 26.—A deal has been consummated in Austin that will insure to Tonopah an abundant water supply for milling and domestic purposes. A. B. Millet of Smoky Valley sold to L. H. Rodgers and ex-Governor Jewett acres of Carson City, members of the Tonopah Water and Power Company, fifty inches of water in Twin River for \$10,000. The company also has an option on Millet's other holdings on the river and his remaining water rights, for which it is to pay \$15,000.

Railroad Man Promoted.

FRESNO, Sept. 26.—T. F. Bresnahan, who for twelve months has been in charge of the Southern Pacific ticket office, has been promoted to traveling freight and passenger agent, covering the territory in the San Joaquin Valley between Modesto and Bakersfield. It is a newly created office. C. E. Spear, from Bendia, has succeeded him in the office vacancy.

William Huber Their President.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 26.—William D. Huber of Philadelphia was today elected president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of the United States and Canada.

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TWO WERE BABES PLAY "FIREBUG"

Emulate Young Case and Morris in San Rafael.

Department Is Called Out to Save a Barn From Destruction.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 26.—Little Creed and Bonnie Connors played "firebug" this morning. As a result the fire department turned out and heavy loss of property was narrowly averted. The two Connors boys are but 3 and 5 years old, respectively. Having heard much of late about Case and Morris, San Rafael's notorious juvenile incendiaries, they decided it would be fine fun to show their father, William Connors, what heroic little fellows they were. One was the firebug and the other the fire department. Father's barn was to be the object of destruction.

Accordingly, at 12:30 o'clock to-day all preparations were made. The firebug had his match and the fireman his bucket in water. The torch was applied to some loose rubbish in the barn and the blaze started quickly. But the fireman was dilatory in his arrival, and as a result both lads became frightened and yelled "Fire!" in earnest. The alarm was turned in and the department responded quickly. The flames were extinguished, while father Connors took charge of the children and gave them a lesson in parental training.

An incident occurred at the time the alarm was turned in, showing the peculiar love for fires that the firebug has. Little Tony Morris, incarcerated in jail, heard the fire bell. With a yell of joy he cried: "Fire, fire, fire! Oh, how I wish I could go to the fire." The boy for a time seemed frantic at being unable to attend. Rushing up to the jailer in charge, he pleaded: "Oh, Mister, please let me go to the fire; sure I will be back."

Little Tony, however, had to remain in the corridor of the jail and be content with listening to the bell ring and fire whistles blow.

Case and Morris will be sent to the reform school, while an effort will be made to keep the Morris girl out of any public institution. The children's parents have obtained counsel to defend the girl. The boys' attorneys advise that they be sent to Whittier owing to their tender age there is no criminal charge against either one, but with the girl it is different. She is charged with complicity in arson and is old enough to be sent to the penitentiary if convicted. Judge Treadwell of San Francisco and Judge M. C. Duffey of this city will defend her.

Fire at Challenge Mills.

MARYSVILLE, Sept. 26.—A message received by the Daily Appeal this evening from Challenge Mills reports that F. C. Burroughs' residence and barn were destroyed by fire this morning, the family barely escaping. At one time the town was threatened, but the course of the wind changed.

Tossed and Trampled by a Bull.

CHICO, Sept. 26.—John Gull, one of Butte County's foremost old settlers, lies in critical condition here as the result of injuries received while attempting to dehorn a vicious bull to-day. Gull had tied the animal to a stump and was in the act of sawing off the horns when the bull broke the rope and attacked him. Gull was tossed high in the air and when he fell to the ground the bull trampled his prostrate body, fracturing his skull, breaking two ribs and inflicting internal injuries. The same animal two weeks ago severely injured one of Gull's sons. The bull was shot this evening.

Dr. Howard May Be Chosen.

SEATTLE, Sept. 26.—A dispatch from A. J. Biethen, president of the board of regents of the University of Washington, from Chicago, says that Superintendent Cooley has not been appointed president of the university. Professor Cooley has been invited by the board, through Biethen, to come west and inspect the institution previous to conferences with the board. Dr. Howard, formerly of Stanford and now of Harvard, has received a similar invitation. Each gentleman knows of the other's invitation from the board.

