



THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, June 1:
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Wednesday; light southerly winds, changing to brisk northwest. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

THE THEATRES.
Alcazar—"Toll Gate Inn."
California—"Janice Meredith."
Central—"A Celebrated Case."
Chutes—Vaudeville.
Columbia—"The Little Minister."
Fischer—"U. S."
Grand—"Gismonda."
Orpheum—Vaudeville. Matinee To-Day.
Tivoli—"The Toy Maker."

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BESIEGERS AND DEFENDERS BATTLE SIX MILES FROM PORT ARTHUR; CONTINUOUS FIGHTING AND HEAVY LOSSES NEAR FENGWANGCHENG

CHEFU, June 1, 11 a. m.—An unconfirmed rumor is current among the Chinese that a battle occurred six miles from Port Arthur yesterday (Tuesday).



BATTLE SCENE OF THE FAR EASTERN WAR; JAPANESE STORMING THE HEIGHTS HELD BY THE RUSSIANS AT KULIENCHENG.

FRENCH AID IS PLEDGED TO AMERICA

That Nation Will Join Against Moor Bandits.

Request of the State Department in Washington Is Granted.

Bandit Raissouli Demands an Independent Kingdom as Reward for Freeing Perdicaris.

PARIS, May 31.—Foreign Minister Delcasse, in consequence of a communication from the State Department at Washington, transmitted through Ambassador Porter, has telegraphed instructions to the French Minister at Tangier to use his utmost endeavors to obtain the release of Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley.

American officials are hopeful that French influence with the Moroccan Government, together with the presence of the American fleet at Tangier, will secure an adjustment of the affair. Reports through French official channels show that Raissouli's demand for ransom is \$70,000.

The American view is that if the ransom should be paid through the family of Perdicaris, Raissouli's demand could be dealt with subsequently and the money restored, but the French officials who are familiar with the situation in Morocco are less sanguine of a settlement, owing to claims that Raissouli has put forward which threaten to raise political and international entanglements. According to information reaching the Foreign Office, he requires the Sultan to give him a subordinate kingdom, with the right to levy taxes throughout a region embracing thirty-eight square kilometers lying directly along the main route from Tangier to Fez. Officials say Raissouli would thereby become one of the dominant political factors in Morocco.

Raissouli's demand is considered unjust. However, the French Minister at Tangier secured the release of a Frenchman held under similar circumstances as Perdicaris.

The French authorities are not likely to view favorably the seizure of a port or the landing of marines, being of the opinion that the Monroe doctrine should cut both ways. It is pointed out also that an expedition inland would be wholly impracticable, owing to topographical and material considerations.

The Petit Parisien's Oran dispatches state that the Moorish pretender's last troops have disbanded. Numerous tribes are seeking to make submission to the Sultan.

FRANCE MAY SUCCEED.
Wields Great Influence With All Factions in Morocco.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Through Ambassador Porter, Secretary Hay has requested the French Government to exercise its good offices toward securing the release of Perdicaris, the kidnaped American in Morocco. The French Government has undertaken the task and because of its closer association with the various elements in Morocco it is believed here that it can accomplish more than any other government. The British Government also is acting with great energy in behalf of young Varley, the stepson of Perdicaris, and a British subject, and the British officials are in communication with the United States Government in the result.

Admiral Chadwick is not expected at present to land a party from his fleet to pursue the brigands, but it is stated positively that if Raissouli carries out his threat to kill his captives, the United States Government will insist that he be run down and executed at any cost.

This cablegram has been received at the Navy Department from Rear Admiral Chadwick, commanding the South Atlantic fleet at Tangier:

"The seizure of the American citizen was by insurgent chiefs, so as to bring pressure on the Sultan of Morocco to secure the demands of the tribe. Our sense of the gravity of the case is shown by the presence of the American squadron and will undoubtedly cause the earlier yielding by the Sultan of Morocco to the demands of the chief, which is the only safe means of releasing the captive. There is the highest authority for the statement that an attack on Tangier or an expedition against the brigands will be followed by the immediate murder of the captives."

HIDES HER SEX UNTIL LIFE ENDS

Noted New Brunswick Guide a Woman.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
CLARENDON SPRINGS, N. B., May 31.—James Humphreys, 30 years old, a handsome young guide, fisherman and axman in the New Brunswick forests, was killed by a Canadian Pacific train to-day. Then it was discovered that "he" was a woman.

Humphreys' real name it has been learned, was Mary Jane Humphreys. She was born and raised in Fredericton. At 10 years she cut her hair, put on boy's clothes and ran away. She worked in a wood camp as cook and no one ever suspected her sex. She has lived here for 25 years and next long ago went through the form of marriage with a young woman.

LIEUTENANT AIKEN IS DISMISSED FROM ARMY
Severe Sentence Is Imposed on Young Officer for Breach of Arrest.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—First Lieutenant William B. Aiken, Twenty-eighth Infantry, has been tried in the Department of California on a charge of breach of arrest and sentenced to dismissal. He served in a Tennessee regiment during the Spanish war and was appointed first lieutenant in the regular army in 1901.

