

United Railroads May forfeit Franchises

Grand Jury Probes Illegal Acts of Corporation

Forfeiture of franchises on account of continual violations of the law may be the fate of the United Railroads in the face of the movement started by the Grand Jury. Realizing that it may follow other criminal lines, the Grand Jury has begun an investigation into the civil rights of the people as they have been assured by the Calhoun-Mullally corporation, and it is anticipated that a suit, in equity will be brought in the Superior Court to have the franchises of the United Railroads set aside on the ground that the company has so far failed in many instances to perform its part of the contract made with the city.

The dangerous condition in which the company has left the streets where conduct has been going on, the poor equipment of the road, which necessitates the over-trodding of cars; the dilapidated condition of motors on the cars, causing the blowing out of fuses and the burning of the cars; the attitude toward the public have aroused the members of the Grand Jury and inspired them to take active steps leading to the rectifying of the same. The Grand Jury, composed of the law, J. F. G. Sanborn and Charles Sonntag are taking the most active part in the work, representing respectively the committee in street railroads and on the Police Department and the enforcement of law. In these matters they have the full support of Foreman Oliver and the other members of the Grand Jury.

SANDERSON'S ORDINANCE

The recent enactment of the Supervisors, introduced by Supervisor Sanderson, which prohibits passengers from riding on the steps and outside of the cars, has not been enforced, and Juror Sonntag has sent a letter to Chief Dinan asking why the patrolmen have not made arrests for violations of the ordinance. It is understood that the Board of Supervisors, in its unflinching loyalty to the United Railroads, passed the law for the benefit of the corporation. In case of an accident befalling any one riding on the proscribed parts if the corporation would assume freedom from financial responsibility arising through a damage suit. In a letter to Thornwall Mullally, Juror Sanborn asked why the employees of the road did not insist on passengers riding on the proper sections of the car, and also inquired why the company did not keep the streets in the condition provided for by the charter, and why the corporation violated the terms of its franchise as at present without fear of having to respond before the Supervisors. It was intimated that the company would be called upon to defend its franchise in the courts.

FOR DINAN TO ANSWER

Charles Sonntag of the police committee has begun an inquiry relative to the dereliction of duty on the part of Chief Dinan and other members of the Police Department. The letter reads as follows:

J. F. Dinan, Esq., Chief of Police: Dear Sir—I would be pleased to be informed of the reason the Police Department has taken no steps to enforce the ordinance of the Board of Supervisors prohibiting people from riding on the steps or footboards or in the passageways of the street cars. It was supposed that the ordinance was passed to stop the overcrowding of street cars and to prevent in a great measure the endangering of lives of passengers. The public purpose only of relieving the railway company of liability, either civilly or criminally for accidents, deaths or death of passengers who unwittingly violate the ordinance. I have noticed that none of the railway men has made any objection to people hanging on either to the sides, rear end or other places of the cars. I would also be pleased to be informed why the police make no effort to enforce the law in reference to the obstruction of the street railway tracks by means of various kinds. The public has been greatly inconvenienced by the failure of the police to do their duty in that respect. I would furthermore be pleased to be informed if the rules of your department permit patrolmen, two or three in number, to congregate on street corners and engage in social conversation while on duty, especially at night, instead of patrolling the streets and endeavoring to protect our citizens from attacks of footpads. I am respectfully yours,

Committee of the Grand Jury on Police Department and the Enforcement of the Law.

RUEF AND DINAN ARRAIGNED

Charges of Conspiracy and Perjury Are Read and Cases Continued on a Crime Charge in Judge Dinan's Court Yesterday, the case against him being that resting on the conspiracy indictment, in which he was made a joint defendant with Chief of Police Jeremiah Dinan. The latter also was arraigned on this charge as well as on the charge of perjury made in the other indictment returned against him.