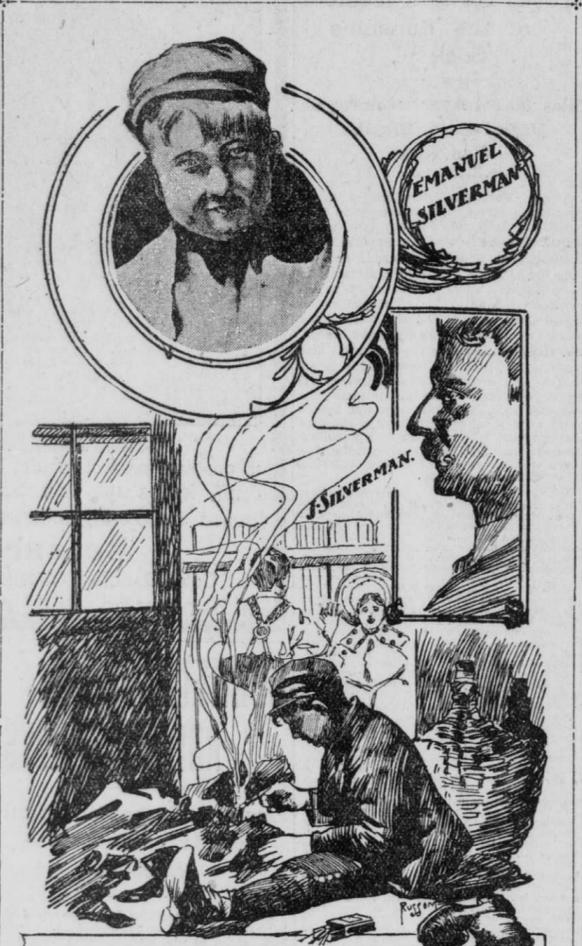
Miles Starts Northward.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—Lieutenant General Miles and party left for San Francisco this afternoon.

SIMLA, India, Sept. 26.—Further reports received here regarding the earthquake in Eastern Turkistan, which lasted from August 22 to September 3, show that in addition to causing other damage, a town of Artush was reduced to ruins, that 656 persons were killed and that 1000 others were injured.

BOY PLAYS WITH MATCHES AND IS BURNED TO DEATH

Brave Firemen Save Two Children, but Little Emanuel Silverman Perishes.



FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO MET AN UNTIMELY END AS A RESULT OF PLAYING WITH MATCHES, THE FATHER OF THE DEAD CHILD AND SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY.

W HILE J. Silverman was out on business yesterday and his wife, Mrs. A. Silverman, was busy waiting on a customer in the front of their second-hand clothing store at 984 Folsom street, their child, Emanuel, 5 years of age, accidentally started a fire in a shed in the rear of the building and was burned to death.

The fire broke out about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and M. Blackfield, a neighbor, seeing smoke coming from the shed, immediately ran to the firehouse on Sixth street, between Folsom and Shipley, and gave the alarm. Blackfield's call for assistance and the quick response of the fire company was the means of saving the lives of two of Silverman's children who were playing in the yard at the time the fire broke out.

The three children—Emanuel, Sol (3 years of age) and Morris (18 months of age)—were playing in the yard at the rear of the store when Emanuel entered the small shed, which is used as a storehouse for old clothes, to play. Suddenly flames broke out from the shed and in a few minutes the building and much material in the yard were on fire. The two children, who were playing in the yard at the time, seeing their danger, made frantic efforts to open the door leading from the yard to the kitchen, but were unable to do so. Their cries attracted the attention of their mother, in the front of the store,

who, on seeing the flames and knowing that her children were in danger, started to their rescue, but fell fainting before she could reach them. At this time Police Sergeant P. A. Mahoney and the Fire Department arrived on the scene. Sergeant Mahoney and Captain Coniff, Captain Cullen, James Laultborn, W. Hart and John Titus, of the Fire Department, rushed into the yard and passing the children from one to the other succeeded in saving them from the flames. The frantic cries of the father, who had arrived on the scene, that there was a fire, were followed by a rush of the rescuers to the burning shed. Sergeant Mahoney, with Captains Coniff and Cullen and Fireman Titus, entered the burning shed and after a search found little Emanuel under a pile of clothes, where he had hidden in an effort to escape the flames. When found the child was dead and the body badly burned.

The mother, on receiving the news of the dreadful death of her boy, was prostrated with grief, as was her husband. It is certain that the boy carried matches into the shed and in his play broke out from the shed and in a few minutes the building and much material in the yard were on fire. The two children, who were playing in the yard at the time, seeing their danger, made frantic efforts to open the door leading from the yard to the kitchen, but were unable to do so. Their cries attracted the attention of their mother, in the front of the store,

BUGGLARS BUSY DURING THE FIRE

Loot a Saloon and a Blacksmith Shop in Sausalito.

