

on him. It is believed that he stole the bicycle on which he escaped. Edwards was taken to a private hospital. The attending physicians vainly probed for the bullet, which took a downward course after entering the neck. It is feared that the injured man will die before morning.

PAPER GIRL AFTER LONG SEARCH

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.
STOCKTON, Jan. 24.—Because her parents are well to do and because she was accomplished and pretty, local officers refused to make public the name of the daughter of a prominent Santa Rosa family who suddenly disappeared from home last August in company with James Pratt, a married man aged 32 years.

From other sources, however, it is learned that the girl is a Miss Constance Coffey.

The couple came to Stockton, where the girl hired a domestic to attend to separate lodgings and worked at odd jobs about the city.

The heart broken parents conducted a painstaking search for their 17 year old daughter and had practically given up hope when an aunt of the girl recently took up residence in Stockton and learned of the elopement. The officers found both parties, but only succeeded in bringing daughter and fiance together.

Pratt left all his belongings behind him in an effort to evade his enraged wife, who had been prosecuting a search for her wayward husband and grows incoherent when she tries to tell what she will do to him.

The girl signified her willingness to accompany her parents to Santa Rosa. The person for whom she worked stated that she gave her name as Mrs. A. A. A man, supposed to be her husband would visit her nightly, but would leave her place of employment at early hours.

When the girl disappeared from Santa Rosa a man commonly known as "Sea Captain" was arrested on suspicion of kidnaping, but released after an investigation.

WAR DEPARTMENT MAKES NECESSARY PROMOTIONS

General Wood's Relinquishment Leads to Many Changes in Subordinate Positions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Incident to the relinquishment by Major General Leonard Wood of the command of the Philippine division, a series of orders was issued from the war department today making necessary changes in the subordinate commands. Orders already have been promulgated placing General Wood in command of the department of the east with headquarters at Governors Island, after a six months' leave of absence, most of which will be spent in Europe on his way home from the Philippines.

On being relieved of command of Governors Island General Grant will relieve General Carter of the command of the department of the lakes, with headquarters at Chicago, and General Carter will take charge of the department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha. Two new brigadier generals to be appointed by the 27th instant are expected to provide the material for filling those remaining vacant department commands.

As already announced, Major General John Weston, at present in command of the department of Luzon by General Albert L. Mills, at present in command of the department of Visayas, who will be succeeded in Manila by General Charles L. Hodges, now in command of the post at Jolo.

MAJOR TAYLOR TO WED MISS JEFFERS

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Milo S. Jeffers, a prominent merchant of this city, was formally announced last evening by Mrs. Mary W. Kincaid, guardian of the bride-elect. The wedding, which is to be solemnized some time before the end of February, will be a quiet home affair, the date on which the ceremony is to occur has not been made public.

The woman who is so soon to assume the social responsibilities of the first lady of San Francisco and share the meed of honor that has been bestowed without stint to Mayor Taylor, is beloved by those who know her best for the lifetime of unostentatious work and thought she has devoted to charity. Her tastes and interests are of a high order and means in helping others rather than in participating prominently in the social life enjoyed by her wide circle of friends, and from early girlhood she has been actively identified with Trinity church and its auxiliary organizations. She has also taken a leading part in the work of the College Settlement and Girls' training school.

Since the death of her parents, Miss Jeffers and her younger sister have made their home with Mrs. L. A. Hayward at 1023 Shotwell street. Dr. Taylor and Milo S. Jeffers, the father of the bride-elect, were lifelong friends, and since the latter's death Dr. Taylor has been a frequent visitor at the Hayward home. His attentions to Miss Jeffers have been marked, and though the announcement of the engagement was made as a surprise to the bride and Miss Jeffers, the culmination of their romance has been half suspected for some time by those who are most intimate with the couple.

With the death of his first wife Dr. Taylor has made his home with his two sons in his California street residence.

