

CALIFORNIA ORCHARDISTS NEED NOT BE ALARMED

Secretary Wilson Reassures Them on Problem of Sulphured Fruit INTENDS TO BE FAIR Common Sense Will Dictate the Final Decision to Be Rendered

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Flint and Representatives Boardman and Needham called upon Secretary Wilson today and inquired regarding the status of the investigation of fruit sulphuring, with a view of proposing legislation, if necessary. Secretary Wilson said that he had not yet received the final report of the chemists who were making the sulphur test. More tests were to be made of sulphured fruits under varying conditions, and it was expected that four weeks would be required. He would then pass upon the report and reach a decision as to whether the pure food regulations should stand. Secretary Wilson said that the chemists had made several interesting discoveries, which have changed their former opinions as to the injuriousness of sulphur to fruit. One was that the amount of sulphur diminished with the lapse of time also in cooking. Therefore, fruit was not to be judged by the amount of sulphur in it when purchased, but only when actually ready for use. The secretary said that he wanted to assure the California people that he was not going to be swayed entirely by the scientists. "We have to have scientists," he said, "but common sense is a good guide, too. If the report suits me I will support it, but if it is not in accordance with what I think is common sense, I shall disapprove it. You can say to the California people that I will not be used as an instrument of the industries of California if I can prevent it." The Californians left the department convinced that the fruit industry of the state would not suffer from the chemists' report.

CHINESE KILLS HIMSELF IN FEAR OF HIGHBINDERS

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Having been informed that a price had been put on his head, and not possessing sufficient funds to flee the country, Wah Lee, a Chinese employed at the S. F. Foy ranch on the San Rafael road, committed suicide this morning by blowing out his brains. Yesterday a letter written in Chinese characters was delivered to him, and after the suicide another letter, also in Chinese, was found in his room. Another Chinaman employed on the ranch took charge of both letters and disappeared. Wah Lee had amassed considerable money and intended to return to China within two months.

FEDERATION WILL EJECT RADICALS AT GOLDFIELD

Continued From Page 1, Column 5 labor union men are urged to rally to the defense of officers and members of the federation charged with the murder of former Governor Siskiyou in Idaho and other crimes, and of the Goldfield, Nev., miners, who are on strike. The address declares that the financial stringency which has befallen the operations of "frenzied financiers" and is being taken advantage of to shut down mines in order to destroy the miners' union. Governor Sparks is referred to as a "puppet" of the mine owners and President Roosevelt as the pliant tool of the capitalistic interest in its attempt to crush organized labor. "The mine owners," the address continues, "are determined to re-enact the bloody scenes of Colorado in Nevada and it is our duty to do all in our power to prevent the accomplishment of their hellish designs." President Charles H. Moyer of the federation and George A. Pettibone, now on trial at Bolinas, are declared in the address to be "marked out for slaughter by the cruel, despotic rule of capitalism, whose only aim is to crush the federation that the mine owners may ride triumphantly over an outraged, humiliated humanity, that labor may be bound hand and foot and the last vestige of American liberty may be summarily annihilated."

COURT MARTIAL TO BE CALLED IN GOLDFIELD

General Funston has ordered a general court martial to convene at Goldfield. This order would indicate, say army men, that the troops now on duty at that place would be held there for some time to come. If the stay of the troops in the mining town was to be of short duration any offenses that might be committed by the enlisted men would receive lenient when the troops returned to their post. Following is the detail for the court: Captain William H. Wassell, Twenty-second Infantry; Captain Laurence A. Curtis, Twenty-second Infantry; Captain George E. Stewart, Twenty-second Infantry; First Lieutenant Harry Graham, Twenty-second Infantry; First Lieutenant David A. Henkes, Twenty-second Infantry; Second Lieutenant John F. Burleigh, Twenty-second Infantry; Second Lieutenant Edward E. McCammon, Twenty-second Infantry; Second Lieutenant Russell V. Venable, Twenty-second Infantry, judge advocate.

Captain William R. Davis, assistant surgeon at Fort Mason, assumed his duties at that post yesterday. Leave of absence for 10 days, to take effect December 20, has been granted to Capt. Evans H. Humphreys. Mrs. John L. Cienn, wife of Colonel Cienn, departed yesterday to spend the holidays with her family in San Antonio, Tex.

TO EXAMINE SUGAR BOOKS NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—There was a long conference yesterday between United States District Attorney Youngs and James R. Sheffield, representing the American sugar refining company, after which it was announced that the company would turn over to the government's attorneys all their books that they might be examined. The government claims that there has been a conspiracy in operation to cheat the government by false returns to the customs officials on imported raw sugar.

NO OFFICIAL MESSAGES COME FROM THE FLEET

Plan for the Route of the Return Has Not Been Formulated EVOLUTIONS ON WAY "Well Done," Signals Evans After Double Formation Movement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Not a single official message was received at the navy department today from Admiral Evans' flagship nor from any of the vessels of the fleet. Both the White House and the navy department discredited what purports to be a wireless message from the battleship Connecticut to the effect that President Roosevelt had informed Admiral Evans that the fleet would return by way of the Suez canal. Secretary Loeb said tonight that no plan for the return of the fleet had yet been formulated. None of the navy department heads—Secretary Metcalf, Assistant Secretary Newberry and Admiral Brownson—through whose hands must pass all orders for the fleet, knows the itinerary for the homeward voyage. They decline to give credence to what they term "wardroom gossip." From the position of the ships when last recorded it would not surprise the department officials if the wireless shore stations at San Juan, Porto Rico or Guantanamo, Cuba, should be able to pick up the fleet within a day or two.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following message from its correspondent on board Admiral Evans' flagship was received by the associated press by wireless telegraph tonight: On board U. S. S. Connecticut, Dec. 18 (noon). The ship's feet at this hour is 750 miles north by northwest of St. Thomas. The weather is fine.

