

# AGITATOR CAUSE OF THE ATTACK

## Man Who Was With Him Tells of Admiral Train's Trying Experience in China

### ONLY TWO SHOTS FIRED

#### David R. Gray, Who Arrived on Coptic, Shares Danger With American Officers

David R. Gray, who was with Rear Admiral Train and his party when they were attacked by Chinese near Nanking, arrived here Wednesday evening on the liner Coptic. Gray shot one of the attacking Chinese and so going saved the life of Government Pilot Langley, who himself had killed a native a few minutes before to save Captain F. F. Fletcher from being impaled on a pikefork in the hands of an angry Celestial. These, says Gray, were the only shots fired.

Gray was on board the Coptic yesterday and told the story of the encounter. He is a nephew of D. D. Stubbs, general manager of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company. He had been traveling in the Far East for pleasure and was invited to join the Train party on the trip on which the Nanking attack occurred.

With the United States gunboats General Alava and Quirós, the party traveled down the river from Hankow and anchored about twenty miles above Nanking. The admiral, Captain Train, his son, who was in command of the Quirós, Captain F. Fletcher, the admiral's chief of staff, J. Langley, Government pilot, Gray, an orderly, and a Chinese servant went ashore to shoot pheasants.

Some spent shot from Captain Train's gun struck a Chinese woman who was hidden behind some bushes, scaring her badly, but inflicting but slight injuries. The officers went to the woman's assistance. When they found she had been so slightly hurt they started for the gunboats, promising to send the ship's doctor to look at the woman and to make just reparation for the injuries inflicted.

"We had settled the matter," says Gray, and it would have ended right there but for the presence in the neighborhood of a professional agitator. Before we reached the ships we found ourselves surrounded by about 300 angry natives, armed with farming implements.

The natives took the shotguns from Admiral and Captain Train. The admiral resisted and was thrown to the ground with some violence. The admiral was then allowed to proceed to the ship, but the agitators and the orderly were held as hostages.

Then followed a parley, which lasted six hours. In the meantime the surgeon from the Quirós had examined the woman and pronounced her injured slightly. The agitators were assured that the ships would go away until the woman, who by this time had developed a bad attack of hysterics, had entirely recovered. All right, said the agitators, but they would hold Captain Train and the orderly as security for the foreign devils' word. No argument would induce them to consent to the liberation of the hostages, so signals were made to the gunboats and forty bluejackets were sent ashore.

Before the force from the ships arrived the American officers made a break for liberty. In his flight Captain Fletcher tripped and fell. A Chinese was about to stick a pikefork into the prone form, when Pilot Langley whipped out a revolver and bored a neat hole through the Celestial's head. Fletcher regained his feet and the retreat was resumed. Then Langley fell and the agitators were charged at him, also with a pikefork. This time Gray's revolver spoke and the second Chinaman bit the dust. Then came the bluejackets.

Gray continued:

"You don't know what a bully fine chap the American bluejackets are. They are a tight place among a lot of howling yellow devils and a bunch of well-trained, well-armed and fearless sailors come trotting to the rescue. It was all over when they got there."

**INCIDENT CLOSED.**

Admiral Train did not wish to make any report of the incident to Washington by cable, as he was afraid the affair might seem more serious than it really was. We returned to Nanking and the admiral reported the affair to the Chinese Government, who sent a gunboat to the scene. The Governor returned the following day with the shotguns. He assured Admiral Train that he was satisfied the shooting had been accidental and the simple reaction to the firing of the shotguns. He apologized most profusely for the indignity to which the admiral had been subjected and assured Admiral Train that the offenders, who were under arrest, would be punished. This means the heads would be rolled.

The admiral did not leave until the whole business had been settled, and the incident closed. He was anxious to avoid complications with either Peking or Washington. But the story reached Hongkong in greatly exaggerated form, and when we returned the admiral found cables from the State Department requesting a full report of the affair.