There were few spectators in the courtroom and the formalities were carried out quickly and quietly. Dinan was represented by former District Attorney Louis Livingston and Ruef by Henry Ach and Samuel Shortridge, who have represented him in a similar court proceeding resulting from the graft indictments. Both defendants asked for the statutory time to answer the indictments. Ruef's case was set over until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and Dinan's until Friday morning.

ADLER CASE CONTINUED

Arguments on Demurrer to Indictment Will Be Heard December 31. The case of Nathan M. Adler, indicted by the Grand Jury on a charge of perjury in connection with his testimony relating to the restaurant graft, was called yesterday in Judge O'Garra's court for a hearing of the arguments on Adler's demurrer. The defendant asked for additional time to prepare the case, and as no objections were interposed by the assistant District Attorney O'Garra the case was continued until December 31.

Work of Art

Following its usual custom, the Hamilton, Brown Shoe Co. of St. Louis, has issued its Christmas souvenir. The Call is just in receipt of a copy. For many years they have used as a subject a painting from some famous artist of a beautiful American lady. As this company's reputation is for improving everything they do every time they do it, and as to improve the beauty of the American lady picture is out of the question, it seems they have been obliged to adopt two American lady pictures this time instead of one. It is a reproduction of Philip Boileau's painting entitled "The Twins" and is 25x32 inches.

SLAIN ON POLISH ESTAB

LUKOW, Poland, Dec. 24.—Colonel Obrucheff, commander of the Eighty-first Infantry, has been killed on his estate near here by an unknown man.

Foreman Oliver Assigns Work

FOREMAN OLIVER has departed from the usual custom with grand juries, and in appointing the committees for that body has made each member of the jury a committee of one to investigate a separate matter pertaining to good government and the welfare of the city. The names of the following committees have been made public:

- Department of Education, G. G. Burnett.
- Street Railroads, F. G. Sanborn.
- Board of Public Works, Alfred Greenbaum.
- Police Department and the enforcement of law, Charles Sonntag.
- Fire Department, C. B. Rode.
- Places of amusement, Wallace C. Wise.
- Sheriff's office and County Jails, A. C. Robison.
- Supervisors' and Mayor's offices, Jeremiah Deasy.

SOUTH WILL HAVE MUSIC TRUST

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The Great Western Lyceum and Musical Bureau, a trust which will endeavor to control the entire territory west of the Missouri River, was formed here today. The trust has a capital stock of \$50,000. L. E. Behymer is president and general manager, B. R. Baumgard, vice president; A. G. Bartlett, secretary and treasurer.

Two field agents, C. A. Shaw of Portland and F. D. Hawkins of Salt Lake, left tonight for Chicago and New York to make contracts for next season. They will also visit Europe. Negotiations are under way with a number of the greatest visiting virtuosos whereby their American management may be transferred into the hands of Los Angeles men. Then New York will have to come to California for certain of its artists. Schuman-Heink, Hekking, Bayer, Kubelik and others are mentioned as strong probabilities.

The bureau bought out the Great Lyceum interests to complete its circuit and already has 500 artists, musicians, lecturers and general entertainers in the field, working in 153 completely organized "courses." Among others absorbed by the new trust are: Western Lyceum Bureau of Portland, which reached Salt Lake and Denver; L. E. Behymer Bureau, and the complete Slayton organization west of the Missouri River, which includes Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas; John Cort, 128 theaters and amusement houses in the Northwest; Peter McCourt, in the central territory; Wyatt Circuit, Southern California and Behymer Circuit, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

DOUBLE MURDER ENDS QUARREL

MAOON, Dec. 24.—Gordon Macdonald shot and killed Coley Cheney and Percy Burns at Cochran, Ga., yesterday, as the result of a quarrel. Macdonald went to Burns' home and engaged in a dispute and when Cheney and Burns showed a disposition to fight, Macdonald whipped out a weapon and killed both men. He was captured. All the parties are white.

WATERHEAD WASHED OUT

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—Freshets have washed out the waterheads on the Wailuku plantation. The mill has been stopped, but is not injured.

