

FIREMEN PLAN VIVID DRAMA

Thrilling Exhibition Is to Be Given in Aid of Widows' and Orphans' Association

RENT GRAND OPERA-HOUSE

Audiences to Witness Alarm, Turnout, Fighting Flames and Scenes of Life Saving

Plans for the monster week's benefit for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the San Francisco Fire Department, to take place at the Grand Opera-house, commencing Sunday, December 20, have been completed.

In addition to the regular attraction, consisting of the drama, "The Outcast," a spectacular feature will be given by picked men of the Fire Department, showing the methods and workings of the firemen in everyday life.

There will be scenes representing an engine-house with apparatus, horses, telegraphic instruments, sliding poles and sleeping quarters, the sounding of the alarm, hitching up the engine, leaving for a fire, the run to the conflagration, fighting the fire and saving life by means of jumping nets and pom-pier ladders.

The display to be made by the firemen on the stage of the Grand Opera-house will be the most realistic ever placed upon a stage.

The men of the department are now rehearsing and the horses are being trained to their new surroundings. A three-story frame building will show the interior of an engine-house and it will be as complete as any of the regular quarters of the Fire Department.

That the public will generously respond in aiding the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the firemen is a foregone conclusion.

While the city government makes some provision for the families of firemen who may actually meet death in the discharge of their duties, there is no provision made for those left behind by the brave men, who, owing to the nature of their calling, are exposed to dangers of health that too often result fatally.

The firemen of San Francisco maintain their own association to help the men of the department who fall ill. They also contribute stated sums to the newly formed Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association, but the success of the organization requires assistance.

Chief Sullivan and his men are opposed to the soliciting of subscriptions and therefore they decided on the theatrical benefit.

The cost of securing the Grand Opera-house and the attraction of "The Little Outcast" for Christmas week is a large one, but the firemen did not hesitate. They feel that the public will respond to the call and aid the good cause. The regular attraction is of good merit and with the exciting scenes to be presented by the firemen themselves the audiences at the Grand Opera-house during Christmas week will be well repaid for visiting the theater.

Chief Sullivan and Assistant Chief Dougherty are working hard to make the benefit a success and are personally superintending the rehearsing of the fire scenes and the equipment of the stage with apparatus.

REFUSES TO ORDER ARREST OF A DEPARTING ACTRESS

Leading Lady of "Cross Roads" Company Escapes Imprisonment Because of Blackman's Tactics.

Judge Graham yesterday refused to issue an order directing the arrest of Esther Williams, leading lady of "At the Old Cross Roads" company, which recently completed an engagement at the California Theater. The order was sought by a theatrical man named Blackman of Oakland, who claimed that the actress, whose real name is Mrs. Cousins, owed him \$130 and was about to leave the State without paying up. In refusing to make the order Judge Graham said that to cause the lady's arrest would be doing her an injustice. He told Blackman that as she had been in this city for three weeks he should have had her haled into court on an order of examination and not waited until she was about to leave the city before taking action.

The debt is one of long standing, according to Blackman's statement to the Judge. He lent her the money several years ago, and when she did not repay him he brought suit in the Justice's court. He got a judgment for the amount, but before he could collect she left the city. She came back here several times in Maud Granger's company and on each occasion was haled into court to show cause for her failure to pay. She proved each time that she was heavily indebted to Maud Granger and so escaped Blackman's clutches.

Somali Leves Desert British. ADEN, Arabia, Dec. 10.—It is reported here that the Somali levies raised by the British in East Africa have mutinied and joined the forces of the Mad Mullah.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Every mother feels a great dread of the pain and danger attendant upon the most critical period of her life. Becoming a mother should be a source of joy to all, but the suffering and danger incident to the ordeal makes its anticipation one of misery. Mother's Friend is the only remedy which relieves women of the great pain and danger of maternity; this hour which is dreaded as woman's severest trial is not only made painless, but all the danger is avoided by its use. Those who use this remedy are no longer despondent or gloomy; nervousness, nausea and other distressing conditions are overcome, the system is made ready for the coming event, and the serious accidents so common to the critical hour are obviated by the use of Mother's Friend. "It is worth its weight in gold," says many who have used it. \$1.00 per bottle at drug stores. Book containing valuable information of interest to all women, will be sent to any address free upon application to **BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.**

