Molly Elliott Sewell has written a great story for young readers, "The Imprisoned Midshipman." Older readers, too, will be charmed by it. It begins in
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China is where the remittance man flourisheth. He has made the ports what they are. A keen observer tells the story of the remittance man next Sunday in
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ALVISO DREADS THE DANGER OF A PESTILENCE

Residents May Take Law in Own Hands and Blow Up Sewer Dams

Two Deaths From Typhoid Fever Attributed to Collection of Filth

San Francisco Call Is Thanked for Exposing Foul Condition and Hayes' Paper Scored

Property owners and residents of Alviso and vicinity have come forward in large numbers to attest the truth of the story published in The Call July 5 concerning the terrible condition of the bay outlet of the San Jose city sewer at that point. Particularly do those Alviso citizens feel indignant at the attitude of the San Jose Mercury, the organ of the Hayes brothers, which sought in a long article to minimize the seriousness of the Alviso situation. A letter of thanks to The Call, signed by 300 residents of the afflicted districts, has been received, verifying the accuracy of The Call's description of the sewer outfall, save that the real situation was far worse than it was shown in The Call.

AROUSED BY MERCURY

C. T. Boots, who has been an active fighter in the movement to ameliorate the situation at Alviso, has addressed a personal letter to The Call, in which he says the Alviso people were bitterly aroused at the attitude of the San Jose Mercury in unjustly attacking The Call's article. The letter follows:

Alviso, July 12, 1908.

To The San Francisco Call:

Thursday, July 2, at the invitation of several of the residents of this community, you very kindly sent a representative here to investigate the condition of the San Jose sewer and of the official treatment we had received. He very truthfully reported the conditions as he found them. Now our home paper, the San Jose Mercury, which of all papers should look out for our interests and not force us to appeal to The San Francisco Call for help, came out in a lengthy article July 10 denying the truth of the statements published in your issue of July 5. We residents of this community felt that not only was your representative most unjustly charged, but we ourselves were insulted and we immediately circulated the inclosed vote of thanks which you will find is signed by nearly 300 persons residing or owning property in the vicinity.

We do not know of a single instance where any one refused to sign, and if we could have had time we would have had the signature of every resident; but we only had from Saturday morning, July 11, to Sunday noon, July 12, to circulate our paper. Now we wish to send you a reply to the article that the San Jose Mercury so very unjustly published.

SEWAGE IS SHUT OFF

The Mercury says the sewage is not shut off, but rushes with a roar into the bay. We say it is shut off until it has formed a lake, or, rather, a succession of lakes or wide sloughs of fully five miles in length, and all this foul mess is confined until these sloughs are so full they can run over into the bay, which only a very little of it does, as most of it evaporates, spreading a foul smell over the whole country from Sunnyvale to Warm Springs and from Alviso to San Jose. The smell is so bad that we have to shut the windows and doors at night, but we can live through that—it is the mosquitoes that we fear the most, for we know they will cause malaria and typhoid fever, and it has been reported that there have been two deaths from typhoid fever on the east side already.

MAY BLOW UP DAMS

We feel we cannot wait another day. Something must be done, and that at once. If not, we must take the law into our own hands and blow up the dams erected by the Southern Pacific and the Dumbarton companies. The Mercury states that your charges that our complaints have passed unheeded are false. We say that they are true—that the officials of San Jose and Santa Clara county have never done anything for us or given us anything but promises and advice to see some one else or have patience, and tell us they fully realize the dangerous conditions, but that we must wait, for such matters move very slowly.

The Call states the present condition is of only a few months' standing. The Mercury says it is of two years. The Call is absolutely correct—it is only of the last few weeks that the sloughs have become full of sewage.

The Mercury says that the statements in the interviews, as published in The Call, were spoken only in the imagination of your representative. Now some of the parties interviewed have told some of us the same stories that we all believe they told your representative, and if some of those officials think they have been misquoted in regard to the danger threatened to the community, we will all send you sworn statements that they told our representatives fully as much and even more than you published.

C. T. BOOTS.

LETTER THANKS CALL

The letter of thanks referred to in the above has been signed by more than 300 residents of the vicinity of the plague spot. The letter and many of the names of signers follow:

Alviso, Cal., July 10, 1908.

To the San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Cal.

