NEWS OF THE COUNTIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

GIVES A BURGLAR BENEFIT OF DOUBT

Captain Petersen's Big Heart Saves a Man From Life Prison Term

George Carroll Has Already Spent Thirty-two Years in San Quentin

OAKLAND, Sept. 24.—For several days Captain of Detectives Petersen has been wavering between mercy and inexorable justice in determining the charge to be placed against George Carroll, alias Henry Riley, a burglar suspect, who has spent nearly two-thirds of his life in prison. Today the captain decided to give the suspect a chance to live a portion of the remainder of his days in freedom, and substituted a charge of carrying concealed weapons for the contemplated charge of burglary.

This decision practically releases Carroll from a life sentence in the penitentiary, for, by the terms of the pardon granted him three months ago by acting Governor Porter, he is doomed to imprisonment which shall terminate only with his death if he is ever again convicted of a felony. And the circumstantial evidence which the police had gathered against him was so damaging that there was scarcely a doubt of his conviction if he had been brought to trial for a burglary recently committed in this city. The evidence was purely circumstantial and Captain Petersen decided not to sign the rest of the man's free life away while a shadow of doubt of his guilt remained, so withheld his signature from the burglary complaint and booked Carroll on the minor charge, which is only punishable with a term in the city prison.

Carroll, who is 51 years of age, was arrested at the corner of Park avenue and East Eleventh street last week on suspicion that he had robbed the home of Mrs. S. H. Lonsdale, 1727 Twelfth avenue. A desk in Mrs. Lonsdale's home had been pried open with a jimmy and eight $5 gold pieces stolen from it. When Carroll was searched at the city prison in his pockets were eight $5 gold pieces and a jimmy, besides a revolver. The coincidence seemed conclusive, but Carroll denied absolutely that he had committed the crime.

"It looks black for me, captain," he told Petersen. "But I wasn't there. The money is mine."

He told of his record and the fate that was in store for him if he was convicted of the charge. When but 18 years of age he was convicted of burglary in San Francisco and sentenced to an eight year term in San Quentin. By model behavior and credits his actual time was reduced to five years and four months. Three weeks after his release he, in company with James Robinson, held up and robbed seven men in a Market street resort in San Francisco. Both were arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin. Robinson served 22 years and committed suicide by cutting his throat. In the meantime Carroll was transferred to Folsom. His behavior was model throughout his imprisonment, and last May, on recommendation of the prison officials, he was pardoned on the strength of a petition signed by the majority of the superior judges in San Francisco. He had served 26 years and 11 months of his life term, making 32 years and three months in all spent in prison. One of the conditions of his pardon was that if he was ever convicted of another felony he would be sent back to serve out his life term, with no hope of another pardon.

SPITE WORK CUTS OFF ENTRANCE TO RESIDENCE

Mrs. Bertha Teresi and S. Koenigstein at War Over Stairway to Bungalow

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Bertha Teresi, widow of Vincent Teresi, the Italian capitalist, and S. Koenigstein, a traveling salesman, are principals in a little row which has set society people of Larkspur, their residence town, to talking, and has deprived Mrs. Teresi of an approach to her residence. Two years ago, according to the friends of Mrs. Teresi, Koenigstein persuaded her to be a party with him to the construction of four bungalows, all four to be built to mutual advantage. By the plan of construction the stairs leading to Mrs. Teresi's houses led through Koenigstein's yard. All went well until a short time ago. Then Koenigstein tore away the stairway and built a wire fence, which left Mrs. Teresi with a home isolated. Finally the traveling salesman was prevailed upon to let Mrs. Teresi and her family pass through his property until they built a new approach. This has necessitated cutting away the width of one of the verandas of Mrs. Teresi's bungalows.

LIGHT COMPANY WILL HAVE TO RESTORE PLANT

Corporation Ignores Contract With Municipal Authorities

REDWOOD CITY, Sept. 24.—The city council will demand that the light company place the city's system in its original condition. When the United gas and electric company took a contract for supplying the city with light they took over the municipal plant that then existed, agreeing to restore it at the expiration of their contract.

The company's contract expired some months ago, but in the conferences that have been held between the trustees and the light company's representatives a disposition to forget the existence of the compact has prevailed on the part of the corporation. Lohman & Co. have been employed by the city and will assist the street department in seeing that the demands of the city are fulfilled.