JEWISH CHILDREN STRIKE IS ABOUT KEPT AT HOME AT AN END

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The agitation against Christmas celebrations in the public schools, which has been gathering force for the last ten days in Hebrew circles, found its climax today, when parents, guardians and other protectors of Jewish children, strongly urged and supported by certain East Side newspapers, kept their charges from attending the pre-Christmas sessions to such an extent that schools on the East Side reported a decrease in numbers ranging from 33.1 to 60 per cent of the pupils registered.

COST OF LIVING INCREASES FASTER THAN RISE IN WAGES

Chief of New Jersey's Bureau of Labor Statistics Gives Figures on Industrial Situation. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Winton C. Garrison, chief of the New Jersey bureau of labor statistics, in his report just submitted to Governor Stokes at Trenton shows that the cost of living has increased in New Jersey at a greater rate than the rise of wages or the growth of industries. Wages have increased 3.8 per cent and the increase in the cost of living has reached 4 per cent.

ADOPTS AMERICAN BELT

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The technical commission of the general staff has recommended the adoption of an American military web cartridge belt and haversack for the Russian army. This equipment, which is put on in one piece, is far lighter than the present Russian outfit, each piece of which is donned and doffed separately. The American equipment also costs 20 cents less per man.

GUARDS FIGHT INSURGENTS

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Guines, this province, today announced that a patrol of rural guards has had an encounter with five mounted insurgents. The two parties exchanged shots, with the result that two of the insurgents were killed and two were captured. The fifth man escaped.

Jade hats at Nell O'Neil and Karl Eber's, 31, 1744 Fillmore.

BRYCE PREPARES FOR DEPARTURE

Sir Mortimer Durand's Successor Will Leave for America in a Few Weeks

QUESTIONS OF STATE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—James Bryce, the retiring Chief Secretary for Ireland, who is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British Ambassador at Washington, is arranging to leave for the United States in about three or four weeks. In the meantime he has started on a tour for the purpose of closing up his business affairs, first going to Dublin, where he is now conferring with the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of Aberdeen, concerning the transfer of Irish affairs. Then Bryce will visit his constituents at Aberdeen, returning later to London in order to close up his resignation and hold a final conference with Foreign Secretary Grey concerning Anglo-American questions before sailing for New York.

PREPARES FOR DEPARTURE

It is hardly probable that Bryce will again enter the Irish office, as his desk is cleared and papers are being adjusted for his successor. The preparations for Bryce's departure for Washington are proceeding, although his appointment as Ambassador has not yet been officially announced.

The early departure of Sir Mortimer Durand's successor is designed to give the latter several weeks in Washington prior to the adjournment of Congress, thus permitting a renewal of the acquaintance made on the occasion of his last visit when he was given the privilege of the floor of the House of Representatives and was invited to occupy a seat at the Speaker's desk.

The personal appearance of Bryce has considerably changed since then. His iron-gray hair and close cropped beard having turned white. However, this has not aged him perceptibly, as he continues to display those striking evidences of intellectual vigor and engaging personality which have given him the reputation of being one of the ablest statesmen of the present time.

The closing of Bryce's London home points to the probability that Mrs. Bryce will accompany her husband to Washington. Bryce's grandmother was an American characterist and associated with Americans. Up to the present time the Bryces have moved rather more among intellectual than fashionable society. They have not entertained extensively, although since Bryce has been a member of the Cabinet his social receptions have been notable for their geniality.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE

The opinion is growing stronger in official and diplomatic circles that Bryce will be named head of the British delegation to the next Hague Peace Conference, and it is pointed out that this will be another evidence of Great Britain's desire to co-operate with the United States, as Bryce's presence in Washington prior to going to The Hague will permit of an arrangement for the performance of a joint policy there. It is expected France will join in this same movement as a result of the Anglo-French entente, thus Great Britain and France together will exercise an important influence on the final results to be achieved at The Hague.

