

been reached as to what persons will be called as witnesses outside of officers of the navy.

At the navy department, during the day, Lieutenant Commander Hill submitted to Secretary Metcalf his reply to the questions addressed to him and Lieutenant Commander Sims as to their knowledge of the source of information alleged to have been furnished to writers who criticized the constructive features of the navy. Hill declined to discuss his reply.

CONVERSE FIRST WITNESS
Admiral Converse, supported by Admiral Capps, was first called before the committee. He called upon Admiral Converse to take up the Reuter-dahl article and give his views of the article and the source of the information.

President's Aid is ONE
Admiral Converse said he did not know that any officer had suggested the attack, but he explained that officers make reports on various subjects at the request of the secretary of the navy. He said that two of these reports which he has read are the criticisms of construction in line with the article by Reuter-dahl. He was directed to name those authors, and said that one report made in 1905 by then Lieutenant Commander Sims, now commander and naval aid to the president, had made reference to the characteristics of the Mississippi and Idaho, which were to be built.

TILLMAN SCENTS CLEW
"Then," said Tillman, "without knowledge of all the facts Reuter-dahl may have gotten his impressions of the weaknesses of the armor from the reports of these two officers?"

"I cannot say as to that," replied the admiral. "It may be that he secured his impressions from others with whom these officers had talked."

Reuter-dahl now asked Senator Dick. It was explained that he was with the battleship fleet on its cruise to the Pacific, having been permitted to start on the voyage before the publication of his article.

Returning to the subject of the responsibility of the naval officers for the criticisms of the navy, Senator Tillman asked the admiral if he knew of any officers of the navy who had written reports or made criticisms which afterward were made the basis of attacks upon the navy.

"I do not," replied Admiral Converse.

FOCUS THE INQUIRY
"Was there any difference of opinion among members of the board of construction in regard to the matters, such as to the position of the armor in turret construction, the construction of the breech and ammunition hoists?" was asked.

"The members of the board were unanimous in approving the designs used."

The admiral stated that a change had been made in the turret construction of the Delaware type, which is now building, in that a two stage ammunition hoist had been authorized. He said this had not been done with any idea of additional safety, but because greater speed was possible.

He declared that not a single accident that has happened on any of the American battleships had been due to the open turret; that all the accidents were the result of the breech or the gun, and that the obvious remedy is additional screens between the breech and the ammunition charges prepared for reloading.

REFUSES INQUISITOR'S JOB
Tillman here suggested a responsibility which Admiral Converse was not willing to assume.

"You, as an expert, deny the charges that Reuter-dahl makes, that you will not back up his position, which you possess of the construction of battleships of other navies and cross examine Commander Sims and Lieutenant Commander Hill, but you will not come here and attempt to substantiate their views?" the senator asked.

"No, sir; I prefer not to do that," replied Admiral Converse with emphasis.

He made it clear that he did not care to be brought into the controversy with fellow naval officers in such manner. Senator Tillman explained that what he intended was that the admiral should give to the committee pointers on which to cross examine witnesses who had attacked the navy.

Admiral Capps will be heard tomorrow. Just before adjournment Senator Perkins said to the naval officers: "You ought to apologize to me for calling on you to refute such articles as this."

"That's true," said Chairman Hale, "but it is written in such a vein that a layman could not understand how absurd the charges are. It attracts the attention of the whole country, and we had to investigate."

Senators Martin, Perkins and Gallagher laughingly suggested that Reuter-dahl should be off the feet if a convenient barren island could be found in the Pacific ocean.

BRIBE STICKS TO FINGERS OF AGENT

Ex-Supervisor Coburn Admits He Kept Millionaire's \$5,000 Corruption Fund

Capitalist Resists Efforts to Have Him Declared Incompetent

REDFORD CITY, Feb. 25.—Ex-Supervisor Carl Coburn admitted today on the witness stand in the suit to have Millionaire Loren Coburn declared incompetent, that when a \$5,000 note was given him by the aged land owner with a request that the former should bribe a San Francisco judge, he turned the money into his own account at the bank instead of using it as he said the elder Coburn had suggested.

Azra A. Coburn, a nephew of Loren Coburn, residing at Holyoke, Mass., filed the petition, alleging that the millionaire is incompetent on account of old age and infirmities, and asking that a guardian be appointed.

The aged capitalist, who has been in more lawsuits than any ordinary three men in the county, is endeavoring to retain control of his own.

Almost every witness who has appeared on the stand giving testimony regarding Loren Coburn has admitted that he has been a shrewd business man, and as L. E. B. Coburn, president of the First national bank of this city, stated on the stand today that Coburn was able to take care of his end of business deals.

