

DOG BATTLES WITH THIEVES

Vigorous Southern California Canine Makes Things Unpleasant for Pair of Criminals

FIERCE FIGHT FOR LIFE

Frightened Women Watch the Terrific Onslaught of Animal When the Intruders Arrive

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 17.—A terrific battle occurred here last night between a bulldog and two thieves. It ended in the dog driving the men off, though not before it had been severely injured.

Shortly before midnight two men approached the residence of Robert Brazelton on Fourth street. They made an attempt to secure an entrance through the window, but, failing, started for the front porch. Their prowling about the premises had alarmed Mrs. Brazelton and Miss Gladys Brazelton, who, with the exception of Prince, the bulldog, were alone in the house.

The dog had on other occasions shown himself equal to battle with thieves, and so the expected happened when the visitors got on the porch. Prince was standing in the hallway, with nothing but a screen between him and the men. Before they knew what was coming the big dog made a spring toward them, going through the screen like a shot.

The obstruction made him fall short of the mark, but before the burglars could recover from their surprise he had again bounded toward them, grabbing one by the vest and coat. Then came the battle. Time and again the dog was beaten off by a club, but he always bounded back, savagely seeking to bury his teeth in the neck of either of his antagonists.

Mrs. Brazelton, describing the fight, said the blows which the dog received sounded like the reports of a revolver, and they followed each other with rapid succession. The fight lasted only a short time, but to the frightened occupants of the house it seemed an age before the big dog suddenly dropped senseless beneath a vicious blow and the thieves turned and fled.

FIRM FINDS COIN MISSING

Fresno Insurance Clerk Takes a Vacation and His Employers Expert the Books

Special Dispatch to The Call.

FRESNO, Dec. 17.—Elmer Fentress, a well-known young society man of this city, who has for several years been a trusted insurance clerk in the employ of the firm of Moore & Cate, has disappeared and nearly \$1000 of the firm's money is missing.

Fentress stood high in the regard of his employers, who trusted him absolutely. On the day before Thanksgiving he left for San Francisco to attend a prizefight and was told by his employers that he could take a short vacation if he so desired. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

It has been only within the past week that Moore & Cate have given up hope of his returning and have had his books audited, showing the shortage in his accounts.

Fentress belongs to a highly respected family in this city. He was formerly one of the best known amateur pugilists on the coast.

Woman Doctor Found Guilty.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 17.—After a sensational trial before a jury in the District Court, Mrs. I. Carrie Johnson, a female doctor, was to-day pronounced guilty of murder in the second degree for having performed a criminal operation upon Mrs. Pearl Gordon, wife of a United States recruiting officer.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—A dense fog which enveloped Paris to-day caused a collision between two electric cars in the suburbs of Nersey-Les-Bains. Nineteen persons were injured, seven of them seriously.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Always the Same Good Old Blatz

Some good grocers don't sell Schilling's Best, and some poor ones do; no doubt, but the rule don't run that way.

STRANGE SHIP HIS PRISON

Remarkable Story Is Told by a Man Who Asks Police for Shelter and Protection

YEARS BELOW THE DECK

Authorities of a Washington Town Investigate Mental Condition of Puzzling Visitor

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Dec. 17.—A weird story is told by Ernest Fredericks, who applied for lodging at the Everett police station last night. He claims to have been a prisoner on board a strange ship for the past three years and that he was put ashore at Everett. He says the last thing he remembers about his home in Milwaukee is that he was walking along the street one evening in September, 1900. The next thing he remembers he was on board ship. How long after leaving Milwaukee this was done he does not know. He thinks he was shanghaied.

Ever since that time, Fredericks says, he has been a prisoner on board some strange steamer. He claims that he was kept below deck and waited on officers who spoke English. The members of the crew were all Chinese. He could never learn the name of the ship or the business she was engaged in. Once or twice he saw the shores of strange lands. On one occasion he heard big guns fired over his head, but could not learn what the trouble was. Part of the time the steamer was in tropical seas and part of the time in the cold zone.

Four days ago, Fredericks says, he was transferred to a small ship. The exchange was made at night near some shore. He was kept a prisoner on the second craft until he was landed from a rowboat on the shore near Everett.

The Everett police are investigating his sanity and in the meantime communicating with the Milwaukee police, as Fredericks tells exactly where he lived and worked.

FIREMEN SAVE FIFTY CHINESE

Three Orientals Die in Flames, but Many Are Rescued at a Blaze in City of Portland

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—As the result of the fire which visited the lower portion of the business section of the city at midnight, three Chinese are known to have lost their lives and damage to the amount of at least \$42,000 was done.

Portions of the burned buildings were occupied by Chinese opium smokers, who in the excitement and fright caused by the fire and not comprehending the danger fought desperately with the firemen who dragged them from the burning structures. Over fifty Chinese were saved thus.

The police and Fire Department officials express the belief that further search will reveal the fact that there were several more victims of the flames.

The fire originated in a Chinese restaurant and spread with great rapidity through the structure, finally attacking the buildings on either side. A joss-house with its expensive furniture was among the Chinese losses by the fire.

FATHER TAKEN TO JAIL FOR NEGLECT OF CHILDREN

Former Clerk Rhoades of Sacramento County Accused of Not Supporting Offspring.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 17.—William Rhoades, ex-County Clerk of Sacramento County, has been arrested for non-support of his children. The warrant was sworn to at the request of his wife, Mrs. Belle Rhoades, a resident of Larkspur. Rhoades was found in San Francisco and brought to San Rafael.