EDUCATORS POSTPONE ACTION

PALO ALTO, Sept. 24.—Representatives of the Mayfield, Palo Alto and Stanford districts last night discussed the formation of a union high school district between Mayfield and Palo Alto. Professor A. B. Clark, C. S. Crary and T. R. Palmanteer of Mayfield, C. R. Detrick of Stanford and G. W. Mosher, A. T. Murray, W. H. Kelly and Professor Templeton representing Palo Alto were present. It was decided to postpone action until after the meeting of the state legislature, by which time the Palo Alto charter will be disposed of and new laws probably enacted for the government of high schools in the state.

BOY SLAYER IS RELEASED

SAN JOSE, Sept. 24.—Freddie Sepulveda, the boy who recently shot and killed little Peter Bernal with his father's shotgun, was discharged by Justice of the Peace Wallace this morning and was placed in care of his grandmother.

Boalt Hall of Law Is Planned

J. E. Shingle

FUNDS READY FOR LIBRARY BUILDING

Professor Boke Says Ground Will Soon Be Broken for University Structure

BERKELEY, Sept. 24.—Ground will be broken within a short time for the Boalt law library of the university, to be erected at a cost of $250,000, announcement to this effect having been made by Prof. George H. Boke to one of his law classes. He said that the necessary funds for the erection of the law library were available and that he expected the completion of the building by August, 1909, the beginning of the next college year.

The announcement has been received with considerable satisfaction by the law students of the university. To Professor Boke is given the credit for pushing the plans to completion. He recently brought the subject before the bar association and received its unqualified support. The available funds are now in hand through Boke's perseverance.

The new structure, similar in style of architecture to California hall, the mining building and other buildings erected in accordance with the greater university plans, will be located just south of California hall and west of South hall.

The Boalt hall of law will be two stories in height, with a deep basement, which will also serve as a reception and banquet room. The lower story will be devoted to the class rooms of the department of jurisprudence, while the upper floor will contain a library of 90,000 books, one of the largest law collections in the country. Anterooms and other quarters for faculty and students will be provided.

In anticipation of the speedy erection of the new law building, the students of the department of law of the university have formed the law association of the University of California. James M. Burke, former president of the student body and a graduate with the class of 1908, has been chosen president. Other officers are: Vice president, M. B. Seevers; secretary-treasurer, J. F Shingle. The object of the association will be to keep in closer touch with practical law work and the publication of a law review. I. F. Thompson has been asked to prepare a constitution and bylaws, so that further organization of the association may be hastened.

RAILWAY REFUSES TO PAY TAX TO TOWN

San Mateo Unable to Collect Money Due From Big Corporation

SAN MATEO, Sept. 24.—The city authorities are endeavoring to collect the money due them from the United Railroads under the terms of the franchise granted them by the municipality, but up to this date have failed. The franchise calls for the payment of two per cent of the gross receipts of the railroad to the city, but a written demand for a remittance has as yet been unheeded.

Two views have been advanced as to the amount of money that is due the city. In traveling to San Francisco the first fare of 20 cents is collected in the city limits and the second fare of 5 cents at the county line, the same method prevailing for all stations north of Burlingame. If the two per cent tax applies to all the fares collected in the city limits, the municipality will have a large sum due it from the corporation, but if it should be decided that it applies to only those sums necessary for riding in the city limits the amount would be very small.

WATER SHORTAGE GROWS WORSE IN GRASS VALLEY

Many Mines May Be Compelled to Partly Close Down as Result

GRASS VALLEY, Sept. 24.—Notice has been received by all the big mining companies in this district and in the county that, beginning October 1, the water power supply will be reduced a half. This action was taken by the South Yuba water company, which supplies all mines in the counties and cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City.

Water is becoming very scarce in the large storage reservoirs in the high Sierra, and the problem is very serious. Mines may be compelled to lay off part of their working force as a result of the order. Cattlemen are desperate over the long continued drought. Feed is practically all consumed.

PIONEER SHERIFF BURIED

OAKLAND, Sept. 24.—Funeral services over John Sedgwick, a pioneer sheriff of Tuolumne county, were held this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Sedgwick Dargie, East Sixteenth street and Seventh avenue. Rev. Alexander Allen, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, officiated. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

DROWNED OFF FRASER RIVER

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Sept. 24. Horace Wright, foreman of the Phoenix salmon cannery at Steveston, and his brother in law, George Hine, fisherman, were drowned off the mouth of the Fraser river in a gale which raged Monday night and Tuesday.

