

**THE WEATHER.**  
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, June 29:  
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Wednesday; fresh southerly wind. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

# THE CALL

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Alcazar—"Soldiers of Fortune."  
Central—"Power of the Cross."  
Chutes—Vandeville.  
Fischer's—"The Mormons."  
Orpheum—Vandeville. Matinee To-Day.  
Tivoli—"Robin Hood."

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## RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICER SAYS SHIPS OF THE BALTIC FLEET ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO WATERS OF THE FAR EAST

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ST. PETERSBURG, June 28.—According to a Russian naval officer a portion of the second Pacific squadron left Kronstadt to-day, but I cannot tonight certify to this important bit of news. It is noteworthy that Vice Admiral Avellan, Minister of the Navy Yard, inspected the warships, while Admiral Enquist, second in command of the new squadron, was received by the Emperor and Empress a few days ago, this giving the impression of making a parting visit.

### WARRANTS FOR OWNERS OF SLOCUM

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Results in Arrests.

Finds Steamboat Company Directors Responsible for Loss of Life.

Captain of Excursion Vessel Declared to Be Subject to Criminal Prosecution.

NEW YORK, June 28.—The inquiry conducted by Coroner Berry and a jury into the General Slocum disaster was concluded to-day and after nearly four hours' deliberation a verdict was rendered in which the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, Captain Van Schaick of the Slocum, Captain Pease, the commodore of the company's fleet, and others were held criminally responsible. Warrants for their arrest were issued. The mate of the Slocum, according to the jury, acted in a cowardly manner and the misconduct of Steamboat Inspector Lundberg, it was recommended, should be brought to the attention of the Federal authorities.

The charge in each case was manslaughter in the first degree. Bail was fixed by the Coroner varying from \$1000 to \$5000.

The directors of the company are Frank A. Barnaby, president; Charles E. Hill, vice president; James Atkinson, secretary, and C. Delaney Evans, Robert A. Storey, C. S. Corbin and Frank Dexter.

**MAKE FURTHER PROTEST.**  
When the Assistant District Attorney directed that warrants be issued after the verdict was given, counsel for the steamboat company protested that such procedure was unnecessary, as all the men were ready to appear and give bail when called for. The protest was of no avail.

The mate, Edward Flannagan, who was under detention as a witness, was the first arraigned. He pleaded not guilty and his bail was fixed at \$1000. He was committed to jail. Inspector Lundberg pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1000 bonds. Bail was fixed at \$5000 each for President Barnaby and Secretary Atkinson and bonds were given at once.

Captain Van Schaick is a prisoner in the Lebanon Hospital. Captain Pease may not be arrested until to-morrow, when it is expected the directors of the company also will be taken into custody. At the Assistant District Attorney's request the Coroner committed Assistant Engineer Edwin Bromm and Asst. Deckhands Cookley and Handley as witnesses, sending them to the house of detention.

**TEXT OF THE VERDICT.**  
After pointing out the duty of the different officers and persons named and their failure to perform their duty the jury finds:

That the president, Frank A. Barnaby; the secretary, James K. Atkinson; and the board of directors of the Knickerbocker Steamship Company, namely, Frank A. Barnaby, Charles E. Hill, James K. Atkinson, C. D. Evans, Robert K. Storey, Floyd S. Corbin and Frank G. Dexter, were guilty of criminal negligence in the failure to see to the proper equipment of the General Slocum in the matter of the fire-fighting and life-saving apparatus on board said boat.

### SANGUINARY ENGAGEMENT IN URUGUAY

More Than Two Thousand Killed or Wounded.

Revolutionary Force Wins a Decisive Victory Over Federals.

Defeated Army Is in Full Flight, With the Triumphant Rebels in Pursuit.

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BUENOS AYRES, June 28.—The Call's correspondent at Bage, a Brazilian town near the Uruguayan frontier, reports that a courier sent by Saravia has arrived there with a report of a battle at Tupambac, Uruguay.