GATHERING OF WARSHIPS.
Moors Impressed by the Presence of American Squadron.

RARE GIFT TO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Gallery of Art Donated by Los Angelenos.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
WASHINGTON, May 31.—At the commencement, exercises of Trinity (Catholic) College for Women, located near this city, to-day, a gallery of paintings, statuary and etchings valued at \$250,000 was formally presented to the college by Judge and Mrs. Miles O'Connor of Los Angeles. The collection is housed in a handsome addition to the main college buildings, also given by Judge and Mrs. O'Connor. The double donation is estimated in value to be worth \$500,000.

Both of the venerable donors attended the exercises to-day. Included in the collection presented are ten original works of sculpture, 115 paintings in oil, chiefly copies of religious masterpieces in Rome, Venice and Florence, and 230 engravings or etchings in black and white. There are several mosaics, photographs and a cabinet of small paintings on ivory and porcelain, chiefly of religious subjects.

STONED TO DEATH BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS
Indiana Man Falls Victim to Brutal Assault as He Steps From a Car.

ANDERSON, Ind., May 31.—Hiram Staley, a young business man, was stoned to death just after stepping from an electric car at Chesterfield, five miles east of here, last night. His assailants have not been identified and their motive is not known.

PROFESSOR MATHER MAY COME OUT WEST
Occidental College at Los Angeles Makes Offer to President of Fort Edwards Institute.

SANDY HILL, N. Y., May 31.—Professor I. E. Mather, president of the Fort Edwards Collegiate Institute, has been tendered the presidency of the Occidental College at Los Angeles, California.

Russians Retire After Sharp Action.

Cossack Patrol Is Ambushed by Japanese.

LIANYANG, May 31.—Continuous fighting has taken place northeast of Fengwangcheng and the railway above Kinchou since May 27. A sharp action has taken place eastward of Simatsi, thirty-five miles north of Fengwangcheng, which lasted from the morning of May 27 until daylight May 30. Both sides suffered severely. Detailed figures are lacking. The engagement resulted in the Russians retiring on Simatsi, followed cautiously by Japanese detachments.

Three camps of Japanese are reported to have ambushed a patrol of the Nerinsky regiment near Hunshan, wounding three Cossacks. A fourth Cossack had his horse killed under him. Fearing capture, he buried his rifle. He was captured, but subsequently escaped, dug up his rifle and rejoined his regiment.

Severe fighting is reported along the railway between stations Vfangoy and Vlandien. The Japanese suffered heavily and would have been annihilated had not infantry reserves come up and forced the Russians to retire into Vfangoy.

LONDON, June 1.—The correspondent of the Standard at Japanese army headquarters, telegraphing on May 31, says:

"Repeated reconnaissances show that none of the enemy's troops are within fifteen miles of Fengwangcheng or east of the Tayang River for thirty miles in the direction of Shuyen. Motienting Pass may delay, but cannot prevent the Japanese advance, as the pass can be turned on either flank."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai learns that the Russians hanged a number of Chinese who had been caught signaling to the Japanese fleet near Vladivostok.

PUTS POISON ON FLOWERS ON A GRAVE

Miscreant Sprinkles Carbolic Acid on Bouquet.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—The grave of Mrs. H. W. Prettyman in Lone Fir Cemetery was desecrated yesterday and poison was afterward scattered about the Prettyman residence, about two miles distant, causing the death of a flock of chickens. A young man is suspected. He was seen about the Prettyman home during the absence of the family and the police are working on a description of him given by the neighbors.

Prettyman, who is a deputy game warden, visited the grave of his wife Decoration day and with his daughter placed flowers on her tomb. Then they returned home to luncheon and later went back to the graveyard and discovered that the flowers were black instead of the various colors they bore when they were placed upon the grave. Gazing in amazement on the flowers, Prettyman reached down to investigate. He seized one of the bouquets, but drew his hand quickly away, dropping the flowers to the ground, for his hand stung as though burned when it touched the flowers. Returning home, Prettyman found about fifty of his fowls dead and dying. Investigation showed that poison had been thrown around promiscuously. Prettyman visited a physician to-day and learned that his hand had been burned by carbolic acid.

CLING TO UPTURNED BOAT FOR A DAY
Three Men Stick to Capsized Craft Twenty-Seven Hours and Are Rescued.

SPRINGVILLE, Utah, May 31.—After clinging for twenty-seven hours to the bottom of their boat, which had been capsized in a squall on Utah Lake, near Geneva, Bruce Dallin, Jared Smith and Charles Wilson have been rescued by one of the many parties in search for them. The men were completely exhausted when rescued.