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# NO STATEMENT IS GIVEN OUT

## Mitchell Changes His Mind Upon Advice of Counsel and Declines to Explain

### COMMITTEE CONSULTS

#### Estimate of Indebtedness to Be Formulated When Clark Balances the Books

R. Brent Mitchell left his home on Pacific avenue yesterday for the first time since his failure was made public, but he did not visit the offices on New Montgomery street, where he has been doing business as a stockbroker. He called upon several friends in the business portion of the city. His mission was supposed to be to raise funds to settle with his creditors. He did not furnish the statements to the press that he volunteered, Wednesday evening, to make. His attorney, John A. Percy, advised him against making any statement. Last evening Mitchell said he would have matters straightened out by next Tuesday.

The committee appointed by Mitchell's creditors to investigate his affairs held two conferences yesterday. George Mastick of the committee said last evening that Charles Clark, who was Mitchell's bookkeeper, had been instructed to balance the books and to estimate the values of securities in which the creditors were interested on the basis of the official closing prices at New York on Tuesday night last. Considerable figuring will have to be done, but Clark reported to the committee that he would probably have the books ready to submit for inspection by tomorrow morning. Probably no expert will be employed, the committee of creditors having come to the opinion that they can dispense with an expert.

A meeting of the creditors will be held next week, when their committee may have a report of the standing of Mitchell's affairs to submit and his methods of doing business may be discussed in the report.

Mitchell last evening declined to go into details regarding his failure or his plans. He said his attorney, John A. Percy, had refused to allow him to make public any of his business affairs, and added he would have no statements for publication till after next Tuesday afternoon.

"I will say, however," said Mitchell yesterday, "that I am now out of my financial tangle. It got up bright and early this morning and was closed with several of my financial friends. They are going to come to my rescue and everything will be straightened out. I will not be in a position to talk about a settlement till after the meeting of my creditors, which, unfortunately, will take place on Tuesday afternoon."

"Illness was the sole cause of the unfortunate failure. Had I been a well man everything would have gone along smoothly, and no failure could possibly have happened. Every one is acting very kind and generous in my hour of trouble, and I am now so fixed to be in a position to say that a speedy settlement will be reached soon."

Mitchell refused to say on what basis a settlement would be made, but he did divulge the names of the men of industry who are coming to his rescue with ready funds. He says they volunteered their services, and as they are all capitalists and men of standing they will make good what they have promised.

Mitchell has recovered entirely from his nervous shock and appeared to be in a cool state of mind yesterday. He was around town yesterday, but managed hundreds sought him at his offices and elsewhere.

### GRAND JURY TO MEET TO-DAY.

Inquisitorial Body Will Probably Investigate the Failure of Mitchell.

Last night District Attorney Byington sent a call to the Grand Jury to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the courtroom of Judge Lawlor in the Hall of Justice. The request was not accompanied by any explanation, but it is said on good authority that the inquisitorial body will be asked to look fully into the failure of R. Brent Mitchell, the swamped stock broker.

The members of the jury gathered in the City Hall last night, but were without a quorum. They awaited instructions from the District Attorney, which were soon forthcoming. Nothing was done last night and soon after Byington's message was received the jurors disbanded to meet again this afternoon.

The cases of Jurors Hunter, Hartley and Hickman of the Collins trial may also be looked into, and in the dark last night regarding what Byington wished them to do, but they all knew that some pressing business was at hand when the District Attorney called for a special meeting so quickly.

### SHIPS OVER THREE TONS OF GOLD TO SACRAMENTO

City Treasurer McDougald Takes \$1,853,845 83 to Capital for Settlement with the State.

City Treasurer McDougald, accompanied by Deputy Treasurer A. W. Hebro, leaves for Sacramento this morning for the annual settlement with the State, amounting to \$1,853,845 83, which is the largest settlement ever made by the city of San Francisco to the State of California. The items follow:

Taxes, \$1,548,852 38; poll taxes, \$32,700 90; Assessor taxes, \$179,078 12; redemption of property sold to the State, \$140,711 24; Whittier Reform School, \$13,681 85; Preston School of Industry, \$5,112; Feeble-Minded at Glen Ellen, \$12,122 50; collateral inheritance tax, \$70,489 76; incidentals, \$4. Total, \$1,853,845 83.

The settlement was in \$20 pieces and made three and a half tons of gold. The coin will be counted in the State treasury and it will take ten men a whole day to count it. The express charges will amount to \$1100.