Some petitioners allege that Coburn has fallen greatly in the last few years and that any designing person would be able to take advantage of him. In support of this they have submitted in evidence leases said to have been executed by Coburn which signify that the millionaire has leased the city hall grounds in San Francisco and the schoolhouse and Catholic church properties in Halfmoon Bay to various parties, signing and delivering the leases after reading them.

Ex-Supervisor Carl Coburn was on the stand the greater part of the day, and freely admitted that he had induced Azro Coburn to come out here and start the present proceedings. In this he stated that he felt that Loren Coburn was falling in intellect. As an instance he stated that Loren Coburn had a suit being heard before Judge Henshaw in San Francisco, which, according to Carl Coburn, he said he thought Henshaw could be induced to decide in his favor for \$5,000.

Not having the cash he gave Carl Coburn his note for this sum and asked that he see the case was decided in his favor. Coburn stated that he did not know of any man who could be influenced, as he never made any attempt in that direction, but cashed the note at a discount in Redwood City to apply on a small indebtedness of the millionaire to him. The case was continued to March 5 by Judge Buck.

KELLY BELIEVES MISS MURPHY TOOK HER LIFE
Head of Detective Department Is Unable to Secure a Clew to Foul Play

Captain of Detectives Kelly said yesterday that the theory of murder in the case of Miss Honora Murphy, whose body was found on the beach Monday morning, had absolutely dwindled away. He said that after a thorough investigation he was certain that the case was one of suicide.

Miss Murphy, according to Captain Kelly's version, plunged into the waves of the bay either while dependent or temporarily insane.

Detectives Bailey and Cody, to satisfy the demand of John Murphy, the dead woman's brother, went over the ground covered by Miss Murphy Saturday night and after painstakingly running down every clew that led to a suspicion of foul play made their reports.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO DANCE AT FAIRMONT
Last Ball by Commandery Is Given Before Fire in Palace Hotel

California Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, will hold a grand ball in the white and gold room of the Fairmont hotel this evening, which will be attended by nearly 500 guests, including many of the most prominent members of the state.

This is the first festival dance the commandery has arranged since the fire, the last occasion when the knights and their ladies tripped through the mazes of the waltz being in the old Palace hotel.

Supper will be served in the Norman cafe at 11:30 o'clock.

COURT WILL CONTINUE HEIRESS' EXAMINATION
Miss Elizabeth Parker Hastings To Take Stand Again This Afternoon

The examination of Miss Elizabeth Parker Hastings, one of the heiresses of the Hastings estate, as to her competency, will be continued in Judge Graham's court this afternoon.

The attorneys for the petitioner say they think that there would be no opposition to the girl being proved competent if the guardians for the estate could be satisfied that no one had designs on her money. The attorneys for the estate, however, are anxious to wait until the girl's brother arrives at his majority, which will be May 5.

MOTHER OF MRS. W. E. CORY SUCCUMBS TO DEATH
Mrs. Jennie Gilman Dies From Illness Contracted During Tour of East

Mrs. Jennie Gilman, wife of Charles H. Gilman and stepmother of Mrs. W. E. Cory, formerly Maybelle Gilman, died last night at her home in this city.

Mrs. Gilman's death was due to an illness contracted while on a tour of the east last fall and winter.

ALASKA'S GOVERNOR WEDS
UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Wilford B. Hoggatt, governor of Alaska, was married to Miss Clara James Millard at the home of the bride's parents here today. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Cooley, rector of Calvary church. Governor and Mrs. Hoggatt will go to Washington, where he will be detained some time, business connected with the territory of Alaska. In May they will proceed to Juneau, which will be their future home.

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Stevadores Refuse to Accept Cut in Wages and Are Discharged

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ANOTHER STANFORD STUDENT BANISHED

Committee Suspends Third Man for Violating University's Temperance Rule

President Jordan Quotes Founder's Letter Upon the Evils in Liquor's Train

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 25.—"At a meeting of the committee on student affairs, held February 24, a student, for being noticeably under the influence of liquor, was suspended from the university for one semester.—A. B. Clark, chairman."

This brief statement, issued this afternoon by Professor Clark of the new student affairs committee, has acquainted the undergraduates of the dismissal of the third student who has been banished under the rule established by the board of trustees recently prohibiting the use of liquor by the students. Clark said this was the last of the old cases brought to his attention, and that from now on the committee probably would "take a breathing spell," unless some new violation of the temperance rule calls for immediate action.

The action of the committee in suspending a student was expected by the undergraduates, and the assurance of Clark that the committee would take a rest has given the students renewed confidence.