FREE FEAST OF PRUNES IS OFFERED

San Jose Sends Tons of Fruit to St. Louis.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
ST. LOUIS, May 31.—World's Fair visitors are to be taught the food value of prunes. Thirteen tons of choice San Jose prunes arrived to-day, to be used as an object lesson in showing the world how to stew and eat this wholesome fruit.

The free feast of prunes will take place daily at the San Jose county exhibit in the Agricultural Palace, where California ladies will serve the fruit to all visitors and explain the various methods of cooking it which prevail in California.

When this stock of prunes is exhausted a new supply will arrive, so that World's Fair visitors may learn how to eat prunes.

Prune coffee also will be served free to visitors. It is a preparation of dried prunes and grain, as a substitute for coffee, and booklets will be given away, teaching the food value of the prune.

LADY MANAGERS FETE MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT
President's Daughter Entertained at a Luncheon on the Exposition Grounds.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—The social event of to-day on the fair grounds was the luncheon tendered Miss Alice Roosevelt by the board of lady managers. It was held in the Woman's building. It was the first invitation to the board to limit the invitations to 100, but the pressure brought by St. Louis society women, who wished to meet Miss Roosevelt, was so great that the list was extended to 150, and when Miss Roosevelt took her official place at the center of the table the official members of the party swelled the number about the board to nearly 200.

LOST CHILD IS HEIR TO MILLIONS

A Montana Woman Seeks Son Who Was Stolen.

Property of Aristocratic English Family Is Left to the Boy.

Quest Recalls Famous Dunsmore Divorce Suit in the Courts of Colorado.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
BUTTE, Mont., May 31.—Benevieve Lemar, one of the most notorious, yet beautiful, women of the mining camps of the Northwest, is on a journey to Colorado, where she will search every city, village and hamlet for her eleven-year-old son, Francis Lemar, who, she declares, has fallen heir to the estate of the Dunsmore family of Brockmore, England, worth several millions of dollars.

The missing boy was kidnaped from his mother seven years ago, when Roy Dunsmore, son of the aristocratic English family, was waging a bitter war against the woman in the divorce court in Colorado. The legal struggle was one of the bitterest ever recorded in divorce court annals, and the efforts of Benevieve Lemar to retain possession of her child, when she realized she had lost the love of her husband, won the admiration of spectators at the trial of the case.

The love story of Roy Dunsmore is a strange one. In the early '90s, while on a trip through the West in search of health, he met the beautiful Bonnie Lemar, and, after a brief courtship, married her. When the aristocratic parents of Dunsmore heard of the union they disowned their son.

In 1893 Benevieve bore a son, and though Dunsmore's remittances from home were cut off the couple appeared to be happy, the woman conducting herself in an upright manner. Differences arose later, apparently over the strained relations between the husband and his parents, finally culminating in the suit for a divorce.

While the legal battle was on Francis Lemar, the son, was kidnaped from his mother and a chase across several States began. The Colorado courts finally decided against Bonnie Lemar and the child was placed in the custody of a humane society, which institution eventually permitted its adoption by some family, whose name the authorities refused to divulge, in order to defeat the purposes of the frantic mother. Since that time, it is claimed, the records of the humane society have been lost and the boy's identity destroyed.

Roy Dunsmore died several years ago and his last request to his father, it appears, was that the latter provide for the child.

Two months ago, according to word received by Bonnie Lemar, the parents of Dunsmore, leaving her no heir, the Lemar woman has been living at Dillon, a small camp forty miles south of Butte, where she received word of the demise of the Dunsmares. She was in Butte to-day en route to Colorado to pursue the search for her son. She will engage a corps of lawyers and detectives to find the boy.

WEALTHY MISS FARRELL BREAKS OFF ENGAGEMENT
Daughter of Millionaire Manufacturer Will Not Marry David Huyler Gaines.

DERBY, Conn., May 1.—The announcement was made here to-day that the wedding of Miss Estelle Marion Farrell, a wealthy young woman, who is a daughter of Frank Farrell, the millionaire manufacturer and mine owner of Ansonia, and David Huyler Gaines of New York had been indefinitely postponed. Miss Farrell's friends said that her marriage engagement had been broken and that the wedding would never take place. The marriage had been set for June 22 and their friends are unable to give reason for her decision.

The trousseau of Miss Farrell had been completed and the gowns of her bridesmaids partly finished.

GUATEMALAN RED ANTS KILL THE BOLL WEEVIL
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 31.—Jose Cassiano, ex-County Collector, who has several hundred acres of cotton in this county, is the bearer of good tidings concerning the work of the Guatemalan red ants. Cassiano's fields less than a month ago were alive with boll weevils. To-day he said that there was not a live weevil in his fields. The rows are strewn with dead weevils, which the busy little red ants are carrying away by thousands.

ing, where she was received by Commissioner la Grave; Jean Guillemin, delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Paul de Sachy, chief editor of Le Siecle, and Marcel Estien, secretary of the French section. Miss Roosevelt was much interested and expressed admiration for a beautiful miniature watch, whereupon M. la Grave presented the jewel to her.