We, the undersigned residents of the northern part of Santa Clara county, wish to thank you for the article in the San Francisco Call of Sunday, July 5, in reference to the outfall of the San Jose sewer, and we fully agree in what you published in regard to its present condition, and in the treatment we have received from the public officials of San Jose and Santa Clara county, to whom we have appealed from time to time. We realize the perilous condition in which not only our own community, but the whole of Santa Clara county and vicinity is placed, for while you stated a terrible condition of affairs

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Have You Registered This Year?

In order to take part in the August primary and the November election you must have registered since the beginning of this year. Last year's registration no longer counts.

To vote at the August primaries you must register by July 22. Go to the registrar's office now, before the rush begins. If you postpone this duty you may lose your vote in the primaries. Remember that it is just as important to vote at a primary as at a general election.

When you register for the primary be sure you state your party affiliation. If you don't do this you will not be entitled to vote at the primary.

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Wind Drags Victim and Framework of Wreck Almost a Mile Along the Water

Yacht Makes Thrilling Rescue While Life Savers Ashore Are Baffled by Breeze

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, July 12.—Big crowds on Brighton beach, Manhattan beach, the connecting board walk and one end of Coney island witnessed a thrilling rescue of Charles K. Hamilton, aeronaut, from his fallen balloon, about a mile and a half out from the shore, by the yacht Muro this afternoon. The aeronaut, who is 27 years old and has had five years' experience as an air sailor, made an ascent from the aerodrome, Brighton Beach park, late in the afternoon. When the balloon had risen about 300 feet a new sparking apparatus with which it was equipped got out of order. Before the damage could be repaired the gas bag had gone up 1,000 feet, and by the time Hamilton had pulled the cord to release the gas a strong wind had carried him far out over the sea.

Commodore Moran of the Muro saw the balloonist drop with his machine into the water and instantly ordered his craft to attempt to reach Hamilton before he was pulled under the surface by the framework of the balloon. Hamilton was dragged over the water almost a mile by the partly inflated gas bag.

Life savers set out from the beach as Hamilton struck the water, but the wind carried the balloon, partly submerged, continually away from them. Then it was that the Muro, returning with its owner and a party from a trip along the New Jersey coast, arrived and speedily overhauled the fast sinking balloon. After delicate maneuvering a life line was thrown to Hamilton and he was hauled aboard the yacht. With the balloon in tow, the Muro then proceeded to Sheepshead bay, where the aeronaut and the gas bag were landed.

FIVE PERSONS LOSE LIVES DURING SEVERE STORM

Fierce Wind Sweeps the Harbor of Baltimore With Fatal Results

BALTIMORE, July 12.—Five men are known to have been drowned and three women and a man are believed to have met a like fate this evening when a very severe wind and rain storm passed over the harbor of this city. Eight men in a rowboat were endeavoring to reach Fort McHenry when one of them, Peter Dietrich, terrified by the storm, while attempting to leap overboard, upset the boat. He, William Delacour, Joseph Lohmiller and Edward Simmons were drowned. The others righted the boat and reached the fort safely.

The overturning of a boat in the Spring Gardens brought death by drowning to John Harrington.

The finding of an overturned rowboat in the Patapsco river in which three women and a man were seen shortly before the storm leads to the belief that all four were drowned. A woman's hat was found in this boat, with another floating nearby. None of the bodies have been recovered.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM DISPLEASES JAPANESE

Plank on Exclusion of Asiatic Laborers Causes Surprise at Tokyo

TOKYO, July 12.—The news of the action of the democratic national convention at Denver in including in its platform a plank favoring the exclusion from the United States of Asiatic laborers is taken here to be directed against Japanese, and is causing considerable surprise and displeasure. In some quarters indignation is expressed, and the declaration is made that such a course is an infringement on the treaty rights of Japan and opposed to the principle of humanity that should govern the relations of nations.

It is generally believed, however, by those familiar with political conditions in America that the majority of democrats are not anti-Japanese in sentiment and that the exclusion clause was incorporated in the platform for the purpose of satisfying the labor element.

REBELS ARE BOMBARDED BY TROOPS AT TABRIZ

Revolutionists Telegraph to the Shah, Begging That Amnesty Be Granted

LONDON, July 13.—A special dispatch to the Daily Mail from Teheran says that Rachin Kahn, who in command of a large force, including several batteries of quick firers, entered Tabriz a few days ago, is now bombarding the revolutionists who are massed in the Khiavana quarter. The latter, the dispatch says, have telegraphed to the shah begging that amnesty be granted.

GENERAL BLAKESLEE DEAD

BOSTON, July 12.—General Erasmus Blakeslee, soldier, minister, author and editor and prominent in the Sunday school world as the author, editor and publisher of the Graded Sunday School Lessons, died at his home in Brookline today after a brief illness. He was many times commended for bravery during the civil war and was a brigadier general.

