

CHINA WELCOME FLEET Peking Government Extends a Cordial Invitation Through Minister Wu Similar Requests Coming by Mail From New Zealand and Tasmania

WASHINGTON, March 22.—China, through Minister Wu, its diplomatic representative in Washington, has extended a cordial invitation for the American battleship fleet to stop in China on its way around the world.

The cablegram upon which Wu based his invitation came from the minister of foreign affairs at Peking substantially in the following words: "As the American fleet is to visit the far east, we have given telegraphic instructions to the viceroy at Nanking to make suitable preparations, in connection with Admiral Sahl, the ranking officer of the navy, to welcome the fleet to Chinese shores."

It is hoped that the legation that a favorable reply will be made by this government to the invitation, and the Chinese officials at the legation are confident that a hearty reception will be given to the officers and men of the fleet wherever the ships may stop.

Shanghai is the only port of any consequence in the vicerealty of Nanking so situated that the expedition of the Chinese home authorities that the fleet will stop there.

Information has reached the navy department that New Zealand and Tasmania have similar invitations on the way by mail.

STOCKTON WANTS JACKIES Announces Intention to Entertain Men and Officers

STOCKTON, March 23.—At a meeting held today the Stockton chamber of commerce announced its intention to entertain the officers and crew of the Atlantic fleet soon after their arrival in California and at a time agreeable to the San Francisco committee.

Committees have been appointed to devise means of entertainment. It is expected that none of the visitors would enjoy more than a couple of hours away from the ports, and as a result of the meeting it was decided that they be given an opportunity to see the many points of interest in the shortest time possible.

Special representatives will be sent from Stockton to attend the banquet at Admiral Evans the night of May 8. The Stockton parlor of Native Sons and Daughters have practically decided to take active part in the San Francisco end of the entertainment.

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She wrote to the first wife, who lives in New York state, and received a reply stating that Steinhorst, first married back about 15 years ago, and that there is a 13 year old daughter living with the lawful wife.

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ARMY NURSES TO SHOW HOW THEY ACT IN WAR Field Service Demonstration on the Presidio Grounds This Afternoon

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Colonel Charles L. Holzmann, retired, for the past three years chief of the medical department at the Presidio, will leave today with his family to permanently reside in Buffalo, N. Y.

At the quarters of Lieutenant and Mrs. Paul Beck, the Presidio Miss M. Hardman of Palo Alto and Miss Ella Kimball of Benicia are guests for this week.

DEAL CLOSED FOR STATE AND CITY BUILDING SITE Property Lies at Northeast Corner of Fulton and Polk Streets

The building to be erected to house state and municipal offices will be located at the northeast corner of Fulton and Polk streets, the site having been purchased from Adolph Meyers of 1510 Devisadero street for \$72,000.

The deal was closed yesterday morning by Mayor Taylor, and work on the structure will begin at an early date. The property fronts on three streets, 120 feet in Polk street, 100 feet in Fulton and the same on Birch avenue.

W. C. Cochran of this city has purchased an Auburn roadster.

MRS. CAMPBELL AS PAULA NEAR HUMAN Art in Unpleasant Pivero Play Society Fails to Respond to Opening of Notable Novelty Season

By Walter Anthony Society made a feeble effort last night at the Novelty theater to surround "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" with the feathers and fuss that might normally be expected to characterize an audience on the occasion of the first night of a Mrs. Patrick Campbell season; but evidences of their were not apparent except in the boxes and in a fringe which extended back a few rows from the orchestra.

Of Mrs. Campbell's art there can be no little question. As a W. P. Pinero's. He wrote the play, you know. Olga Nethersole has played it here, and so theater goers are familiar with the plot. Mrs. Campbell almost made Paula a human being. If there is a higher compliment than this she earned it by her remarkable portrayal of an utter impossibility.

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Scene from "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," as presented by Mrs. Patrick Campbell and her talented company at the Novelty theater.



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SOCIETY WOMAN INFECTED RATS SWALLOWED POISON ARE VERY SCARCE

Drinks Deadly Acid in Santa Cruz Drug Store and Will Die

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL SANTA CRUZ, March 23.—"I have taken poison, I tried it once before and failed, it's all over now." These were words addressed to a druggist by Mrs. E. F. Roberts, a handsome society woman of Seattle, whose husband is manager for the American-Hawaiian steamship company at Seattle.

At Mayor Palmer's drug store shortly after noon she had purchased a bottle of carbolic acid, saying it was for a lotion. She passed diagonally across Pacific avenue into J. G. Tanner's drug store and asked for a glass of water, saying her head ached. While being waited upon she sat down at an ice cream soda table, deliberately swallowing the contents of the bottle.