TARGET TRIALS TO BEGIN SOON

Regular Quarterly Practice at Presidio Range Will Commence During Coming Week

BAND WILL PLAY TO-DAY

Private S. Eldridge Fairfield Comes Into Fortune of \$50,000 Through Death of Mother

The regular quarterly target practice at the Presidio, as directed under general orders No. 100, will begin early during the coming week. The exact date has not as yet been announced. The Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Sixtieth, Seventieth, Ninety-second and One Hundred and Fifth Artillery companies will participate in the contest. They will be stationed on the bluffs and will fire from batteries Lancaster, Godfrey, Safford, Cranston, Crosby, Slaughter, Sherwood, Howe, Stotsenburg and Blaney. The targets will be out in the open sea, about three and a half miles off shore.

The target, which consists of a canvas sail, pyramidal in shape and about 20 feet high and 40 feet long, resting on a float, will be towed by a tug attached to it by a hawser 500 yards in length.

This will be the final practice of the season.

Major J. E. Baxter has been ordered to report to San Francisco to relieve Captain R. L. Brown as quartermaster on the United States transport Sherman. The Sherman is due here on the 15th inst. Captain Brown has been ordered to report to Manila.

SOLDIER HEIR TO FORTUNE.

The Third Band Artillery Corps will give its regular weekly concert this afternoon at 3:30 on the parade ground. Armand Putz will direct. Following will be the programme: Overture, "Fra Diavolo," Auber; Mexican dance, "Maria," D'Avila; selection, "The Huguenots," Meyerbeer; intermezzo, "In Spring Time," Brooks; selection, popular songs, Byer; popular two-step, "El Salero," Lelia France.

Private S. Eldridge Fairfield has just come into a fortune of \$50,000 left him by his mother in Connecticut. Fairfield's term has nearly expired, and when his time is up he will take his discharge from the army and return to the life of a civilian.

Bert McGrath, one of the general recruits who escaped from the guardhouse on May 27, was captured in Modesto by Constable George T. Davis and returned to the post yesterday.

INSPECTION OF ARMAMENT.

Major Ira McNutt of the ordnance department came down from his headquarters at Benicia arsenal yesterday morning and at once began a tour of inspection of the armament of the post.

The cavalry drill regulations have been amended to read as follows: "Horses when received at regiment are assigned to troops according to color, under the direction of the commanding officer. They are branded on hoof of one foot, one and one-half inches below the coronet, with the letter of the troop and number of the regiment. Captains will make permanent assignments of horses to men. After a horse has been so assigned his rider will not exchange him nor allow him to be used by any other person without permission of the captain."

Leave for twenty-one days has been granted Major Francis J. Ives, surgeon, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, to take effect upon his arrival at San Francisco.

Enlisted men not belonging to organizations which have been supplied by the quartermaster's department with the uniform prescribed by general orders No. 132, 1902, are forbidden to wear either on or off duty any articles of the new pattern adopted.

The new bakery at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, equipped with the latest bread-baking machinery, turns out from 3500 to 4000 loaves per day.

NOVEMBER'S IMMIGRANTS HEADED BY THE ENGLISH

Japanese and Chinese Combined Aggregate More Than One-Half of the Arrivals.

Richard Eccleston, statistician for the United States Immigration Bureau, has compiled the following report of alien immigrants arriving at this port during November: Four hundred and sixty-nine tourists and 570 immigrants. Of the immigrants 237 are English, 179 Japanese, 174 Chinese, 99 Filipinos, 31 Germans, 23 Scandinavians, 19 Scotch, 18 Irish, 9 Pacific Islanders, 8 Italians and 4 Greeks. The occupations are: One hundred and sixty-three merchants, 36 mariners, 81 laborers, 37 servants, 25 farmers, 17 farm laborers, 17 carpenters, 14 miners, 14 clerks, 11 engineers, 5 machinists; 4 each of actors, clergymen, teachers and tailors; 3 each of physicians and butchers, 2 hotel-keepers, 1 lawyer, 347 miscellaneous, and 279 no occupation, including women and children.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 10.—A verdict was given by a jury in the District Court this afternoon in favor of the city of Denver in the suit of David Charters, a former business man, for \$15,000 damages for injuries said to have been sustained by falling on an alleged defective sidewalk two years ago.