Names Fleet Committee

At the monthly luncheon of the California commandery of the naval and military order of the Spanish-American war yesterday at the Cosmos club, the commander, Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper, named Brigadier General Charles A. Woodruff, Rear Admiral Oscar W. Farenholt, Rear Admiral Joseph Trilley, Brigadier General Oscar F. Long and Brigadier General W. E. Dougherty as a committee to entertain the officers of Admiral Evans' fleet upon their arrival here.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP

Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Look for signature of E. W. Grove, 25c.

LATHAN COME, IS BELIEF OF BURNS

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Colorado and Utah with H. H. Clark, father-in-law of Luther Brown, who was then chief of Calhoun's private detective force. Every effort to locate him positively and cause his return to San Francisco was in vain, and it was a promise from the attorney that he again put in an appearance.

When Lathan's name was called and he stood up in court Monday, Ruef evinced complete surprise. He made every effort to have a conference with Lathan before entering the courtroom, and his attempts to draw Lathan to one side led to an open quarrel between himself and Special Agent Burns. Lathan was then put under order of the court with instructions to appear at every calling of the case.

After the continuance in Ruef's case had been ordered yesterday afternoon District Attorney Langdon asked the court to have Lathan's name called, and there was no response. Langdon at once asked that a bench warrant be issued for his arrest, and the order was made by Judge Lawlor, bail being fixed in the sum of \$2,000. The bench warrant was put in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Coyne, who had been unable to locate the missing witness at a late hour last night.

Should Lathan be found before 10 o'clock this morning, District Attorney Langdon will appear in person with a lawyer at that hour and ask that the order for the trying of his deposition be made immediately.

RUEF GETS MORE DELAY

Granted Until Tuesday to Get Aid for Attorney Ach

With Henry Ach chosen as leading attorney in his defense, but an associate member of counsel still to be depended upon, Abe Ruef asked for and secured another delay yesterday in which he asked the court to grant Judge Lawlor's suggestion the case was put over until next Tuesday morning, by which time Ruef expects to have concluded his arrangements for legal representation, and the date for the actual beginning of the trial will then be definitely set. When the case was called at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Judge Lawlor's court Senator George Keane made the usual plea for another continuance.

"If your honor please," he announced, "Mr. Henry Ach has agreed to appear as counsel for the defense in this case, but owing to the state of his health is unable to assume the responsibility of conducting the case without an associate member of counsel to assist him. When I addressed the court Wednesday in this matter we had tentatively secured an associate to act with Mr. Ach, but the engagements of the attorney referred to are so pressing that we have been unable to assure him that the arrangements for proceeding with this case can be made so as not to conflict with his other obligations."

"We have arranged with another attorney to act with Mr. Ach, but it will be Monday before we can learn definitely whether he will be able to accept the retainer. The case in which Mr. Ach is engaged in Los Angeles also began this morning and it will be four or five days before he is able to return to this city. I would suggest that in the circumstances a continuance until next Thursday would be fair, and that the court make an order to that effect."

Judge Lawlor declared that he believed Ruef to be entitled to a reasonable time, but that he wished to see what the attorney referred to as soon as possible, and would then consider the question of proceeding to trial. He suggested that a continuance until Tuesday would allow the defendant a reasonable time to complete his arrangements for counsel, and the order for a continuance of the case until that time to be set for trial was not objected to either by Keane or District Attorney Langdon.

Neither Ruef nor Keane would give the name of the attorney with whom the negotiations to appear as associate member of counsel are now pending, but it was generally rumored that while in Los Angeles Ach is authorized to attempt to secure the services of ex-Governor Henry T. Gage and to arrange terms with him if it is possible to do so.

CALHOUN GROWS ANXIOUS

His Attorney Seeks to Learn Date of Trial From Langdon

Attorney Stanley Moore, who was in Judge Lawlor's court yesterday afternoon to represent officials of the United Railroads under joint indictment with Ruef, attempted unsuccessfully to secure a definite date for the trial of Patrick Calhoun to trial, and had to content himself with an insinuation of unfair dealing, which he directed against the prosecution.