Reports recently have been in circulation in certain capitals of Europe to the effect that Great Britain was opposed to the American plan of submitting the Drago doctrine to the Hague tribunal, but these reports have changes going on here have not disclosed the slightest opposition to this step. On the contrary, the expectations are that Great Britain is ready to submit the question of the Drago doctrine to the Hague conference, but reserving final action there until it has been discussed. No definite arrangements, however, regarding the question to be submitted to The Hague have yet been made, and Bryce's presence in Washington and his official appointment to lead the British delegation to The Hague are expected to contribute to an arrangement whereby Great Britain and the United States may act along parallel lines.

SWAN'S MEAT FOR ROYAL BOARD

LONDON, Dec. 24.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the Prince and Princess of Wales will pass Christmas at Sandringham. From an enormous Christmas tree, occupying the center of the ballroom, the Queen and other members of the royal family will personally distribute gifts to each member of the household tomorrow afternoon. The attendants and employees of the royal farms all will receive remembrances, beef and coal being distributed to the widows and poorer laborers. The King's Christmas dinner, as usual, will include a boar's head, the gift of Emperor William. The King has sent a number of fat young swans to many members of European royal families, so that the crowned heads will have swan's meat for their Christmas dinner.

The general signs of prosperity are more plentiful here this Christmas than for many years. The stores have been packed for weeks and enjoyed an unprecedented business, all ranks apparently sharing in the great abundance of wealth. The crowds of poverty-stricken unemployed, so painfully obtusive in London's streets a year ago, are absent this year, indicating that all branches of trade are prosperous.

HOLDS A FUTURE DEAL INVALID

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court in a decision today held that a contract on the Board of Trade to sell at some future day is an option and therefore illegal and void. Henry Woods offered to sell to Mark Bates 50,000 bushels of contract wheat, to be delivered in December. In consideration of \$50 he agreed to leave the offer open for acceptance until September. While the offer was still open Bates accepted it, but Woods repudiated the contract.

LEGISLATURE HAS DISSOLVED

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—The British Columbia Legislature has dissolved. Elections will take place February 2 and the new Legislature will meet March 8.

SHOTS JAPANESE BY MISTAKE

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Ara Takashim, a Japanese house servant in the employ of C. L. Seahms, was mistaken for a burglar and shot last night by Arthur McEwan, Seahms' brother-in-law. The shooting was apparently overlooked in the excitement and no report was made to the police until this afternoon, when two Japanese friends of the wounded man reported it. Seahms and his brother-in-law came here recently from Los Angeles.

STEAMER RUNS ASHORE

SYDNEY, Dec. 24.—The coal steamer Beatrice, which was reported yesterday off shore with propeller fouled, went ashore on Cranberry Head today. A heavy sea was running, but the crew was saved.

EVIDENCE OF A WRECK

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—Advices from Carmanah state pieces of a broken boat, presumably a steamer, have drifted ashore near there. Close by a body was washed ashore on Saturday.

LIST OF INJURED IS GROWING

Latest Reports Indicate Forty-Five Persons Hurt in the Enderlin Wreck

CENSURE FROM JURY

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—As far as the officials of the Soo Line have been able to learn, only nine persons were killed in the wreck at Enderlin, N. D., Sunday morning. It was reported late this afternoon that two of the injured had died, making the total death list eleven, but the Associated Press was informed this evening that this report was untrue. The latest report received indicates that forty-five persons were injured and of these twenty-four were classed among the seriously hurt, but it has been almost impossible to learn the extent of their injuries, as the railroad officials refuse to give out the information.

ENDERLIN, N. D., Dec. 24.—The passengers injured in last night's train wreck are being cared for at a small private hospital and in the railroad hotel.

A coroner's jury is investigating the cause of the wreck. The engineer of the freight engine testified that he had been ordered to move out west of the town, where he was to drop off a flagman to stop the incoming passenger train. The flagman testified that he went on ahead of the engine nearly half a mile and not only placed two torpedoes on the track, but waited and signaled the passenger train with his lantern. He swore that no attention was paid to his lantern signal and he could not say whether the torpedoes had exploded. The night was very foggy and the supposition is that the lantern signal was not seen and that the torpedoes failed to explode.