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ANTIDOTES IN VAIN Physicians were hastily summoned who worked over Mrs. Roberts administering antidotes in vain effort to prevent death.

"THE MILLIONAIRE'S REVENGE" The Millionaire's Revenge, the performance which was stopped in two or three eastern cities because the Thaw case was used as its basis, was produced to a large audience at the Central theater last night.

WOMEN DO GOOD WORK Assist in Sanitation Campaign by Acting as Inspectors San Francisco's prominent club women, in co-operation with the board of health and under the special direction of Dr. Blue and Dr. Rucker, are still working hard for sanitary conditions in this city.

MADE FRIENDS IN TOWN Miss Swanton said: "I met Mrs. Roberts one week or so ago, through our having mutual friends in Seattle. She is a sweet little woman and as she was here with her two little children seeking health, and being a stranger, we tried to make her visit a pleasant one."

SECOND WEEK OF GOOD PLAY "The Girl of the Golden West," Belasco's beautiful play, began its second week at the Alcazar theater last night with a crowded house. Many who were in the audience last night attended one of the first performances.

VIOLATE SANITARY LAWS George Imhof was fined \$5 by Police Judge Shortall yesterday for dumping manure in a vacant lot at the Potrero dumps. Eleven men were fined \$5 each for expectorating in street cars.

WILTON LACKAYE BETTER THAN PLAY Talented Actor Makes Good Production of Caine's "The Bondman" Succeeds in Drama of Intrigue, Sicilian Curses and Brotherly Love

CAST OF CHARACTERS In Hall Caine's Play "The Bondman" Half brothers—Mr. Lackaye... Mrs. E. D. Byers... Adam Fairbrother... Mr. Byers... Children of the Fairbrothers—Greeks... Miss Elsie Ferguson... Mona... Miss Beatrice Neipling... Danny... Master Rowland Wallace... Father Ferrati... an unfrocked priest... Ethelbert Hales... Grandfather... Mr. Forrest... Christian Anne, servant at the farm... Miss Blanche Neipling

After seeing Wilton Lackaye in "The Bondman," Hall Caine's latest play, which opened at the Van Ness theater last evening for a two weeks' run, a commentator naturally turns to Lackaye with the apotheosis to the Irishman in the Vagabondia songs, "Nothing can phase you, you've such a facility."

That is the situation, Lackaye makes a good play out of Hall Caine and, to vindicate the apotheosis, he has to be an Irish-Sicilian to do it.

It would hardly do to say that the course of Caine is on the play, which is made over from the Manxman's novel. It is a tremendous drama of intrigue and Sicilian curses, and then great brotherly love and renunciation, with a sudden happy climax that dries the tears.

Lackaye had to make a speech, and he did it with his best wit and facility, and his lines before the curtain are better than Hall Caine's behind the proscenium arch. He said in his speech that the last act would be best, and he was right.

Miss Elsie Ferguson is a pretty leading lady, and Sidney Ayres, the half brother, is the same sort of supporting gentleman. Ethelbert Hales, the unfrocked priest, does well in a broad role.

BAR TENDER SEEKS DEATH OAKLAND, March 23.—Jean Gere, a bar tender aged 21 years, stabbed himself in the left side today in an effort to take his life. Gere was employed at the Vienna gardens near Seventh and Clay streets. He said his father was the owner of a hotel at 252 Montgomery avenue, San Francisco, and that his mother was a cook at the Vienna garden. He refused to give any reason for his act. The wound was not serious.

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MUST STAY TWO YEARS IN CITY OF OAKLAND TANSLEY AGAIN PLACED ON TRIAL FOR MURDER Striking Carman Charged With Killing of Policeman McCartney

Harvey Chinn was sentenced to a term of two years in Oakland by Judge Carroll Cook yesterday. "Can't I come over to San Francisco to look for work?" pleaded the young man.

That's a pretty severe sentence, your honor, remarked Assistant District Attorney Hanley, jealously. Chinn is a colored boy who stole a purse in a Barbary coast dive. His previous reputation was good. For this reason the judge admitted him to probation for two years, and when he learned that Chinn's mother and friends all live in Oakland ordered that the boy remain in that city all the time.

FIVE YEARS FOR FORGERY George Schubert, who pleaded guilty to forging the name of Rudolph Spockels in a Western national bank check for \$175, was sentenced by Judge Cook yesterday to five years' imprisonment in Folsom. Schubert has served one prior term for forgery.

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