"We do not know the date of the trial which has been ordered in the case of Patrick Calhoun," declared Moore, "but we want to inquire at this time when it is the real intention of the district attorney to put him on trial. Mr. Calhoun has no more to say in the matter of the trial, under the promise given to the district attorney some time ago that his case would be called on February 1. He spent several months here last year waiting for his trial to begin, and we have been subjected to the continual annoyance of having to appear in court to consent time after time to insignificant continuances. We would like now to have some information on the subject, so that we can avoid a second delay in our case."

"There is no question but Mr. Calhoun will be put on trial," answered Langdon, "but as to the exact date it is utterly impossible to say. We informed the court some days ago that we were ready to go ahead with the Ruef case immediately, but that as much as I can say definitely now."

"I want the district attorney to descend from generalities to particulars," declared Moore. "Owing to the state of the calendar in this court and the announcements made by the district attorney last fall, I think Mr. Calhoun has the right to consider his place at the head of the calendar and not to be forced to give way to some other delay in the Ruef's case. I believe it will not be on the facts of the case as brought out in the evidence, but will center in the attempt to prevent this evidence from ever being fairly presented to a jury."

Parkside Cases Go Over

On motion of the prosecution the cases against G. H. Umbreit, W. E. Brobeck, Joseph E. Green, Abraham and Eugene E. Schmitz in connection with the Parkside franchise bribery were continued by Judge Dunne yesterday morning until Friday. The cases came up on demurrer. Theodore N. Halsey of the Pacific States telephone company, whose trial for bribery was interrupted some months ago by his illness, is not yet sufficiently recovered to appear in court. His case was called in Judge Dunne's court yesterday, and after Dr. J. G. Morrissey had testified that Halsey was still weak and unable to go to trial a further continuance for two weeks was ordered.

RUEF'S LAWYERS READY TO EVOKE EVERY LEGAL SUBTERFUGE

From the manner in which Abe Ruef's preparations to face trial are being carried out there is little doubt that

FULTON IN FRIENDS' CONTENTS HENEY

Steiner Tells of Letter Which Promised Civil Suit in Place of Criminal

Says U. S. Senators Saw Hall in Behalf of Men Indicted for Fencing Land

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—In the Hall-Mays conspiracy case Prosecutor Francis J. Henev entered this morning through Judge J. W. Steiner to connect United States Senator Charles W. Fulton with the case. According to the contention of the prosecution, Fulton saw John H. Hall on behalf of Steiner and exacted a promise from the attorney that proceedings would be brought against the Butte Creek livestock and lumber company in Eastern Oregon instead of a criminal action against the individual members of the corporation.

Henev asked Steiner if he had received a letter from Senator Fulton in 1903 and the witness replied that he had. Judge Webster objected that this was irrelevant.

"If I can show that Fulton saw Hall and exacted a promise from him not to prosecute Steiner criminally, but to take civil action instead," contended Henev, "I believe it will be relevant, especially if in the letter Fulton said he was authorized by Hall to notify Steiner to that effect."

Judge Hunt agreed, and Steiner continued with his testimony on the Fulton letter, which he said was received by him from the senator in 1903. The letter, which he said was received by him from the senator in 1903, was a copy of a letter which he had written to Steiner in October, 1903. After the Butte Creek people were indicted for conspiracy, Steiner said Fulton sent to him and requested him to bring all the letters that had passed between them. The Steiner said he did, and he swore that Fulton selected from the assortment only the one relating to the agreement of Hall. What Fulton did with the letter, Steiner said he did not know.

A letter from Hall to Steiner, written December 19, 1907, was introduced. In this Hall wanted to know the attitude of Henev, as there was some talk that Henev might testify against Hall, pressure being brought to bear on Hendricks to that end. Hall said Hendricks might try to testify against him as to conversations and other things that never occurred, in the hope of lightening his punishment.