The fighting began on Wednesday of last week and continued the following day. The Government forces had 600 killed and 800 wounded, while the revolutionists suffered 100 killed and 600 wounded. The revolutionists captured a big quantity of war supplies.

Another dispatch from Bage says a portion of the revolutionary forces under Mariano Saravia, brother of the leader of the revolution, is pursuing the Government troops under General Benavente.

General Benavente has resigned his command, having been criticized by the President because he had not supported Galarazas.

The news shows that the aggregate of killed and wounded in the battle at Tupambac was about 2000.

There is no truth in the report that Colonel Lamas, chief of staff of the revolutionists, was killed.

**BELIEVE THEY HAVE CAPTURED SMUGGLERS**  
Two Men, Supposed to Be Accomplices of Pedro Alvarez, Are Arrested.

LOS ANGELES, June 28.—Deputy United States Marshal Place has succeeded in capturing the two men believed to be accomplices of Pedro Alvarez, who is wanted by the Federal authorities for the wholesale smuggling of Chinese into this country, and they are now behind bars in the County Jail. The men are Juan Comanche and Francisco Comanche. The former was taken into custody at Temacula, a small settlement in Riverside County, and the other was arrested at Pala. Both deny having had any hand in the smuggling scheme.

Since Alvarez escaped from Deputy Marshal Traeger several days ago in this city the authorities have been working overtime on the smuggling case.

**"Mark Twain" Starts for Home.**  
NAPLES, June 28.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) sailed for New York to-day on the Hamburg-American Line steamer Prinz Oskar, with the casket containing the remains of his wife, which will be interred at Elmira, N. Y.

### GREATNESS OF CALIFORNIA EXEMPLIFIED TO THOUSANDS OF VISITORS AT EXPOSITION



DISPLAY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING  
ONE OF THE FEATURES OF CALIFORNIA'S EXHIBIT AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION, WHICH WAS DEDICATED YESTERDAY IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IMMENSE GATHERING OF SIGHTSEERS.

### Formal Opening of Exhibits of State's Counties Astonishes Throng.

BY PAUL EDWARDS.

ST. LOUIS, June 28.—The California counties exhibiting at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition gave a formal opening reception in their space in the Palace of Agriculture this afternoon that drew a greater crowd than the area could hold and set every one talking about California. President Francis of the exposition and others shared with Governor Pardee in the honors of speechmaking. One of the brass bands played and the University of California Glee Club sang, responding to repeated encores. Claret punch was dispensed to the throng in unlimited quantities by California ladies and rare wines were poured for the special guests. President Francis remarked to Governor Pardee that no country in the world could produce better wine.

The reception was held in the broad aisle in front of the Los Angeles display, a small stand having been erected for the speakers. President Francis preceded Governor Pardee and when he said, "We knew when we learned California was to make a complete display that an emphatic step toward a good State representation had been offered," the Californians cheered loudly.

President Francis gave unstinted praise to the exhibit of the counties and called attention to the fact that many of the displays were alone as elaborate as those of some States, forming a remarkable aggregation, that was a tribute to the greatness of the State.

**GOVERNOR PARDEE TALKS.**  
"Look pleasant, Governor," chanted the glee club when Governor Pardee faced a camera just before he began to speak. The gaiety of the occasion was added to by decorations of American flags and shields and the bunting on the booths.

A reception was held at the California building after the counties affair. Commissioners Wiggins and Flicher dispensing hospitality and the glee club singing.

Governor Pardee delivered an address full of pride for the State of which he is chief executive and told the throng of that State's present greatness and wonderful future possibilities. He was often cheered. President Francis spoke in praise of the California exhibit and said it had excited his profoundest admiration. Director Skiff spoke of the excellence of design of the various exhibits and Chief Taylor expressed his satisfaction at the pleasant relations that had always existed between him and the Californians, who, he said, had worked faithfully and hard and with an intelligence that had resulted in a display that was a credit to the whole fair.