MINISTERS SCORE GRAFT LEADERS

San Francisco Baptists Call on Citizens to Join in the Fight

Officers and Standing Committees of the Association Are Named

OAKLAND, Sept. 24. — Strong condemnation of the influence brought to bear to bias the public mind against the graft prosecution in San Francisco and against the general movement for municipal and state purity was expressed in resolutions adopted by the San Francisco Baptist association at Tenth Avenue Baptist church today.

The "brazen effrontery" of the persons who were endeavoring to make head against the graft prosecution was denounced as a thing to be abhorred. Members of the association were called upon to take active part in combating these evil influences as a part of Christian duty and good citizenship. The resolutions in full follow:

We view with alarm the apparent indifference on the part of many toward the court proceedings now taking place to punish all those who have been implicated in graft scandal in our large cities, taking special note of the brazen effrontery of those who are opposing the uprising. We hereby express our utter disapproval of every effort from whatsoever source which seeks to debauch our judiciary. And we call upon our constituents to make their influence felt upon every possible occasion in accordance with these resolutions.

The racetrack was also condemned as a huge evil in another set of resolutions. Various topics of importance to the association were discussed, with emphasis laid upon the financing of church work. Reports of committees and discussions followed. Officers were elected as follows:

J. L. Rogers, moderator; Rev. J. B. Travis, vice moderator; C. H. Hobart, D. D., clerk; C. N. Whitmore, treasurer; A. S. Coats, D. D., convention vice president.

Members of executive committees: Rev. L. P. Russell and Rev. J. M. Helsley.

Standing committees:

Foreign missions—A. S. Coats, D. D.; Rev. E. S. Stucker, Rev. J. M. Helsley.

State missions—Rev. C. H. Irving, Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Rev. J. P. Rosquist.

Home missions—Rev. James Gore, D. E. Scofield, May E. Van Osdel.

Publication society—J. H. McKibben, Rev. J. Pruden, N. Brace.

Young people's work—H. B. Lyon, Harry C. Allan, Hilda Christopherson.

Temperance—J. M. Davis, Caleb Lundquist, Rev. L. P. Russell.

Bible schools—C. G. Lister, G. W. Fraser, W. C. Granlund.

State of religion—Rev. N. Nelson, Mrs. R. E. Beach, Prof. E. S. Gardiner.

Association missions—Rev. H. J. Vosburgh, D. D.; Rev. J. B. Travis, Rev. W. C. Spencer, Rev. James Gore, William H. Groat.

Advisory committee on counsels—Rev. H. J. Vosburgh, Rev. C. M. Hill, Rev. C. H. Irving, Rev. W. E. Tanner, Rev. William Thomas.

The next session will be held at the First Baptist church in San Francisco, beginning September 20, 1909.

PIONEER LUMBERMAN IS CALLED BY DEATH

Robert G. Byxbee, Who Rounded Cape Horn in 1852, Succumbs in Fruitvale

Robert G. Byxbee, a pioneer lumberman of California, died Wednesday at his home in Fruitvale from blood poisoning. Hiss illness had been of brief duration.

Byxbee was born in Norwalk, Conn., and was 78 years old. He came round the Horn in 1852 in the clipper ship Ino. He became connected with the old lumber firm of H. D. Tichnor & Co., which later became the Navarro mill company. Since 1892 he has been actively connected with Byxbee & Clark company.

Surviving him are a daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Nott, living in Santa Clara county; a sister, Mrs. Susie Byxbee, living in Fruitvale, and two brothers, John F. Byxbee of Palo Alto and J. Oscar Byxbee of Fresno. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 3119 Fruitvale avenue.

POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE POSTAL ROBBERS

L. J. Nesa and Frank Miller Are Arrested in Martinez

By the arrest of L. J. Nesa in San Jose and Frank Miller in Martinez yesterday, the federal authorities believe they have the two men who robbed the postoffice in Applegate, Placer county, Monday night, of about $300 in money and several money order blank books. Detectives Conlan and Mackey of the San Francisco police department were detailed to assist the postal inspectors and it was information given by them to the police officials in San Jose and in Martinez that resulted in the arrest of the two men.