DEATH CALLS YOUNG GENIUS

Miss Henrietta Welcker Goes to Her Rest Just as Her Marches Become Famous

WORK CAPTURES CRITICS

Sonatas and Some Other Late Compositions Are Regarded as Having Classic Qualities

The untimely death of Miss Henrietta Welcker at Berkeley comes as a shock to many throughout the State and will be recognized as a loss by many throughout the East, where her musical work has aroused much attention, and has, because of certain of its qualities, aroused in some places the attention of those who are high authorities in this department of art.

Although the first of her musical compositions to be published, the "Roosevelt March," which was on Thanksgiving day played by the Golden Gate Park band, is lighter in character than have been the majority of her works, which, being recognized as classic, have received recognition and splendid commendation from those familiar with music in what is considered its more permanent and enduring expression.

The "Roosevelt March" she chose to have published first because she hoped that, as it is one of her pieces suited for a military band, it might be played by the band of the United States Military Academy, West Point, a wish which those in authority were prompt to comply with. Since her death word has been received that the Naval Academy of the United States at Annapolis is also to play it.

Of her compositions of a more serious nature critics familiar with music in its higher expression were quick to discover their classic quality. Such were the piece entitled "To Rubinstein," and later a sonata having in its second part passages of rare beauty.

The news that the "Roosevelt March" had been played by the band of the United States Military Academy at West Point filled her with delight. Bands elsewhere were already preparing to present it, but her father had been graduated from West Point and the fact that this institution first played her march made her decide to compose and dedicate to West Point a march which, had she lived, would probably have been her next work, and would no doubt have been one worthy of the high ideals and splendid achievements of that institution.

Miss Welcker was the daughter of the late Colonel William T. Welcker. The funeral will take place to-day at 2 p. m. from St. Mark's church, Berkeley.

PERSONALS.

Dr. I. R. Alken of Decoto is at the Palace.

Judge George F. Buck of Stockton is at the Lick.

Judge E. C. Hart of Sacramento is at the Grand.

W. J. Veale, a horseman of Mexico, is at the Palace.

Commander Kimball, U. S. N., is at the Occidental.

Rev. W. E. Potwine of Pendleton, Or., is at the Occidental.

Attorney Joseph D. Sprout and wife of Chico are at the Lick.

J. O. Hayes, proprietor of Harbin Springs, is at the Grand.

Charles B. Younger, an attorney of Santa Cruz, is at the Lick.

Dr. W. J. Robertson and wife of Livermore are at the California.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stillman of New York are registered at the Palace.

Banker George Nixon of Winnemucca, Nev., is registered at the Palace.

H. S. Huson, owner of one of the big coal mines of Washington, is at the Palace.

G. H. Holmes, proprietor of the Hotel Angeles of Los Angeles, is at the Palace.

He is on his way to Salt Lake City.

C. L. Fontaine, commercial agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Pacific Railway, with headquarters in El Paso, is in the city.

William Yeager, a prominent politician of Cincinnati and the father of "Plunger" Yeager, arrived from the East yesterday and is at the Palace.

J. S. Noble, who recently resigned from the position of division superintendent of the Southern Pacific Company at Ogden, and wife are at the Grand.

Perceval W. Clement, former president of the Rutland and Vermont railroad, and a party of friends who have been in the Yosemite Valley, returned yesterday and are at the Palace.

Bishop Restarick of the Episcopal diocese of Honolulu, who has been visiting friends in the East, arrived at the Occidental yesterday on his way to the islands, for which he will sail Saturday.

J. E. Shaughnessy, a brother of Sir Thomas J. Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, has been a guest at the Palace for several days. He is head of the construction department of the road.

Californians in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Among the arrivals at the New Willard are Mrs. A. B. Butler and J. V. Kimball of San Francisco.

To Decide on Fit of Dress.

Justice of the Peace Lamson was called upon to decide as to the fit of a dress in a suit brought yesterday by Miss Elizabeth Fitzpatrick against Miss Jane Preston to recover \$16 for making the dress. Miss Preston refused to pay the bill on the ground that the cloth she had furnished had been ruined in the cutting.