All the other injured, numbering twenty-three, are residents of Minnesota, North Dakota and Canada. Ten of these only were slightly hurt.

The revised list of the dead is as follows: Charles Backus, Bergen, N. D.; H. J. Volkering, Annamoose, N. D.; J. Beresford, Medicine Hat, Canada; Herman Rosenbaum, Velva, N. D.; W. R. Danielson, Sheldon, N. D.; Nells Hanson, Kenmare, N. D.; Ole Thompson, Tazewell, N. D.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict holding the crew of the freight train responsible for the wreck and severely censuring the Soo road for alleged negligence in placing inexperienced men in positions where their failure to perform their work properly resulted in considerable loss of life.

Word was received here this afternoon that two of those injured in the wreck died today, making eleven deaths.

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—D. J. Beresford of Medicine Hat, reported killed in the Enderlin, N. D., wreck. He is Delavel Beresford, younger brother of Admiral Lord Beresford of the British navy, who has a ranch in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico, south of El Paso, and another at Medicine Hat, Canada.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A light locomotive collided with a passenger train on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad near Eagle early today. Michael Linn of Rochester, engineer, and Henry Gath, fireman of the passenger engine, were killed; George McNally, engineer of the light engine, was badly injured, and E. Palmer, fireman of the light engine, is reported to have been killed.

CLEVELAND'S COUSIN DEAD

Relative of ex-President and Justice Harlan Succumbs to Bright's Disease. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Arlan Cleveland, Cleveland's cousin and United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, by appointment of President Grover Cleveland, died today of Bright's disease. He was a cousin of the ex-President and a nephew of Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court of the United States, a son-in-law of the late Stanley Matthews of the same court and a brother-in-law of Associate Justice Gray of the same court.

DEATH OF MRS. M. A. QUINN

NAPA, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Margaret A. Quinn, wife of James A. Quinn of this city, died last night. Mrs. Quinn was a native of Pennsylvania, and was 45 years of age. Deceased leaves a husband and five children, three girls and two boys, to mourn her demise.

COMMANDER CANAGA DEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Commander Alfred Canaga, in charge of the steam engineering department of the Charlestown navy yard, died suddenly today of apoplexy.

DEATH OF COLONEL PEPPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Colonel J. Pepper, the distiller, of Kentucky, died tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where he was a guest.

THREE DEATHS BY FIRE

STUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 24.—A fire that started in Ira Hillman's bakery partly burned the upstairs sleeping apartment. Three persons were suffocated. Mrs. Ira Hillman, aged 25 years; Katherine Hillman, aged 2, and Elizabeth McCoy, aged 18 years.

ALFARO NAMED AS PRESIDENT

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 24.—The National Assembly today formally elected General Eloy Alfaro, the acting President, to be constitutional President for four years. The election of Alfaro is very popular.

The republic now seems entirely pacified, and the commercial outlook is more favorable to the abolition of the duty on sugar and the opening of this market to the sugar refineries of the United States.

General Alfaro was President of Ecuador from 1898 to 1901, and has been a prominent figure in that republic for fifty years. In January last Alfaro revolted against President Garcia, caused him to flee from the country and reorganized the government.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF ECUADOR SELECTS HIM

General Alfaro was President of Ecuador from 1898 to 1901, and has been a prominent figure in that republic for fifty years. In January last Alfaro revolted against President Garcia, caused him to flee from the country and reorganized the government.