Several barrels of iced claret punch stood at convenient places and white-clothed colored gentlemen ladled it out liberally to the thirsty multitude. Each county gave away some small articles of refreshment, and nuts, raisins, prunes, oranges, apples and other orchard products were enjoyed.

**TREMENDOUS CRUSH.**  
There was a tremendous crush. The singing and playing of the university students attracted the people from every part of the big building. The announcement of the affair in the local papers and the cards sent out had drawn the attention of hundreds. The surging throng filled all the aisles and open exhibit room of the California space and extended out into other parts of the building.

The reception committee, appointed by Colvin B. Brown of San Joaquin, president of the County Commissioners' organization, consisted of Charles

### BALFOUR'S HOLD FAST BREAKING Final Days of His Ministry Are Approaching.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, June 28.—In British political circles it is generally agreed that the final days of the present Cabinet are fast approaching. Premier Balfour, it is said, will be unable to hold his party together through the autumn.

This was made manifest yesterday when, despite the frantic appeals of Balfour and his party whips, the Government secured a majority of only thirty-eight on the licensing bill, which is less than one-third of its normal majority.

The army question, it is believed, will be the rock on which the Government ship will founder. It is believed that this question will divide the Cabinet and cause its dissolution when it comes up for voting in September. Then, too, it is thought the army discussion will rally many to the Liberal colors and bring the Liberals a record majority.

Many free trade Unionists are supporting the Liberals, and this support will continue. The Duke of Devonshire is expected to join Lord Rosebery, the Liberal leader, in a few days.

**Miner Killed by a Blast.**  
BAKERSFIELD, June 28.—W. Bradley, a miner employed at the Dead Tree mine, on Piute Mountain, was killed by the explosion of a blast yesterday. Bradley had set the blast and went to dinner. It failed to go off, and supposing it had missed fire he went in to investigate. While he was there it exploded blowing the whole side of his face off.

### GANG SETS PRICE UPON EACH BILL

Astounding Confession by St. Louis Boodler.

Tribute Levied Upon Every Corporation in Missouri Metropolis.

Amount to Be Assessed for Franchises Fixed by Vote at Secret Sessions.

ST. LOUIS, June 28.—It was announced to-day that Charles A. Gutke, former member of the House of Delegates, convicted on a charge of bribery and soon to be tried on another similar charge, had made a complete confession to Circuit Attorney Folk in which he declared that former Delegate Frank F. Kelly had told him he had received \$50,000 for going to Europe when his presence in St. Louis jeopardized men of prominence. Kelly also is resting under one conviction and is soon to be tried in another case. Circuit Attorney Folk says that the revelations which have been made by Gutke open up many new avenues of investigation and brings facts to light which have not been heard of before, involving men higher up.

When he came out of the office of the Circuit Attorney, Gutke said: "The best reparation that I can make for the wrongs I have done is to confess fully to everything in order that the public may realize what has been going on. Yielding to the pleadings of my wife, I have determined to do all I can to atone for my sins against the public. The people of St. Louis even now do not realize how they have been persistently plundered for years and years by the men they elected to make laws for the city.

**MANY "SACKS" ARE OPENED.**

"I became a member of the House of Delegates in 1897, and at once became a member of the combine of that body, which was an organization composed of nineteen Delegates for the purpose of selling legislation," Gutke continued.

"The first bill that came up after I had become a member of the combine was the 'suburban loop bill.' The combine got \$30,000 for its votes on this bill, and on the Union avenue bill we got \$18,000. On the Central Traction bill we got \$75,000; on the Third-street line bill we got \$75,000; on the lighting bill we got \$47,000; on the Suburban bill we were to get \$75,000, which is now in a deposit box in the Lincoln Trust Company, being placed there with the agreement that it should be turned over to us when the bill had been passed.

"While these are some of the largest bribes secured during my term of office, there were innumerable others, ranging from \$10,000 to a few hundred dollars for some minor privileges. The bribe prices were fixed in meetings of the combine, the procedure being for some member to get up and move that a certain price be fixed on a certain bill. Other members would give their opinions, a vote would be taken and the price securing the highest number of votes would be adopted. Then we would select an agent of the combine by ballot to negotiate for and receive the money. This agent would distribute the money among us.