Agent Foster Complimented. United States Secret Service Agent Thomas B. Foster received a very welcome Christmas gift yesterday in the shape of a letter from John E. Wilkie, chief of the service, announcing Mr. Foster's promotion from the position of special operative to that of operative with an increase of salary. Chief Wilkie complimented Mr. Foster upon his promotion and said that it had been brought about by Foster's excellent work in the San Francisco district.

MASONS WILL INSTALL OFFICERS.—The following officers of Pacific Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, will be installed to-night by F. L. Hansen, P. M., assisted by J. W. Anderson, P. M., as marshal of ceremonies: Andrew W. Targin, worshipful master; E. E. Jackson, senior warden; E. F. Leonard, junior warden; George L. Darling, treasurer; George Pennington, secretary; Eugene Ekus, senior deacon; E. S. Isaacs, junior deacon; Malcolm McLean, marshal; Eugene L. Marshall, senior steward; Walter S. Gray, junior steward; James A. Ten, tyler. The installation will be followed by a banquet at the Lick House.

# CABLE TO CROSS NORTHERN SEAS

## Ocean Telegraph Line, With the American End at Valdez, Alaska, Projected

### WILL SHORTEN DISTANCE

#### Corporations in Icy Region Trying to Make Purchase of Government System

The prospects are that the laying of another cable between America and the Orient with its western terminus in Alaska, will be commenced at a very early date.

A. E. Boyd, president of the North American Cable and Telegraph Company, and vice president of the Alaska Telegraph and Telephone Company, is in this city from his headquarters at Nome, where he has spent the last six years. It is his first trip out during that period. The North American Company recently made application to lease or buy from the United States Government all the cable and land lines belonging to and operated by the United States in Alaska. This embraces about 1600 miles and includes the lines from Seattle to Nome. The Alaska Telegraph Company already has constructed and is the owner of 600 miles of lines in Alaska, in the vicinity of Seward Peninsula.

The Government lines have been operated so far at a loss. If these are sold or leased to the North American Company, which is affiliated with the Alaska Telegraph Company, the two will at once commence the construction of a cable line across the North Pacific.

It is the intention to build a cable from Valdez to Dutch Harbor, thence to Kalskagan Island, and thence to Vladivostok. This covers a distance of 4500 miles. It is reported that the two companies have unlimited financial backing for the great work they propose to undertake.

The route over which the proposed new cable is to run has been thoroughly investigated, and is feasible in every way. Mr. Boyd has brought his family with him from Nome. They enjoyed life in that section of the country and spent much of their time in driving over the territory adjacent to Nome.

Mr. Boyd will leave this next week for New York, the head offices of the two companies he is identified with.

### PETITION FOR BELT RAILROAD EXTENSION

Board of Harbor Commissioners Receive a Petition From J. Downey Harvey.

Harbor Commissioner Henry J. Crocker obeyed the directions of his medical adviser and did not attend the session of the board yesterday. The routine business was conducted by President C. H. Spear and Commissioner J. D. Mackenzie.

It was reported to the board that the ferry steamer Oakland, on December 27, at 10 o'clock, struck the No. 5, broke the cluster on the south side of the apron, placing the slip out of commission. The cost of repairs will be \$1000.

J. Downey Harvey, in a communication, petitioned the board to continue the Belt Railroad along the westerly side of East street, from the present terminus near Jackson street, across Washington street to Merchant, in front of his property, and thence to Washington and Merchant streets. The petitioner agrees to do the work at his own expense under the supervision of the engineer and according to plans and specifications of the board. The board will have to recognize and assume such obligation as is necessary in relation to the expense of the track already built by the party north of the present terminal. The "part" referred to in the petition is the firm of Goldman, Peck & Co. The petition was laid over for one week.

### MANY POOR PERSONS ARE GIVEN BASKETS OF FOOD

German Ladies' Benevolent Society Holds its Annual Christmas Festival Distribution to the Poor.

According to its usual custom the German Ladies' Benevolent Society held its Christmas festival and distribution to the poor Germans of this city yesterday at upper Golden Gate Hall. This charitable work has been in vogue by this society for the last thirty-five years.

Many poor women and children who crowded at the hall yesterday were given full baskets. Food, groceries and money were given to the needy and the ladies of the society received the recipients as their guests at a little party in which tea and refreshments were served.