President David Starr Jordan has published some of the old correspondence of Senator Leland Stanford, in which the founder of the university made known his ideas upon drinking. This correspondence, Jordan said, justified the action taken by the trustees and the academic council of the faculty. In a letter written to Dr. Jordan in June, 1892, Stanford said:

"Now, in this institution I desire that the students shall be made to appreciate the evil consequences of intemperance and its economic consequences. There are probably in California many more adult males engaged in selling distilled liquors than in tilling the soil, and I am satisfied that, taking the country at large, what with the waste of time of the numbers of people engaged in the selling and the consequent waste by the consumers, there is a loss to the country in general fully equal to 25 per cent of the power of production."

"I want the education of students to be such as shall give them the real sense of the importance of temperance.—Leland Stanford."

For 50 years astronomers have been disturbed by the problem that Mercury does not follow the path or orbit which should be its natural course, and which mathematical astronomy has outlined for it. That there was some force pulling it from its orbit and that this compelling force was the attraction of planets intervening between it and the sun was the general theory.

Professor Campbell said last night: "These photographic plates dispose of this theory and mathematicians will have to look elsewhere for forces. While the plates have not received their final development, they make the absence of planets certain. By letting them rest for a few days, the plates will soon be issued on the specter of the corona of the sun and the sun's upper strata of atmosphere."

STOP DRILL ON POINT OF PIERCING MAN'S BODY
Thomas Green Saved From Death by Fellow Workmen at Iron Works

Thomas Green, a driller man at the Flston iron works, escaped a horrible death on the drill yesterday by the promptness of fellow workmen. As he was drilling through a huge iron beam his clothes caught in the machine. At once his garments were stripped from him, and Green himself was twice revolved by the drill at terrific speed. Other workmen shut off the power just in time to save him from being pierced by the point of the drill.

WOMEN PLAN MEETINGS
Will Gather Every Wednesday to Discuss Sanitation

The various committees of women formed recently to assist the board of health in preventing plague will meet this morning in the California club rooms in Clay street near Polk at 10 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. W. C. Rueker. Although the audience will be largely composed of delegates from various clubs and organizations, the officers who are in charge earnestly ask all women interested in this subject to be present.

Because so much business in connection with the plague is constantly arising, the women of San Francisco have decided to hold meetings every Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when questions may be asked and advice given by the proper authorities.

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FROM INN TO HOTEL

Hotel St. Regis Contrasted With the Inn of Olden Times

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Dr. Johnson, who loved to smoke his pipe at the old Mitre Inn, once remarked, "There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is provided as by a good tavern." If the old English Inn of his day, with sanded floor and cobwebbed rafters, its wooden benches and pewter ale pots, could inspire such an encomium, what would the author of "Rasselas" say could he enter such a great modern hostelry as the St. Regis in New York?

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When we reflect that the enjoyment of such a delectable and inviting hotel is within the means of the ordinary American (a large, elegantly furnished room being obtainable for only \$4 a day, and the same with private bath for \$5, or a parlor, bedroom and bath for \$12), we gain some idea of the wonderful popularity of this modern establishment. Another fact which has contributed greatly to its success is that the charges in the restaurant are no higher than in other first class hotels.

WAITRESSES ARE TO ENTERTAIN THE JACKIES
Union Arranges Dance for Sailormen to Take Place Saturday Night

Assurances of cordial welcome to the bluejackets from the warships now in the harbor have been made by members of the waitresses' union, who have just issued a special invitation to the sailormen to attend a dance that will be given under their auspices Saturday night.

Heading the committee on arrangements for the ball is Miss Maud Younger, who is a leader in the society set of San Francisco. Other members are the Misses Beattie Blodgett, Bertha Shaffer, Sadie Brown, Violet Ewing, Lena Randall, Josie Hubbs and Theresa Simmons.

Not only have the jackies been invited in a body, but more than that, each separate and individual sailorman will receive a written invitation. At a meeting of the union Monday night instructions were issued to the committee to send one to every sailor in each of the three warships.

SAVED FROM NEW FRIENDS
Wallace Rockburgh, a railroad foreman from Sacramento, came to San Francisco with \$160 in his pockets yesterday, and had the time of his life before Policeman McDonough of the Park station rescued him from two sharp looking men who had him in tow. At the police station they were entered in the detenus book as William Burns, 502 Willow avenue, and Frank McMullen of 440 Develander street. When McDonough arrested them they had \$60 of the railroadman's money in their pockets.

FLEET POSTERS SOLD
The fleet poster exhibition at the San Francisco Institute of Art at California and Mason streets is being visited by many people. A large number of the posters have been sold. Contributors are requested to call for their work on Saturday.

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