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STRONG NOTE OF PROTEST SOUNDED AGAINST BURNHAM PLANS

Cancellation of the \$12,000,000 of Bonds Voted for City Improvements Is Probable



BUSINESS MEN OBJECT TO WIDER STREETS.

Practical Needs Are Set Forth Against Beautification.

While the Burnham plans would abandon their building mittee, headed by the noted architect from Chicago, was in the midst of its plans regarding the widening and extending of streets throughout the commercial center of the city yesterday, H. H. Taylor, representing the North Central Improvement Association...



SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER DECIDES TYPE OF CANAL

Senators Want an Earthquake-Proof Isthmian Waterway.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—That the earthquake which destroyed San Francisco was an important factor in determining the vote of the Senate committee on interoceanic canals in favor of a sea level type is apparent from the fact that a feature of the majority report is a discussion of the effect such as earthquakes might have on locks and dams. The majority report in favor of a sea level canal was submitted today by Senator Kittredge.

PACIFIC COAST REPRESENTATIVES GAIN A VICTORY IN THE HOUSE

Differential of Four Per Cent Granted on Construction of Naval Vessels on These Shores.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—After two weeks' debate, the House today passed the naval appropriation bill, carrying \$89,764,000. The amendment providing that the secretary of the navy could go into the open market and purchase chains, anchors and cordage, should it be demonstrated that they could be had cheaper in free markets than they could be made by the government, was defeated today by a vote of 181 to 129.

BRUTAL POLICE OFFICER SLAIN

Pays Penalty for Maltreatment of a Girl Revolutionist.

Terrorists Are Avenging the Torturing of Maria Spiridonovo.

TAMBOFF, Russia, May 17.—Shanoff, a police officer, who participated in the brutal treatment of Maria Spiridonovo, was shot and killed on the streets here today by an unknown person.

Maria Spiridonovo, the young daughter of a Russian general, shot and killed Chief of Police Luzhneifsky of Tamboff. She was condemned to be hanged, but her sentence was commuted to twenty years' imprisonment.

CREW OF DREXEL'S YACHT HELD AT BAY BY MADMAN

Revolver in Hand, He Compels Seamen to Remain Below Deck While He Reads Bible to Them.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Standing at the companionway of the yacht Atrous, owned by George W. Childs Drexel of Philadelphia, tied up at South Brooklyn, John Neilson, a seaman, suffering from religious mania, with a revolver in hand, compelled the little crew of five men to remain below deck from Tuesday evening until yesterday.

Overdue Ship Arrives. SANTA MONICA, May 17.—The British ship Oraniasa arrived at Port Los Angeles this afternoon, 299 days out from Newcastle. The delay was occasioned by rough weather. The Oraniasa left Cape Town 153 days ago.

of his clients is waiting to spend \$1,000,000 on a building in that locality and would commence its erection within the next twenty-four hours if some idea could be obtained as to what the committee proposed to do.

Taylor was followed by Moore. In a brief speech the latter summed up the opposition made by those interests to the proposed widening of certain streets and the cutting up of others. He said that the property-owners appreciated the efforts of the committee, but at the same time they believe that there is too much dissection planned.

Means a Death Blow. "We do not know what will happen," said Moore. "If too many streets are widened it will be a paralyzing blow to the commercial interests downtown. It will mean that many of the smaller holders will be forced to the wall completely and that the larger ones will become disgusted and simply quit the town."

Rebuilding Delayed. Taylor was the first to make himself heard. He informed the committee bluntly that he and the capitalists he represented are against the extending of Montgomery avenue to the ferry for the reason that it would mean ruination in that district for the property-owners, many of whom

PHYSICIAN FINDS RIORDAN WAS NOT SHOT FROM BEHIND

Examination Made by Morgue Surgeon Kucich Shows Wounds in Left Side and Right Shoulder.

Pertinent Testimony to Be Introduced in Case of Guardsman Charged With the Shooting.