Miss K. Clark, an expert of twenty-six years' experience, testified that the dress had a gore in front, which was not warranted by artistic laws and Judge Lamson took the case under advisement.

Formal Occupancy of Guantanamo.

GUANTANAMO, Cuba, Dec. 10.—Four hundred United States marines and 300 bluejackets were landed here to-day and participated in simple proceedings marking the formal occupancy of this place as a United States naval station and the installing of the station ship. The Cuban and American flags were saluted with twenty-one guns.

ELFORS KILLED BY NEGLIGENCE

Landlord Sweeney Is Blamed for His Tenant's Death and Violating the Gas Ordinance

CASE GIVEN TO POLICE

Deadly Fluid Turned Off at 9 a. m. and on at 4 p. m. Daily Despite the City's Law

Landlord J. J. Sweeney of the lodging-house at 114 Pacific street was blamed yesterday, by the coroner's jury for being the cause of the death of Frank Elfors, a lodger, 65 years old. Elfors was found last Wednesday morning suffocated in his bed with illuminating gas escaping from an open burner in the room. Sweeney admitted that he had been in the habit of turning off the gas at the meter at 9 a. m. and turning it on again at about 4 p. m. After hearing Sweeney's statement and those of other witnesses, the jury returned the following verdict:

That the said Frank Elfors died at 114 Pacific street on December 9th from gas asphyxiation due to the fact that the gas on said premises was turned off by the manager of above apartment house at the meter at about 9 a. m. and turned on about 4 p. m. each day except Sundays and that said death, from evidence produced, was due to decreased having retired with the gas burning, and that when the gas was turned off the meter the flame was extinguished, and that when the gas was turned on at the meter said gas entered the room through the open jet and caused the death of said Frank Elfors.

We believe that ordinance No. 642 was violated in this case, and recommend that the proper authorities take due notice of same. The jury recommended that the proper authorities cause copies of ordinance No. 642 to be printed and placed in conspicuous positions, either on gas meters or in close proximity to same.

Sweeney testified that, although he had had charge of the building for the Fair estate during the last thirteen years, he had never heard of the ordinance prohibiting the turning of gas on and off at the meter. He said also that he made a daily inspection, occupying twenty to twenty-five minutes, of the 124 rooms in the house to assure himself that the stopcocks on the gas burners were closed. He last saw Elfors alive on Saturday, lying on a bed, presumably drunk. On Monday Sweeney looked into the room again and saw him in the same position, but paid no particular attention, presuming that Elfors was drunk.

Coroner Leland explained to the jury that the ordinance was passed last March, because a great number of cases of gas suffocation reported at the morgue had been caused, undoubtedly, by tenants going to sleep with the gas burning and by landlords turning the supply off and on at the meter.

After having approved the verdict, the coroner notified the police and the District Attorney, in order that proper steps toward the prosecution of Sweeney might be taken.

The landlord is a brother of Attorney "Eddie" Sweeney.

Feared McCarty's Progressiveness.

J. H. McCarty, whose suit for damages against the Journeymen Horse-shoers' Union and the Master Horse-shoers' Association is on trial in Judge Hunt's court, was recalled to the witness stand yesterday. He said that a man named McGee had at a meeting of the Masters' Association demanded that McCarty be driven from business because he contemplated establishing an electric plant and that if his progress were not stopped the other horse-shoers in this city would be compelled to close their shops.

Appears for Mrs. Cobb.

Attorney Thomas E. Curran has been retained by Mrs. Sophia Cobb, widow of the late Attorney Moses G. Cobb, to represent her during the proceedings connected with the probate of her husband's estate. A notice to this effect was yesterday served upon Attorney A. Ruef, who is named as executor of Cobb's will in the document, which was filed as such two weeks ago, and upon Mrs. Rosa Barry, a widow, sole legatee in the will.