The following are the officers and ladies of the society:

Mrs. Caroline Koster, president; Mrs. Magdalen Eberger, vice president; Mrs. Sophie Gieseler, treasurer; Mrs. Marie Pehleiser, secretary; Mrs. B. Brommel, Mrs. A. M. Burk, Mrs. M. S. Grinbaum, Mrs. F. Glabentrich, Mrs. H. Krutsmann, Mrs. M. Korker, Mrs. H. Meyer, Mrs. F. D. Stadtmuller, Mrs. E. Schild, Mrs. H. St. Goer.

### CERTIFIES ELIGIBLES FOR POLICE VACANCIES

Civil Service Board Names Appointees for Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal and Patrolman.

The Civil Service Commission yesterday certified for appointment to vacancies in the Police Department the following eligibles on the civil service list:

Captain of police, Henry H. Colby, vice John Spilane, deceased.  
Lieutenant of police, William I. Mullender, vice Colby.  
Sergeant of police, Henry Cilia, vice Mullender, promoted.  
Corporal of police, Robert P. de Guire, vice Cilia, promoted.  
Patrolman, Thomas F. Fitzpatrick, vice De Guire.

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### PERSONALS.

Judge A. J. Hall and wife of Napa are at the Lick.

A. Hugh Coburn of London, England, is at the St. Francis.

Dr. and Mrs. Bryant of Los Angeles is at the St. Francis.

G. L. Hoxie, a large fruit grower of Fresno, is at the Palace.

Lee A. Phillips, an attorney of Stockton, is at the Palace.

R. E. Lafferty, a merchant of Portland, Or., is at the Grand.

W. G. Corbaley, interested in railroads in Eureka, is at the Lick.

H. B. Stapler, capitalist and land owner of Yerba City, is at the Lick.

J. A. Cranston, prominent in electric circles in Portland, Or., is at the St. Francis.

George A. Beavis, O. A. Wundfeider and C. P. Lovell of Portland, Or., are at the St. Francis.

B. M. Steinman and wife, who have been making an extended Eastern tour, are at the Palace.

Herr Windmiller, who is making a tour round the world, registered at the St. Francis yesterday from Berlin.

Mrs. and Miss Whittell of Burlingame registered at the St. Francis yesterday. They will leave on the Korea to-morrow for a pleasure trip around the world.

Oscar C. Mueller, president of the Edison Electric Company of Los Angeles, is at the St. Francis, accompanied by H. H. Sinclair of Pasadena, vice president, and F. C. Fieble, chief engineer of the same company.

Herman A. Behrens, actuary of the Conservative Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles, is at the St. Francis.

Lon Lewis of the firm of Whiedin & Lewis, prominent architects of Portland, Or., who has been touring Southern California, is at the St. Francis. He will leave for the north early next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiggins are registered at the St. Francis from St. Louis. Mrs. Wiggins is a member of the famous Lorillard family. Before her recent marriage to Mr. Wiggins she purchased a beautiful home in Santa Barbara, where she intends to reside.

Californians in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The following Californians have arrived in New York:

From San Francisco—Frederick T. Monson, at the Collegiate; C. B. Newton, at the Broadway Central; J. L. Norton Jr., at the Astor House.

F. M. SMITH AND WIFE MAKE OFFER TO MILLS COLLEGE

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### F. A. STEVENS MADE A SUPERINTENDENT

Accepts This Position on the Yosemite Valley Railroad.

F. A. Stevens was yesterday appointed superintendent of the Yosemite Valley Railroad.

Stevens is a bright young man, well up in his line of business, and his advancement to the position has been the cause of congratulation from a host of friends with whom he is very popular.

Stevens was formerly master mechanic of the North Shore Railroad. He is a son of former Master Mechanic A. J. Stevens, who was for many years connected with the Southern Pacific Company at Sacramento.

The Yosemite Valley Railroad has already laid several miles of track and is now working on eighteen miles of grading. Where the complete line will be eighty-four miles long from Merced into the valley.

SECURES BIG ALLOWANCE—Probate Judge Coffey has granted the petition of Mrs. Laura L. Sabin, widow of the late John Ira Sabin, for a monthly allowance from the estate of the deceased of \$750. The allowance is for the maintenance of Mrs. Sabin and her family pending the settlement of the estate.

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