"Of course," wrote Hall, "he will only get into a worse predicament and commit a more serious crime than the one for which he has been convicted, and you will be more vigorously prosecuted than Henev will not be here to protect him."

EXHIBITORS SEEK SPACE FOR BIG CITRUS FAIR

Annual Fruit Show, Which Will Open February 18, Attracts Much Attention

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.
CLOVERDALE, Jan. 24.—The annual citrus fair, which will open February 18 and continue until the 23d, already is attracting much attention. The large pavilion has been made ready and a large number of exhibitors have applied for space.

The pavilion will be decorated in the citrus fair colors, which are red and green. Saturday, February 22, will be Sonoma county day, while the other days will be assigned to surrounding cities and counties.

Busy Booming Hughes

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Representative Herbert Parsons, chairman of the New York state republican committee, said today that he would call a meeting of the committee for next Wednesday evening.

"The committee," he said, "should adopt resolutions endorsing Governor Hughes for the nomination for president and pledging the members to work for an instructed delegation and also to work for the nomination of Governor Hughes in every way possible.

"There is no question but that the New York delegation will be solid for Governor Hughes. The delegates at large and the district delegates will be men who will support Hughes faithfully and do their best to bring about his nomination at the Chicago convention."

The calling of his case will be the signal for the beginning of one of the hardest fought technical battles in the history of criminal procedure in this state. It will be a battle which may extend over months, and even though the ex-husband has lost all hope of securing an acquittal when he is finally brought before a jury he is trusting to the trickery of his attorneys to fill the record so full of error that a reversal will be practically assured.

Naturally Ruef and his attorneys are keeping their plans strictly to themselves, but it is generally understood that the first move by the ex-husband will be an attempt to secure a change of venue on the grounds that the venue of the trial is in the county of the defendant. This move will preclude the possibility of his securing a fair trial in San Francisco. It is expected that he will also attempt to disqualify Judge Lawlor and Judge Dunne from presiding over his trial on the ground of prejudice and bias.

Ruef has kept a scrapbook of all published interviews attributed to either Judge Dunne or Judge Lawlor, and his attorneys have recently busied themselves studying these for some reason which might be used to show bias. The court records have also been thoroughly gone over with the same purpose in view.

Further than this, Ruef will undoubtedly base an attack on the contention that he has been deprived of some of his "constitutional rights." The now famous immunity contract is expected to figure largely in the case, and his friends, Rabbi Nieto and Rabbi Kaplan may be called as witnesses to testify concerning all the negotiations and conferences which have been held between Ruef and the prosecution during the last eight months. Ruef's greatest fight will not be on the facts of the case as brought out in the evidence, but will center in the attempt to prevent this evidence from ever being fairly presented to a jury.

Piver to Fight Neep

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.
SANTA ROSA, Jan. 24.—More than ordinary interest is attached to the approaching boxing contest to be held here January 29 under the auspices of the Sonoma valley athletic club, when a number of contests will be pulled off. The principal attraction will be a 15 round contest between Art Piver of Duncan Mills and Grover Neep of Green Valley. Sol Levison of San Francisco will referee the contest.

TIMBERING WALL HELLS 3 FREMEN

Sixteen Others Are Injured During Stubborn Blaze at Baltimore

Disaster Worst in Maryland City Since Conflagration of Year 1904

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.—Fire today took heavy toll from the members of the fire department of this city, three being dead and 16 others more or less seriously injured. The list of the latter includes George Horton, chief of the fire department, who is in a serious condition. He has a badly lacerated scalp and internal injuries. The dead are: Lieutenant Frederick Harman, William B. Pugh.

Unidentified man, thought to be Emil Morin.

The financial damage is estimated at \$400,000. The blaze, which is the worst that has occurred in this city since the calamity of 1904, started on the third floor of the building at the southeast corner of Holliday and Gay streets, occupied by the J. Register Sons company, plumbers' supplies; the Baltimore bell and brass company and the William L. Hollinworth company, manufacturers of wire. Upon these three the heaviest losses fall.