Town's Residents Are Moving for Better Protection Against Flames.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAUSALITO, Sept. 26.—During the progress of the fire last night two burglaries were committed here. The saloon of Thomas Frost was entered and the cash register and two slot machines were looted.

The burglars evidently were familiar with the surroundings of the saloon, for they entered by a rear door which could be reached only by descending a steep hill leading to the rear. The door was opened by means of a brace and bit, which was used to enable the thieves to pry the lock off with a jimmy. The burglars in their haste overlooked a coin sack containing \$50, though they left evidences of a hurried search for it, the numerous drawers and their contents behind the bar being found in confusion.

The thieves left a lighted candle in the saloon, which caused an investigation and the discovery of the robbery. The brace and bit and jimmy used by the thieves were found on the floor.

The blacksmith shop of Frank Carredo was entered by thieves and sacked of its contents. It is reported that an attempt was made to fire this place, but no evidence other than signs of fire about the exterior of the building can be found and this may have been caused by flying sparks, which ignited numerous patches of dry grass in the vicinity of the fire. The building in question, however, is nearly three blocks from the scene of yesterday's fire and had been built only a week or two. The shop contained a complete set of new tools.

An investigation as to the cause of last night's fire is to be instituted by the Town Trustees and steps will be taken to establish a more serviceable Fire Department. A meeting of citizens will be held to devise means to insure the safety of their homes. Many are of the opinion that an incendiary is at work in the town and the necessary steps will be taken to prevent a reign of terror similar to that experienced lately by the sister town of San Rafael.

Jacques Thomas, Mayor of Sausalito, said to-day: "In the first place I want it understood by both the residents of the town and the press that I shall take every precaution in my power to insure the residents of Sausalito against loss by fire by installing a better system of fire apparatus and a sufficient water supply. This, I think, can be done at very little expense to the taxpayers. A reservoir to hold sufficient salt water can be built on the slopes surrounding the town and fire plugs to tap this can be placed upon the main lines of the water supply. The water could be pumped to the reservoir by installing a gas engine on the water front, and can assure you that this is a better fire protection has my hearty support.

The associates of Mr. Thomas on the Board of Town Trustees have all signified their intention of bringing the question of better fire protection to an issue at the next meeting of the board.

Much comment has been caused by the alleged action of Dr. Case, the local manager of the water company, who refused to have the water supply turned on. He is alleged to have said in reply to a request of Mayor Thomas, asking him to turn on the water, that "the water is for drinking purposes, not for putting out fires." Very little water would have been needed at the start to arrest the blaze.

The losses in last night's fire are given as follows: Antonio Peter, flour and feed store, \$3500, insurance \$1900; Silva & Peter, building, \$200; N. Santos, flats, \$5000, insurance \$2100; J. F. Renner, barber shop, \$900; Jim Bros., \$2500, insurance \$800; Peter and Sons, furniture, \$1000; Narado Bros., \$1000, insurance \$400; Mrs. S. Barnovich, two cottages and furniture, \$200, insurance \$100; John Diaz, building occupied by Jim Bros., \$800, no insurance; Rodgers, furniture, \$800, no insurance; Mrs. J. W. Brown, two cottages, badly scorched.

The electric light shanty, telephone exchange and North Shore Railroad sustained losses.

COTTONWOOD'S FIRE LOSS.
Damage by Flames Will Reach Forty Thousand Dollars.

COTTONWOOD, Sept. 26.—Fire that consumed all of Cottonwood's South Front street started at 4 o'clock this morning in Kate Leary's livery stable. A brisk northwest wind was blowing and in five minutes the flames had spread to the adjoining buildings.

The losers are: Ed Carter, general merchandise, \$25,000, partly insured; Anna Behrie, saloon, \$1000; Kate Leary, livery stable with contents and seven horses, \$300, partly insured; Clark & Lean, saloon, \$50, and building, \$1500; Laffoon, livery stable, \$3000; George Martin, lessee of Laffoon's stable, hay, grain and twenty horses; Charles Baseler, hotel and contents, \$800, partly insured.

HAINES WEAKENS ON THE GALLOWS

Murderer Loses His Bravado in the Face of Death.

Depression Follows Attacks Upon Two Officials in Folsom.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

FOLSOM, Sept. 26.—Frank M. Haines walked upon the scaffold at Folsom prison at 10 o'clock this forenoon. Immediately Hangman Spencer placed the noose about his neck and sprung the trap, and Haines' bloodthirsty career was at an end.

Haines paid the penalty of his life for having stabbed to death Jerry Harris, a fellow prisoner in San Quentin, on March 15, 1902. Since Haines has been confined here he has given the officials much trouble. He daily declared that they would never hang him.