FREEZE THREATENS LAND OF DIXIE

Predictions From Washington Are Not Encouraging for the Southern Belt. FLORIDA SUFFERING. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—According to Forecaster Henry at the United States Weather Bureau, the present cold wave will continue for at least three days. The temperature at the Weather Bureau at 10 o'clock tonight was 15 above zero, and a drop of 5 degrees more during the night is predicted. Heavy frosts have been reported as far south as Tampa, Fla., where the temperature tonight was 28 above zero. The cold wave extends throughout the Southern States.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—The Government thermometer reached 24 degrees here today. The damage to oranges and vegetables throughout the State is not yet known, but it is believed the early vegetable crop is seriously damaged.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Government thermometer today touched 16 degrees, the coldest by ten degrees of the season. Freezing weather is reported as far south as Tampa, Fla., where 28 degrees is reported. The cold wave extends over the eastern half of the Southern States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The coldest weather of this winter came today, when the thermometer went down to 8 degrees. A keen northwest wind, blowing twenty miles an hour, added to the discomfort.

WOMAN'S HEROISM SAVES CREW

Light Keepers' Wife Braves Perils of Trail to Obtain Aid for the Coloma. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The American Consul at Victoria, in reporting to the State Department the loss of the American barkentine Coloma of San Francisco, which occurred off Vancouver Island on December 7, says: After the crew had been struggling in the water for twelve hours their signals of distress were seen in the early morning by the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale, Vancouver Island, and the keeper's wife, Mrs. Minnie Peterson, started for Bamfield, five miles away, where the British steamer Quadra put out at once to rescue the men of the Coloma. The sea was very rough, but Mrs. Peterson and her husband were finally rescued by volunteers of the Quadra.

BANANA DISTRICTS TAKE STRONGHOLD OF GOA'S RAJAH

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—A heavy norther during the past two days has caused serious damage to the banana districts, especially on the plains.

CORNELL CLUB FORMED

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The Cornell Cosmopolitan Club of Ithaca, N. Y., formed for the purpose of uniting Cornell students of all nationalities and extending the influence of the university, was incorporated here today.

Alfaro Named as President



GENERAL ELOY ALFARO

National Assembly of Ecuador Selects Him

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 24.—The National Assembly today formally elected General Eloy Alfaro, the acting President, to be constitutional President for four years. The election of Alfaro is very popular.

The republic now seems entirely pacified, and the commercial outlook is more favorable to the abolition of the duty on sugar and the opening of this market to the sugar refineries of the United States.

General Alfaro was President of Ecuador from 1898 to 1901, and has been a prominent figure in that republic for fifty years. In January last Alfaro revolted against President Garcia, caused him to flee from the country and reorganized the government.

TO PATROL NORTH COAST

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—An Ottawa special says the Government steamer Quadra has been ordered to patrol the west coast of Vancouver Island during the two months for the protection of life in the event of shipwrecks during the stormy season.

IMMIGRATION STILL TAKE STRONGHOLD ON INCREASE OF GOA'S RAJAH

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—The Dutch troops are still meeting with considerable opposition on the part of the rebellious chiefs in the recesses of the Dutch East Indies. The former have just captured the stronghold of the Rajah of Goa, at Sidenreng. The Rajah's son and eighteen of their followers were killed, many were wounded, and the Rajah's brother was made prisoner. The official telegram does not mention the losses of the Dutch troops.

CORNELL CLUB FORMED

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The Cornell Cosmopolitan Club of Ithaca, N. Y., formed for the purpose of uniting Cornell students of all nationalities and extending the influence of the university, was incorporated here today.

HOUSE OF BYRON MAUZY

Est. 1884. The "House of Byron Mauzy" means more than a mere building—it signifies a business organization which for twenty-two years, through hard times and earthquake and fire, has stood staunchly—an example of strength and probity.

The new "Byron Mauzy Music Building," built by Mr. Mauzy for the large trade in Musical Instruments, now opens its doors to the great music-loving public. All are warmly welcomed.