The Rhoadeses were at one time prominent society people of the capital city. Mrs. Rhoades was Miss Belle Chatfield, and Rhoades is the son of Edward R. Rhoades, formerly general manager of the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad. His uncle, A. J. Rhoades, is a prominent politician of California. Rhoades himself was for many years in the Sacramento County Clerk's office.

THREAT IN A LETTER CAUSE OF HIS ARREST

San Franciscan Goes to Jail at San Rafael Because of an Epistle Sent to a Woman.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 17.—Hans Juhl of 500 Pacific street, San Francisco, was arrested to-day. He is accused of having threatened the life of Miss Katie Johnson of this city.

Miss Johnson claims that several days ago she received a letter from Juhl to the effect that if she did not marry him forthwith he would kill her or her sister. Miss Johnson immediately turned the epistle over to the authorities and this afternoon Constable Henry Lucas went to San Francisco and placed Juhl under arrest. He was brought to this city.

Hangs Himself When Despondent.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Discouraged with the hard work and generally bad conditions prevailing at the railroad camp where he had been employed, Johann Schmidt, aged 65 years, who came here from Germany seven weeks ago with his wife and children, hanged himself early this morning at the home of his brother-in-law, Joseph Meyer, 1101 Union avenue, this city.

Ross Must Hang To-Day.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 17.—Governor Perdee has declined to interfere in the case of Bert Ross, sentenced to be hanged. The execution of the order of the court is scheduled to take place at San Quentin to-morrow.



Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys

If you are in search of a good Christmas present for grandfather, father, husband, brother, uncle or friend, a glance over this list of suggestions will help you.

These are practical presents—gifts that are useful. They are first class in quality and are of such character as to faithfully perform the mission for which they are intended. They are the kind that are a source of economy to the giver and pleasure to the recipient.

Where a size is not known to the giver, or where it is preferable for the recipient to choose the pattern, style or color of the article, our "Merchandise Order," issued for any amount, will be found convenient.

Anything purchased here may be exchanged after Christmas if desired, either for goods of the same or of different character. In every instance an equivalent in value will be given in the exchange, or, if preferred, money will be refunded.

Santa Claus is here with gifts for the children. Any child accompanied by an adult will be given a present. Open evenings until Christmas.

Smoking Jackets

Smoking Jackets, made of double-faced Janus cloth, in oxford, black, navy, brown, silver gray, garnet and purple, in checked or striped mixtures, at \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50 and \$10.00; made of extra heavy mercerized matelasse, in black, brown and navy, at \$5.00; made of silk matelasse, lined with fine silk or satin, at \$10.00; made of velveteen, lined with plain or quilted satin in green, tan, black, brown, navy and garnet, at \$8.00.

Bath robes made of eiderdown flannel in harmonizing checks, stripes and figures, for \$6.00.

Dressing gowns made of double-faced Janus cloth, excellently made garments, fastened with two loops and a heavy girdle with tassel around waist; prices are \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$13.50.

All our smoking jackets and dressing gowns are made by us in our own workshops, from material bought directly from the weavers. Through these facilities we save every customer from \$2.00 to \$5.00 on a garment.

The garments above pictured are sketched from a group of living models, who had donned the garments for the occasion. The picture shows just how the garments look, except for their beautiful coloring.

Good Gifts for Men

Cravenette rain coats, made by us from genuine Cravenette cloth, purchased direct from Priestley & Co. Several shades to select from at prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Men's fancy vests, of our own make, in a splendid assortment of all materials, from \$1.00 to \$3.50.

Men's sleeping garments made of almost a dozen different materials; night shirts from 50c to \$2.00 each; pajamas from \$1.00 to \$3.50 a suit.

Men's linen handkerchiefs, 25c to 50c.

Men's silk handkerchiefs, from 25c to \$1.00 each.

Men's silk neckties, for full-dress wear, from \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Men's hosiery, in a complete assortment, from 10c to 75c a pair.

Men's underwear, comprising all styles, from \$1.00 to \$5.00 a suit.

Men's gloves from the best makers, from \$1.00 to \$2.00 a pair.

Suit cases and grips, made from all the popular leathers; cases from \$5.00 to \$12.00; grips from \$2.50 to \$8.00.

Men's hats, from \$1.30 to \$4.00, comprising all styles.

Gifts for Men and Boys

Men's made to measure clothing, from \$10.00 to \$45.00.

Men's ready-made clothing, from \$10.00 to \$35.00.

Our stock of sweaters contains all the pleasing color combinations in the latest stitches and knits.

The men's sizes are from 34 to 44, and the prices are from \$1.00 to \$4.00 each.

The boys' sweaters are from 2 to 5 years, from 75c to \$1.50; and for larger boys from 75c to \$2.00 each.

Men's shirts in colored goods from 50c to \$2.00 each; in white linen at \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

Shirts for boys in colored and white materials from 50c to \$1.00.

We carry an exquisite stock of silk neckwear for men and boys.

The men's ties range from 25c to \$1.00 each; boys' ties, 25c each.

Men's suspenders, with fancy buckles, from 50c to \$2.00 a pair; boys' suspenders from 15c to 50c.

Boys' hats and caps in cloth, corduroy and leather, in all the popular styles, from 45c to \$2.00 each.

Clothing for lads from 3 to 10 years, from \$2.50 to \$7.50; for boys from 7 to 15 years, from \$2.75 to \$10.00; for youths from 12 to 19 years, from \$6.00 to \$25.00.

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