The fire had apparently been burning for some time before it was discovered, and the flames spread rapidly. In an incredibly short time after the blaze broke out of the window the Saratoga street side of the Register building and without the slightest warning a large section of the north wall fell.

It was this that scattered death and injury among the firemen who were working near the building. For a time it seemed that the fire would sweep diagonally through the block to Gay street and a number of people living in that thoroughfare moved their effects. Changes in the wind, however, helped the firemen and saved them from the damage, in addition to that already mentioned, to the plants of the E. R. Reid & Sons company, printers, office Flynn & Emch company, machinists, building in the five-story building on Saratoga street in the rear of the Register building; the Leonard wagon company, Saratoga street, opposite the building in which the fire originally started; the old coal building and the Zion school building.

While responding to the alarm a hose carriage and fire engine collided and five of the men on the engine were injured, one of them seriously.

COUNTY BUILDING BURNS

Loss of \$1,000,000 Sustained at Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24.—Fire today destroyed the five story city building occupied by the city and county offices. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, with only \$1,000 insurance. The records of the register of deeds were not burned, but those of the register of probate were destroyed.

The fire was the worst in the state since the great Portland conflagration of 1867, when the city business and residential sections were almost completely wiped out.

There were more than 700 persons attending the city jubilee at the auditorium of the city hall. Only a few persons were hurt, Chief Engineer Melville Eldridge being the only known seriously hurt, and he was able to direct the firemen against the flames throughout, being supported by two assistants.

Schooner Ashore

HULL, Mass., Jan. 24.—In the north-east gale and snowstorm, today the New York schooner Fortuna of New York, was reported tonight by the wireless station at the navy yard 50 miles off the Virginia cape, unable to stem the storm and being slowly driven seaward.

Trains Tied Up

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—In Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware snow which began falling last evening had reached a depth of six inches this morning, and the trains continued through the day. A high wind prevails. The storm is the worst in New Jersey, where railroad traffic is badly crippled.

Farmers Benefit

SAN JOSE, Jan. 24.—Half an inch of rain has fallen in this city and nearly two inches in the foothills since last evening. There is some snow on Mount Hamilton. The season so far could not have been better for the farmers and fruit growers of this valley.

Rain of San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 24.—Yesterday's storm continued today and up to 11 o'clock 1.06 inches had fallen, making 3.84 for the season. The rain will do a world of good not only to ranchers and stock raisers, but also in the city.

DELCASSE GREETED BY GREAT OVAION

French Deputies Cheer ex-Minister When He Speaks on Foreign Policy

BLANKET OF SNOW COVERS NEW YORK

Nearly 30,000 Unemployed Men Find Work Cleaning City's Streets

Car Systems Tied Up and Four Die, While Bread Lines Are Crowded

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—New York tonight is digging itself out of a foot of snow so unevenly divided that while exposed and unfrequented spots like Coney Island have been blown bare the thoroughfares of the city are piled high with drifts that impede the progress of man, beast, auto and trolley. The car systems were tied up.

Mercifully, the snow was accompanied by moderate temperature and in its early stages it was welcomed by the greater part of 35,000 unemployed men in the city. All who sought employment did it readily today at good wages. The street cleaning department required 10,000 shovellers, and thousands of others earned many dollars from house holders by cleaning walks.

DIES DIGGING GRAVE

Tonight the charity societies have had their hands full. The Bowery bread lines extended for blocks farther than at any time before this winter, and at an early hour it was held that the supply of food would not nearly meet the demand. The free lodging houses were packed.

A number of accidents and four fatalities were credited to the storm's account. One man was frozen to death near an East Twenty-third street lodging house from which he had been ejected. A Grand street merchant succumbed to heart disease after battling with the snow and wind.