The various departments of the new store are: PIANOS—A. A. Batkin, Gen. Mgr., 23 years; PLAYER PIANOS and PIANO PLAYERS—R. A. Daniels, Mgr. TALKING MACHINES and SMALL INSTRUMENTS—Alfred Widdop, Mgr. SHEET MUSIC and BOOKS—J. P. Broder, Mgr. TUNING—Sig. F. Alberti, 23 years. PIANO FACTORY—Carl Sommers, Supt. E. E. Ennis, Cashier; S. M. Crow, Collections.

Byron Mauzy Pianos are good Pianos Always. Strictly One Price.

1165-1175 O'FARRELL ST. Bet. Franklin and Gough Streets Our Own Buildings

JUST FOR LADES

To Obtain More Room for My Large New Stock of Ladies' Wearing Apparel

I have secured the fine commodious store at the corner of Devisadero and Post Streets, in addition to my present store, 1632 Devisadero Street. MY NEW STORE will be devoted entirely to Ladies' Toggery. All new stock for fall and winter wear, and shall extend my usual liberal credit to all. 10 per cent discount on all Cloaks and Suits for one week.

L. HEILBRONER, 1555 Devisadero St. Cor. Post St. Formerly 518 Ellis Street.

FREEZE THREATENS LAND OF DIXIE

Predictions From Washington Are Not Encouraging for the Southern Belt

FLORIDA SUFFERING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—According to Forecaster Henry at the United States Weather Bureau, the present cold wave will continue for at least three days. The temperature at the Weather Bureau at 10 o'clock tonight was 15 above zero, and a drop of 5 degrees more during the night is predicted. Heavy frosts have been reported as far south as Tampa, Fla., where the temperature tonight was 28 above zero. The cold wave extends throughout the Southern States.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—The Government thermometer reached 24 degrees here today. The damage to oranges and vegetables throughout the State is not yet known, but it is believed the early vegetable crop is seriously damaged.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Government thermometer today touched 16 degrees, the coldest by ten degrees of the season. Freezing weather is reported as far south as Tampa, Fla., where 28 degrees is reported. The cold wave extends over the eastern half of the Southern States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The coldest weather of this winter came today, when the thermometer went down to 8 degrees. A keen northwest wind, blowing twenty miles an hour, added to the discomfort.

WOMAN'S HEROISM SAVES CREW

Light Keepers' Wife Braves Perils of Trail to Obtain Aid for the Coloma. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The American Consul at Victoria, in reporting to the State Department the loss of the American barkentine Coloma of San Francisco, which occurred off Vancouver Island on December 7, says: After the crew had been struggling in the water for twelve hours their signals of distress were seen in the early morning by the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale, Vancouver Island, and the keeper's wife, Mrs. Minnie Peterson, started for Bamfield, five miles away, where the British steamer Quadra put out at once to rescue the men of the Coloma. The sea was very rough, but Mrs. Peterson and her husband were finally rescued by volunteers of the Quadra.

Special praise is due Mrs. Peterson, whose trip to Bamfield was one of heroic exertion. It took her four hours to make the trip, which completely exhausted her. The path over which she had to go was nothing more than a trail, and the heavy weather had made it very wet. A man who went over it a day or two later describes it as little better than a bog and says that he wore out a pair of shoes in making the trip and tore his clothes badly.

BANANA DISTRICTS TAKE STRONGHOLD OF GOA'S RAJAH

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—A heavy norther during the past two days has caused serious damage to the banana districts, especially on the plains.

CORNELL CLUB FORMED

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The Cornell Cosmopolitan Club of Ithaca, N. Y., formed for the purpose of uniting Cornell students of all nationalities and extending the influence of the university, was incorporated here today.

HOUSE OF BYRON MAUZY

Est. 1884. The "House of Byron Mauzy" means more than a mere building—it signifies a business organization which for twenty-two years, through hard times and earthquake and fire, has stood staunchly—an example of strength and probity.

The new "Byron Mauzy Music Building," built by Mr. Mauzy for the large trade in Musical Instruments, now opens its doors to the great music-loving public. All are warmly welcomed.

The various departments of the new store are: PIANOS