TRAIN BEARING GUFFEY MOBBED BY BRYANITES

Fusillade of Rocks, Bricks and Bullets From Revolvers Greet Pullman Car

Members of Pennsylvania Delegation Are Cut by Flying Glass Near St. Louis

Nebraskan's Opponent Lies Ill in Stateroom While Missiles Break Windows

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 12.—A special telegram from Effingham, Ill., tonight says: The train bearing the Pennsylvania anti-Bryan delegates from the Denver convention was attacked just as the train was entering St. Louis on the Missouri Pacific at 3 o'clock this afternoon. On one side of the car Pelmam, the last in the train, was a streamer announcing it contained the Pennsylvania delegation. It is believed persons bitter against Colonel James Guffey for opposing Bryan planned the attack.

Suddenly there was a fusillade of rocks, bricks and bullets from revolvers. William Schultz, O. E. Maxwell and J. F. Curran of Washington Pa., seated together on one side of the car, were cut by flying glass.

Colonel Guffey was ill in a stateroom in the forward end of the car and escaped. Ever since leaving Denver Guffey has been quite ill, the alkali waste and intense heat having completely prostrated him. At Sedalia, Mo., the train was held while a physician came aboard and attended Guffey. His condition is not serious, but it was deemed best to keep the news of the attack from him. The door of his stateroom was closed and he did not know of the attack.

St. Louis terminal officials here said tonight they had no report of an attack on the Guffey train hereabouts, although they had men stationed all along the line in St. Louis and vicinity.

LINER SHUDDERS WHEN IT HITS A GIANT WHALE

Monster of the Sea Is Cut in Two by Speeding Ocean Greyhound

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, July 12.—On her westward trip the liner St. Louis raced with a monster whale about 100 feet long. Pausing ahead of the liner, which was hitting up a smart pace, the whale miscalculated the ship's speed.

It turned to sound and was struck as it was about to dive. The monster lay diagonally to the course of the steamer and the ship shuddered from the shock. The whale was instantly cut in two, the sections floating astern along the starboard side, and the starboard propeller, hitting the head section, chopped out a 10 ton chunk of blubber. The sea was dyed with blood.

SHARK KILLS WHALE IN BATTLE NEAR THE SHORE

Thousands Look on While Monsters of Deep Fight to the Death

Before the tremendous Sunday concourse which crowded the ocean beach yesterday, a huge whale and a savage shark battled to the death, and the duel became so sanguinary that the foam which gathered about the seal rocks was flecked with crimson. The denizens of the deep fought all afternoon and when the sun set on the scene of battle, the dead body of the leviathan floated ashore, leaving the deadly shark master of the waters.

The day was perfectly clear and the watchers on shore had a splendid view of the spectacular contest, and with glasses the details of the battle could be followed with ease. The whale was observed early in the afternoon by the lookout of the life saving station, and as he seemed to be trying to escape from something, the most powerful glasses were turned on him with the result that the thrasher was discovered in close pursuit.

Suddenly the thrasher leaped far into the air and when he landed pierced the side of his clumsy enemy with his cruel swordlike tail. This maneuver was repeated time after time and the water was soon dyed with the blood of the stricken whale, which seemed totally unable to defend itself from the terrible attacks of his relentless adversary. Apparently satisfied with his work, the thrasher did not accompany the body of his victim to the shore.

TURNS RATS LOOSE IN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Nurses Flee for Their Lives When Fifty Squeaking Rodents Are Set Free

The ejaculation "rats!" has taken on new and serious significance at the central emegency hospital since James Henry, a disgruntled rat catcher, turned loose 50 squeaking rodents in a moment of revenge at the institution yesterday.

Henry, who works in a stable at Eighth and Harrison streets, walked into the operating room where Dr. Charles Pinkham and a nurse were treating a patient. Henry carried a gunny sack from which came many yelping squeaks. He told Pinkham he had come to colect 25 cents bounty on each of 50 lusty rats in the sack. Before he stopped talking the feminine nurse vanished with a shrill scream. Dr. Pinkham was not anxious to pay the bounty.

Then, as one rat, the squealing 50 were poured forth by Henry. In two minutes the hospital was alive with them and the first place they invaded was the nurses' quarters. On the left hind leg of each rat was a neatly printed label, written by Henry to prove from what locality the rodent hailed.