In Woodlawn cemetery a special policeman died while digging a grave. A well known veteran was another victim of heart disease caused by exposure. Along the Jersey coast much damage is reported. The strip of land separating Shrewsbury river from the ocean was swept over by huge waves, and several towns, particularly Seabright, were more or less under water. Bulkheads and pavilions were washed away.

Southern Drouth Ends

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Rain has been falling in Los Angeles and vicinity since early last evening, the precipitation up to 10 o'clock today amounting to 1.07 inches, making a total of 3.85 for the season. The rainfall for the same period last year was 12.37 inches. Continued showers are expected today, with clearing weather tomorrow. The present rain has effectively broken the drouth of several weeks' duration and will result in widespread benefit to the farming interests.

Gale Furious on Coast

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 24.—The north-west storm, sweeping the Virginia and North Carolina coasts, continues furiously tonight. Scores of vessels are at the mercy of a 50 mile gale off Cape Henry and a 65 mile hurricane off Hatteras. The steamer Jamestown of the Old Dominion line, en route from New York, was reported tonight by the wireless station at the navy yard 50 miles off the Virginia cape, unable to stem the storm and being slowly driven seaward.

RUSSIAN WRITERS ARE NOW PREDICTING WAR

United States Sure to Clash With Japan, Say the Journalists

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24.—The relations between the United States and Japan are receiving considerable attention in several St. Petersburg newspapers and there have been published recently two or three series of articles which express the opinion that war between these two countries is certain to come. The writers, however, show little familiarity with the political conditions in the United States and the present status of the negotiations between the two countries.

A writer in the Russ, who recently announced the cession of Nakota bay, on the Siberian coast, to the United States, to be used as a base for the battleship squadron under Rear Admiral Evans, follows this statement with a series of diplomatic relations concerning the negotiations for a Russo-American offensive and defensive alliance.

It is stated that the chief obstacle to the conclusion of such a treaty is the naval weakness of Russia and says that the construction of a fleet of torpedo boats and fast cruisers would exert a favorable influence on the negotiations. This is the reason that Emperor Nicholas is so insistent upon an expansive naval program.

Embassador Riddle, in interviews published, has done much to discredit rumors of this kind. He has pointed out that the negotiations between Japan and the United States are proceeding satisfactorily and are approaching a successful conclusion.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The Japanese ambassador to Paris, Baron Kurino, has issued a statement denying that the recent resignations from the Japanese cabinet of the minister of finance and the minister of communications were due to opposition to the proposed military appropriation. He declared that the only divergence of views was between the two cabinet officers themselves.

HONOLULU, Jan. 24.—A Japanese has been discovered sketching Honolulu, Pearl harbor and the coast line from the heights behind Honolulu.

VALLEJO, Jan. 24.—It is reported here that the cruiser Milwaukee will be ordered to the orient during the winter. The vessel has just been repaired and is now under orders to sail February 1 for Magdalena bay to engage in target practice. It is believed that after the practice it will be given an Asiatic station. No orders to this effect have yet issued.

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SKULL IS CRACKED IN SCRIMMAGE OF SISTERS

While fighting with her sister, Mrs. Ella Barr, at 66 Sharon street last evening, Mrs. Annie Pratt of 302 McAllister street fell or was thrown down stairs and is now at the emergency hospital, suffering from a fracture of the skull that may prove fatal. Ella Barr, the sister, is held by the police, as is Captain John L. Hathaway, a master mariner, formerly in the employ of the Northern Pacific steamship company, running out of Seattle, while the mysterious case is being investigated.

The row in which Mrs. Pratt was injured was the outcome of a drinking bout. Yesterday morning she and Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Barr's landlady, went to Barr home. After considerable drinking Mrs. Pratt, the sister says, became quarrelsome. Mrs. Barr tried to persuade her to go home, but she would not. Finally the kinwomen engaged in a scuffle, in which Hathaway was to have taken part, and Mrs. Pratt was thrown down stairs.