**NO CORPORATION SPARED.**

"From my intimate knowledge of the dealings of this combine and what has been going on here for the last quarter of a century, I make the positive statement that there is hardly a corporation in the city of St. Louis of \$100,000 or over that has not been held up for bribe money by the House of Delegates.

"I acted as the agent of the combine in a number of these deals. In the Suburban deal I went with Kratz to Stock's house and was present when the agreement was made regarding the bribe of \$50,000 for Kratz, which is now in a lock box in the Mississippi Valley Trust Company. I went with Kratz and Carroll to the office of a prominent broker in the lighting deal and there \$20,000 was paid by the broker to give the combine, and the promise was made then that \$27,500 more would be paid."

### BROWN MEN HURL BACK THEIR FOE

Defeat Russians in a Battle Near Sinyen.

Kuroki and Oku Pressing Forward to Force Decisive Combat.

Heavy Engagement Will Occur To-day to the Southeast of Haicheng.

TOKIO, June 28.—After a hot fight which lasted for six hours yesterday morning the Takushan division of the Japanese army completely defeated five battalions of Russian infantry which, supported by two regiments of cavalry and sixteen guns, occupied Fenshuiling, some twenty miles northwest of Sinyen. The Russians finally fell back in the direction of Shimoucheng. The Japanese casualties aggregated about 100 killed and wounded. Major Oba was killed during the battle.

HAICHENG, June 28.—The war picture has quickly changed, thanks to General Kuroki's movements. A heavy engagement is expected to-morrow near the village of Simoucheng, fifteen miles south-southeast of Haicheng and an equal distance east of the railway. The Japanese have now passed Dalin Hill and are twenty miles south of the Russian position.

**SIGNAL FIRES BURNING.**

The Russian regiments are camped on high ground. Signal fires from the hillsides are constantly flaring, lighting up the bivouacs and the horse lines of the cavalry regiments. Long trains of soldiers are constantly passing and re-passing. The Russian troops are in excellent condition. The Japanese have given the Russians time to strengthen their base and flank, while General Kuroki is not as secure as formerly from a flank attack. General Kuroki cannot get around the Russian position without forcing a fight.

The total losses in the Dalin Hill fight are not yet known. Eighty wounded have arrived here and on Sunday last a hospital train with 200 passed, going to Liaoyang.

The fighting lasted the whole of June 26 and June 27 and the Japanese successively hurled the Russians from three positions, occupying them with artillery as the defenders retired.

**JAPAN'S SUPERB ARTILLERY.**

Wounded Russians, recounting the two days' fighting, say that the Japanese again demonstrated their reliance on their artillery and that they were greatly superior, both in the number of men and in guns.

On the second day of the fight they brought up a heavy battery, which silenced the lighter Russian guns and caused severe losses. The Japanese artillery practice, however, was inaccurate and as usual they several times shelled empty positions or shot over the Russian columns.

The fight started at dawn, two miles southeast of Dalin Hill. A Russian rifle brigade held the position until noon in the face of a heavy artillery fire, but the Russians were finally outflanked by infantry and cavalry, the Japanese actually getting a field battery in the rear of the Russian position. Then the brigade fell back. The Dalin Hill fight continued from 4 o'clock until dark.

**SOLDIERS TOIL ALL NIGHT.**

The Japanese worked furiously all night long and replaced two batteries on the vacated Russian position.

The fighting was resumed at 3 a. m. on June 27. The Russians silenced the two Japanese batteries, but the Japanese brought up a train of big guns and silenced the lighter Russian artillery, which was again running out of ammunition, and the Russians once more were forced to retire. The Japanese cavalry and infantry, threatening to surround the Russian position, forced a general retreat.

The Russians carried off all their guns and got revenge on the Japanese cavalry column, which was caught in close formation and was shelled with terrific effect, being forced to scatter.

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