Henry got away before Pinkham could collect his senses. Seventeen of the rats were caught in traps last night, but the end is not yet.

Police With Drawn Clubs Prevent Battle at Church

The Greek church at Seventh and Folsom streets, before which a conflict was narrowly averted.

Judge Taft Stands For Good Government

His Speech of Acceptance Will Denounce Bryan Leadership as Revolutionary

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 12.—Judge Taft will begin the dictation of his speech of acceptance tomorrow morning. He will spend the entire week at it and will receive no visitors. That length of time is not to be devoted to writing the speech, but, as he said today, "To make it short enough."

"I found in my experience on the bench," he continued, "that it was easier to write a long opinion than to put the same argument in fewer words. The speech should be short, and I approach the task with a feeling that saying what I want to say in comparatively brief space will be hard work."

Taft has decided upon what he wants to say. He completed the outline of his speech today. It will make the overshadowing issue destruction versus good government.

The speech will begin with a review of the history of the republican party and the vindication of its principles in the general prosperity which their application has brought. He will refer also to the proof of the integrity of the party as seen in the fulfillment of its promises. He will parallel this with a review of the past democratic platforms, policies and promises, with a summing up which will indict them, especially as reviewed in the light of the leadership of Bryan. This leadership he will say has been populistic, socialistic, demagogic, and revolutionary.

NEWPORT SWELL SET MUST PAY PROMPTLY

Grocer Raises Rumpus Among Millionaires by Ultimatum Concerning Credit

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

BOSTON, July 12.—Some of the multimillionaire set at Newport are taking umbrage at the ultimatum advertised by the formost grocer of the Rhode Island resort, giving notice that he will not longer extend untimed credit to his wealthy customers who want the best the market affords and pay at their own sweet will.

Peter D. Martin of San Francisco is one of the customers of this disgruntled tradesman, Frederick Garretson, who has thus started tongues wagging. Not that the groceryman will divulge who are his heaviest debtors, but his broadside is sufficiently inclusive to bring forth a general rumpus. Many customers have quit him, but the other tradesmen are taking similar action to back him up in his "audacious" stand.

WATCHMAN AND BURGLAR EXCHANGE MANY SHOTS

Bloodless Duel Is Fought After the Intruder Is Surprised at Work

Bullets were rapidly exchanged, but without effect, between George Reynolds, a watchman in the employ of S. T. Johnson & Co., dealers in oil burners, 1334 Mission street, and a burglar he surprised before the safe in the company's office last evening.

In making his rounds, Reynolds found the intruder kneeling before the safe. The burglar heard the approach of the watchman and ran toward the rear. Reynolds called to him to halt, but the fellow made for a fence. Reynolds drew his revolver and fired at the fleeing man, who returned the fire. Each man emptied his revolver, but neither was hit and the burglar escaped.

War Rages at the Door of Sanctuary

Rival Factions in Greek Church Prepare for Conflict and Are Restrained by Police

Trouble which has been brewing for some time between rival factions of the Greek community over the election of their officers and the disposition of moneys collected in the Greek church nearly resulted in a pitched battle yesterday, when 500 members of one party gathered outside the church at Seventh and Folsom street and waited for those of the opposing faction to conclude their morning worship before attacking them.

Two policemen sent by Chief Biggy at the request of the church authorities to prevent hostilities guarded the church doors and had a difficult time in restraining the leaders on both sides. Several times they charged the crowd with drawn clubs and compelled them to give ground.

Led by enthusiasts who jumped up on the church steps and impromptu platforms and addressed their followers faster than the police could pull them down, the crowd soon became worked up to high excitement. They jostled up about the church steps and jeered angrily at the officers. Every radical statement and incitement to hostility by the speakers was greeted with outbursts of applause. The crisis developed at 11:30 o'clock when the services concluded and the worshippers prepared to depart.

KEEP BELLIGERENTS APART

Those outside gathered to make a rush at them, but the police instantly threw themselves into the crash and dispersed people right and left. To add to the turmoil the outcoming worshippers seemed inclined to take a hand in the strife, but by almost herculean efforts the perspiring patrolmen managed to keep the belligerents apart.

For some time all has not been harmony in the ranks of the community. A disagreement over the annual election of officers a week ago precipitated an open break of amicable relations. A nominating committee of 12 members appointed by retiring President Daminakis of Oakland first agreed last Sunday, July 5, as the date for the election. By a vote of 8 to 3, however, with one committeeman absent, the majority of the committee later declared that according to the bylaws the election would not be legal if held on Sunday and set the day for Monday, July 6. The three members of the minority then called an election of their own for Sunday, and the result was that each faction held an election and elected separate sets of officers.