Coroner Says That Undertaker Is to Blame for the Late Date of the Autopsy.

The dispute which arose in the case of Lawrence N. Bechtel, National Guardsman, charged with the killing of Frank Riordan, as to how the wound was inflicted, was settled yesterday by an autopsy on the body of the victim, performed by Dr. Kucich of the Coroner's office.

The case will be continued on Monday. Prosecuting Attorney Louis Ward passed the blame to the Coroner's office for not having made the autopsy when the death occurred. Dr. Walsh and Dr. Kucich assert that the undertaker who handled the case was responsible to the extent that he did not report it and buried the body without having permitted the authorities to perform the duties required of them by law.

CLAIM AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO LOOT THE SUB-TREASURY

Soldiers of the Eleventh Infantry Report Battle at Night With Suspected Robbers.

A daring attempt to loot the United States Sub-Treasury, located on Commercial street, between Montgomery and Kearny, was foiled on Wednesday night by soldiers from Company G of the Eleventh Infantry.

The fight between the guards and the supposed looters took place at 11:30 o'clock at night. Six men from Company G were detailed to guard the Treasury, three being placed on either side of the place.

Guard Hammond was on Commercial street. He says he immediately opened fire and the forms in the window replied with shots from their revolvers. Fully thirty shots were exchanged in the fray, some of the bullets striking the wall of the building on the north side of Commercial street.

WELL BORERS STRIKE RICH QUARTZ NEAR BAKERSFIELD

URGES THE PASSAGE OF THE CALIFORNIA 5 PER CENT CLAIM

Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirk Asks Support of Western Delegation and High Officials.

SACRAMENTO, May 17.—Thomas J. Kirk, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is doing all that lies in his power to secure the passage of the Congressional measure known as the California 5 per cent claim, as should the measure be favorably acted upon, the State public

TO INSURE CREDIT OF THE CITY

Resources Must Now Be Along New Lines.

Great Indebtedness Is to Be Avoided if Possible.

Committee Now Seeking Method to Do Away With Act.

One of the most vital subjects that will come up before the committee on call for special session of the Legislature when it sits today in executive session with the Governor will be that of rescinding municipal bond issues amounting to \$12,000,000, already sanctioned by a vote of the people.

In the judgment of the members of the legislative committee it will be found impossible to dispose of the rest of the bonds provided for, should they be issued, as the rate of interest would necessarily have to be increased. Many of the city's needs to which the issues were to be applied have now ceased to be of the first importance, while the added debt would operate toward impairing the credit of the city in its present embarrassed condition.

San Francisco is and always has been comparatively free from debt, and with the \$5,000,000 already incurred still compares favorably with other cities of the country. The municipality has always been one imposing the lowest taxation in the United States.

The matter was touched upon yesterday morning by Gavin McNab at the meeting of the joint committee. He said that if the \$12,000,000 of the \$17,000,000 bond issue was eliminated it would leave the city with but \$5,000,000 of debt and that if the amount were rescinded so that State bonds could be sold in order to obtain money for appropriation, there is considerable difference of opinion as to how it shall be done.

Assistant City Attorney William T. Baggett, who was present, said that the matter was of the utmost importance. He added that all citizens agreed that the additional issues should be canceled. He said that park and playgrounds that have been planned are not now subjects requiring immediate attention and that in many cases the proposed State appropriations would cover the improvements planned under the bond issues.

Gold Found at Depth of 110 Feet in Locality Where Its Presence Was Not Suspected. BAKERSFIELD, May 17.—At a depth of 110 feet at Edison station the drill in a water well has uncovered a stratum of quartz rich in gold and the find may result in a mining excitement in a locality where it was never suspected precious metal existed.

In furtherance of his object Kirk has forwarded telegrams to the President, to Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the California delegation and to Victor H. Metcalf, Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, urging their aid in the passage of the measure.