A later message from the fleet received through the De Forest wireless station here tonight reads: U. S. S. Connecticut, at sea, Dec. 18.—During the 24 hours since noon yesterday the feet made 240 miles, the course continuing due southeast.

This afternoon Admiral Evans signaled the squadron commanders to align their ships, which had been moving in four perfect columns in double formation at intervals of 1,000 yards. Base movements were skillfully executed and evoked from the commander in chief the signal, "Well done." We are now beyond the gulf stream and only a moderate swell disturbs the surface of the sea. The weather is magnificent, and between the blue of the sky and the blue of the water the two white lines of battleships moving with stately precision make a magnificent picture. The sea is now so calm that the ships are scarcely shaken down as yet, but still keep at perfect distances.

FUGITIVE BANK CASHIER CAUGHT NEAR ENSENADA

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Ensenada says: "The man arrested in a mining camp about 100 miles back in the mountains and now in jail here awaiting identification is supposed to be William F. Walker, formerly cashier of the Savings bank of New Britain, Conn., and wanted on a charge of embezzlement in that city. He was prevented committing suicide only by the timely intervention of the officers in charge." The suspect was arrested by a posse and the chief of police from here, accompanied by a detective from the states, at a mining camp called Balara, in the mountains about 100 miles from Ensenada. The prisoner is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, of medium build and wears a mustache and Van Dyke beard. A small vial, which is supposed to contain poison, was taken from him just in time, also a revolver was taken from him after he had made a desperate attempt to use it.

Later advices from Ensenada say that Walker, when confronted by the officers, admitted his identity and agreed to return east without raising legal obstacles. Further than this, he had little to say. "What I have to say I will say when I am back in New Britain," was his reply to inquiries concerning his theft and subsequent flight. Walker is in fairly good health and does not appear to have suffered as much as might have been expected. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for Walker if taken alive and \$1,000 for his dead body, if found.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Pinkerton detective agency in this city confirmed tonight the report that William F. Walker, the absconding treasurer of the New Britain, Conn., savings bank, had been captured at Ensenada, Lower California. Positive identification has been made and Walker has consented to return to Connecticut without resort to extradition proceedings.

NOT TO BLAME FOR WRECK NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Alfred H. Smith, vice president of the New York Central railroad company, was acquitted today of a charge of manslaughter, brought in connection with the wreck of the Brewster express at Woodlawn last February, in which 24 persons were killed. Justice Kellogg directed the verdict.

FLIGHT OF WOMAN SWINDLER ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A sensation has been caused in this city by the flight of Olga Stein, a Russian woman, who has successfully conducted a series of swindles on a large scale. She was charged specifically with having defrauded certain persons of \$300,000.

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WITNESS SENT JAIL FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Ray Roseblade in Trial of Attorney Herrington Refuses to Answer

CASE AT STANDSTILL Attorneys Allowed to Pay Fines to Aged Victim of Encounter

SAN JOSE, Dec. 18.—At today's session of the trial of Bertram A. Herrington for bribing a witness in the Adams murder case argument was as to whether Roseblade, the principal witness of the prosecution, could be compelled to testify. The court held that the question of refusing to answer yesterday, which led to the battle between opposing attorneys and resulted in a fractured skull for a spectator, was not of an incriminating nature and held that he already had incriminated himself by testifying to the same question in the preliminary examination in the justice court.

Roseblade refused to answer the question, "Were you, during the month of December, 1906, and prior to the preliminary examination of the Horgan murder trial, given money by anyone to influence your testimony?" repeated several times in a number of forms. Roseblade was adjudged guilty of contempt of court, and remanded to the county jail for five days. The trial cannot proceed without the testimony of Roseblade, and it is the intention of Judge Welch to keep him in jail until he is willing to testify.

The attorneys, Sex and Jarman, who were fined \$100 for contempt yesterday, requested the judge to remit the fines, as they wished to contribute the money to Zachariah Tucker, the aged and helio who was injured during the controversy. This the judge consented to do. Under the care of physicians Tucker has rallied and is now recovering.

SECRETARY TAFT WILL CONCLUDE JOURNEY SOON

Views With Satisfaction the Department of the Battleship Fleet for the Pacific

ON STEAMER PRESIDENT GRANT (by wireless, Halifax, N. S.), Dec. 17. Secretary of War Taft, who is finishing the last stage of his journey around the world on the President Grant, probably will reach New York about noon Friday. In commenting today on the departure of the big American fleet of warships for the Pacific, the secretary said he viewed the undertaking with real satisfaction. He regarded the cruise as necessary practice and valuable as placing the men and ships under conditions approaching a war footing.

Taft said that the cruise had no international significance. He declined to discuss American politics, saying he had no possible knowledge of present political plans in the United States.

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