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NEWLY WEDDED PAIR TENDERED A RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Hovey gave a large reception last evening at their home on Broadway in honor of their son, Richard Hovey, and his bride, formerly Miss Grace Garoutte, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Garoutte. During the reception hours, 8 to 11 o'clock, 150 callers thronged the beautiful drawing-rooms. Flaming poinsettias and red berries were effectively arranged for decoration with clusters of autumnal foliage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have just returned from the wedding trip through Southern California, and will leave again next week for another trip. The bride looked extremely well in her wedding gown of white Battenberg lace over satin and chiffon. She received with her husband's mother, Mrs. Chester Hovey, who was becomingly adorned in blue crepe mignonne over white silk, with garniture of lace. Miss Rachel Hovey wore a pretty gown of white crepe de chine elaborately embroidered. Miss Amy Garoutte wore a dainty gown of white and pink flowered chiffon over silk.

The receiving party was composed of Mrs. Richard Hovey, Mrs. C. H. Garoutte, Mrs. A. R. Cotton, Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. E. A. Blodgett, Mrs. Charles Suydam, Miss Rachel Hovey, Miss Amy Garoutte, Miss Anita Bertheau and Miss George Spleker.

Mrs. Victor Clement was guest of honor yesterday at the sixth luncheon of the series given at the University Club by Mrs. Burns Macdonald and Mrs. Hilda Baxter. American Beauty roses were arranged with artistic effect for decoration. The guests were cordially received and the luncheon proved as delightful as those just past.

The guests were Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Adam Grant, Mrs. William Thomas, Mrs. Patton, Mrs. E. B. Cutter, Mrs. M. H. de Young, Mrs. Josephine Morris de Greayer, Mrs. Henry Butters, Mrs. Joseph Marks, Mrs. John F. Swift, Mrs. P. B. Cornwall, Mrs. John F. Merrill, Mrs. Sidney Cushing, Mrs. Homer S. King, Mrs. Charles Webb Howard, Miss Lake, Miss O'Connor and Mrs. John Curry.

Mrs. William Prentice Morgan entertained the Six-Handed Euchre Club at her home on Clay street yesterday afternoon. There was a pleasant game of cards, with handsome prizes for the fortunate players. Among those present were Mrs. J. D. V. Middleton, Mrs. Smedberg, Mrs. James Carolan, Mrs. Q. L. Baker, Mrs. William Thomas, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Horace Davis, Mrs. Ira Pierce, Mrs. Cyrus Walker, Mrs. Timothy Hopkins and Mrs. Adam Grant.

Mrs. William T. Seson gave her second "at home" yesterday afternoon at her home on Washington street. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and the ladies were hospitably entertained.

Mrs. Mark Gerstle entertained eight friends at her home yesterday afternoon and a pleasant hour was spent over the cups of tea.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Newhall gave a dinner at their home on Franklin street Wednesday evening, complimentary to Miss Margaret Newhall, who is one of the winter debutantes. The decorations were pink roses.

Mrs. Albert Niblack (nee Harrington) sailed yesterday for the Orient.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Wempe, who are spending their honeymoon abroad, are at present in Nice.

The Guild of Arts and Crafts, of which Miss Octavia Holden is president, opened its first exhibition in the Palace Maple room yesterday afternoon with some of the finest works of art that have been seen in this city for some time. The sale began at once and continued during the afternoon and evening, during which time fully



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STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS

HAMBURG BREMEN

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF HAMBURG, in the Empire of Germany, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1902, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of sections 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner.

ASSETS.

Cash Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds owned by Company, \$1,489,075 00

Amount of Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks and other marketable securities as collateral, 40,000 00

Cash in Banks, 55,309 11

Premiums in due Course of Collection, 149,001 73

Total Assets, \$1,733,385 84

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unpaid, \$8,175 00

Losses in process of Adjustment or in Suspense, 92,340 00

Losses reserved, including expenses of Gross premiums on Fire Risks running more than one year, \$1,128,218 15

257 01; reinsurance 30 per cent., 601,128 31

Gross premiums on Fire Risks running less than one year, \$1,128,218 15

209 87; reinsurance pro rata, 606,627 30

Commissions and Brokerage due and to become due, 42,213 44

Total Liabilities, \$1,309,634 84

INCOME.

Net cash actually received for Fire premiums, \$1,551,888 41

Received for interest and dividends on Bonds, Stocks, Loans, and from all other sources, 52,148 72

Total Income, \$1,604,037 13

EXPENDITURES.

Net amount paid for Fire Losses (including \$70,320 39, losses of previous year), 889,731 40

Paid or allowed for Commissions or Brokerage, 308,213 08

Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., 122