Yesterday Haines attacked Turnkey Haggerty, striking him with a pair of handcuffs. Early this morning he attempted to injure Captain Murphy by the same means, but was prevented by guards near at hand. It was expected to-day that the condemned man would refuse to go to the gallows. He passed a restless night and this morning all his bravado left him. As the time for the execution drew near he weakened and it was evident he was in a state of physical collapse.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST
Changes Made in the Postal Service and More New Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The Postoffice Department to-day announced: Fourth-class postmasters appointed—California—Mary K. Janeway, Elmdena, Orange County, vice Lillie M. Douglass, resigned; Cuthbert W. West, Placencia, Orange County, vice Clara Wetzel, resigned.

These pensions were granted: California—Increase, reissue, etc.—John A. Martin, San Francisco, \$10; Charles Smith, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, \$10. Washington—Increase, reissue, etc.—Frederick M. Smith, Seattle, \$12; Abram Van Amburg, Seattle, \$8.

Navy orders announce that Lieutenant L. M. Overstreet is assigned to the Oregon.

Army orders direct that Colonel Charles Smart, assistant surgeon-general, go from this city to San Francisco, thence November 1 to the Philippines as chief surgeon; Major William H. Arthur, surgeon, from the Philippines to San Francisco for further orders.

Social Usage
Prescribes correct forms of stationery. We have the right papers for polite correspondence, and also ideas for engraving visiting cards and wedding announcements. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market.

Editor's Accidental Death.
LONG BEACH, Sept. 26.—Glenn G. Shaw, editor and proprietor of the Daily Independent, who accidentally shot himself while hunting, died from the resultant shock and loss of blood. Shaw was creeping through the woods four miles from town after a rabbit, when he tripped over a log and was discharged, the entire load tearing away the femur of the left leg between the knee and ankle, breaking about four inches of the tibia and severing the main artery. His parents, C. S. Shaw and wife, and brother, L. L. Shaw, editor of the Santa Ana Herald, of Santa Ana, were notified by telephone, but did not reach here until after his death. Glenn G. Shaw was 23 years of age and left a wife and one child.

Hod-Carriers Strike at Stanford.
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 26.—In accordance with a notice served by the Hod-Carriers' Union three months ago upon Contractor J. D. McGilvray, the members of the union in his employ have struck. The disagreement resulted from the demand for an increase in pay from \$2.50 to \$3 a day, which the contractor refused to grant. It is understood that all the men hired by the contractor since the strike will be called out if the contractor does not yield. Should the Trades Council decide upon severe measures it is probable that work would have to cease temporarily on the university buildings.

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WAR MAKES NO STRIP AT HAYTIAN SEAPORTS
American Naval Commander Reports That United States Citizens Are Not Molested.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The Navy Department has received the following cablegram from Commander Patch of the Montgomery in answer to his inquiry in regard to the situation in Hayti: "CAPE HAYTIEN, Sept. 26.—Blockade not effective. The position of the insurgents is at a distance of eighteen miles from Cape Haytien. The Haytian troops are now concentrated. The series of engagements that has taken place resulted in a Government victory at Cape Haytien. The objective point of the insurgents is defended in Gonaives, which will be their headquarters. The United States citizens at Terra Neuva are safe. Everything is quiet at Haytian seaports."

WAR DEPARTMENT PEOPLE WARNED.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Acting Secretary Sanger has issued a circular to the officers and employes of the War Department warning them against political assessments and partisan activity of office holders.

REBECCA TAYLOR DEMURS TO A RULING OF ROOT
War Department Clerk Who Was Recently Dismissed Insists on Reinstatement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Counsel for Miss Rebecca J. Taylor, who was dismissed recently from the War Department as a result of her published criticisms of the administration's policy in the Philippines, to-day filed a demurrer to Secretary Root's answer to her petition for a mandamus to compel the Secretary to restore her to a clerkship.

She alleges that her removal was without justice or authority of law; that it was because of her political opinions, and that it was null and void. She is empowered to remove a subordinate in violation of the laws of Congress or the rules of the President.

Deepening the Sacramento.
MARYSVILLE, Sept. 26.—Lieutenant de Merritt, in charge of the operations by the snagboat Seizer on Sacramento River, reports that at Vina Ford a dam 700 feet long has been completed. At this point the river spreads out 1200 feet and could have been forced easily, but since the construction of the dam the water runs to a depth of two and a half feet and it will become deeper as the scouring process continues.

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