TWO SETS OF OFFICERS

At the election last Sunday, which was a spirited affair, 650 votes were cast and John Pappadapoulos received 647 of them for president. The next day the other party, polling 350 votes, elected a ticket composed of D. Cappalos, president; G. Kandos, vice president; X. Piculakis, secretary, and V. Candris, treasurer. They explained the disparity in the number of votes by claiming that Pappadapoulos' party had allowed any one to vote despite a church ruling that only those listed on the community register as having paid up all their dues were entitled to ballots. Claiming that theirs was

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FIRE IS SET BY BULLET OF BURGLAR

Shots Explode Lamp and Building Is Burned to the Ground

Mother With Babe in Arms Plunges Through Window to Safety

Thief Caught in Blazing Room Batters Down Wall and Escapes

Firemen Injured While Starting to Go to the Burning Structure

A building burned to the ground—a mother forced to plunge through a window, clasping in her arms a one year old baby—a wounded husband and an injured fireman—these were some of the results which followed early yesterday morning from the crack of a burglar's revolver.

The series of startling incidents came in rapid succession and occurred at the residence of Knight W. Burhoe, a clerk in a lumber camp at 175 Golden State avenue, near Ocean beach.

Burhoe owned and occupied a five room cottage at that number, and at 2:20 a. m. yesterday he heard some person moving around the kitchen. Without waking his wife, he picked up an oil lamp and proceeded toward the rear of the house.

"Who is there?" he called as he stepped to the threshold of the kitchen.

For answer a burglar, masked and armed, stepped quickly from behind the door. Without a word he aimed his revolver at Burhoe. The latter instinctively swung the lamp in front of his face to protect himself and, at the same instant, the burglar fired. He pulled the trigger twice. The first shot struck the bottom of the lamp and the second wounded Burhoe in the hand.

The lamp dropped from the lumber clerk's bleeding fingers and, ere the two men could jump back, exploded. In a few moments the kitchen was in flames and before they had an opportunity to realize what was happening the whole frame house was on fire. The burglar, caught in a trap of his own making, tried to break through the barrier of flame between him and liberty, but lost his nerve and jumped back to the rear of the kitchen, wrapping his coat about his face and head to prevent himself from being suffocated.

Burhoe smashed through the front door, calling as he did so to his wife to follow him. But she was too terrified to move. The revolver shots, the explosion and the flames, coming upon her with such startling rapidity, completely unnerved her and she cowered in her bed, holding her baby to her breast. When she recovered herself it was too late. There remained but one exit—through the window. Through this she plunged with her child, miraculously landing unhurt.

The burglar in the meanwhile was working frantically for an opening. The flames were licking all around him and in desperation he picked up a kitchen chair and smashed down the wall around a small window and through this narrow aperture he escaped.

The explosions had been heard by Corporal Cannon and Policeman Flynn, both of whom turned in fire alarms. While sliding down the pole to answer the alarms Thomas O'Connor, a fireman at the Ocean View fire station, lost his hold and fell, badly injuring his ribs.

The house with all its contents was burned to the ground. Burhoe said he had $60 in a box in the kitchen and it is thought the burglar secured this.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH ROOT AND BACON

Roosevelt and Officers of State Thought to Be Interested in Venezuelan Trouble

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 12.—President Roosevelt conferred this afternoon with Secretary of State Elihu Root and assistant and acting Secretary of State Robert Bacon at the president's home on Sagamore Hill for four hours.

The exact nature of their deliberations could not be learned. It is presumed, however, that state affairs of an important nature were the subject of their discussion. It is thought likely that the foremost subject was the situation at present existing between the United States and Venezuela.

DEATH CALLS AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT SWATOW

Thomas W. Haskins, Appointed at California, Stricken at Seaside Resort

PEKING, July 12.—Thomas W. Haskins, the newly appointed American consul at Swatow, died suddenly last night at Pei Tai Ho, a seaside resort.

Haskins was appointed from California. His first service was as a student interpreter in China, July 18, 1902. He was appointed assistant Chinese secretary of the legation to China July 4, 1904. The state department at Washington on July 8 last announced his appointment as consul at Swatow.

MOVEMENTS IN MOROCCO

RABAT, July 12.—Sultan Abd-El-Azis has left Rabat for Morocco city. It is rumored that Mulai Hafid, the usurping sultan, will depart from Fez shortly for Morocco city or Rabat.