Descriptions given by two farmers of Applegate of the two men they saw about the postoffice correspond with the two suspects. They will be brought to San Francisco and held pending further investigation.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION WILL BE INVESTIGATED

The members of the social science section of the California club were addressed Wednesday by Miss Kate Ames, who enlisted the interest of the women present in a plan she is completing for the thorough investigation of the school administration in this city. Miss Ames, who proposes a regular campaign against politics and graft in connection with schools and school boards, will speak again later and will suggest the first steps necessary. She asked the California club, through this section, for its support, and begged that the matter should be brought up before the federation of women's clubs. The reason why so few intelligent men care to enter the ranks of teachers will be discovered, and several other vexed problems will be taken up in connection with this work.

A. H. MICHENER ACQUITTED

SAN JOSE, Sept. 24.—A. H. Michener, the primary election official charged by A. Greeninger with attempting to steal a ballot from the box on the afternoon of the election, was this afternoon acquitted in Justice Wallace's court. Five witnesses testified in a manner throwing discredit on the testimony of Frank J. Gerihard, who alleged that he saw Michener take a ballot from the box.

Adolph Greeninger, the complaining witness and a man closely identified with politics, is still confined to his bed as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered during the arraignment of Michener on August 20.

CONCERN FACES FRAUD CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24.—Allegations of fraud have been made by a number of the creditors of the bankrupt harness concern operated by the Main-Winchester-Jepson company in this city. The law firm of Gray, Barker & Bowen, which has been retained by several of the largest creditors, will bring suit against the San Francisco branch of the company, according to the attorneys.

MOTHER REPORTS PRETTY GIRL LOST

Florence Wellihan, Sixteen Years Old, Fails to Return Home as Promised

Sister Will Come From Sacramento to Aid Police in Their Search

OAKLAND, Sept. 24.—The police are investigating the mysterious disappearance of pretty 16 year old Florence Wellihan from her home, 804 Webster street, last Sunday evening. The girl bade her mother goodby just after dinner and started up the street with a girl friend, saying that she would come home early. Since then Mrs. Wellihan has not seen or heard of her. This morning, unable to conceal her fears any longer, she applied to the police for aid in locating her daughter.

"She has never been away from me in her life before," sobbed the mother in making her report, "and I am afraid, so afraid."

Her fear was intensified by her knowledge that the girl, who was exceptionally attractive and mature looking for her age, had been an almost constant attendant at several of the cheap dance halls in the city. A number of men had been very attentive to her at the dances and the police are inclined to believe that she has been persuaded to leave the city by one of them.

Florence Wellihan is a girl of striking appearance. She has a wealth of brown hair and her eyes are large and blue. When she left home she was dressed in a red skirt and coat trimmed with black braid. Her hat was of dark silk. This evening her older sister, Julia, who was formerly her inseparable companion, will come to this city from Sacramento to assist in the search. The missing girl's father is engaged in mining in Goldfield.

COLONEL MAUS TAKES COMMAND AT ATASCADERO

Troops Are Beginning to Arrive for the Maneuvers to Be Held in October

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Sept. 24.—Colonel Marion P. Maus, who will be in command of the joint military maneuvers of the regular troops and the militia of California, Arizona and New Mexico, which will commence at Atascadero October 1 and continue throughout the month, established his headquarters at the camp today. Colonel Maus, who succeeded General Frederick Funston in command of the department of California, arrived with his staff yesterday evening and proceeded to Camp Atascadero today.

The signal corps from the Presidio at San Francisco reached camp today and will be followed daily for several days by troops who are now en route marching south from San Francisco and Monterey and the Arizona and New Mexico cavalry, which is marching north from Los Angeles. By next Tuesday all the regulars will have arrived at Atascadero and be followed by the California and Arizona national guard, the former under Brigadier General Robert Wankowski of Los Angeles, and the latter under Colonel James H. McClintock of Phoenix.

Many reservations have been made at the hotel here by society people of San Francisco and Del Monte, who are coming to view the maneuvers. The families of many of the officers also will be here during the month, several of them having already arrived.

SWISS RESIDENTS HOLD PETALUMA CELEBRATION

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

PETALUMA, Sept. 24.—The celebration by the Swiss residents of Sonoma and Marin counties under the auspices of the Sonoma-Marin Swiss club, was a successful affair here today. Attorney F. A. Meyer was president of the day. E. B. Martinelli of San Rafael delivered an address in English and G. E. Antognini of San Francisco spoke in Italian.

A parade was held in the morning. Miss Silvia Lafranchi rode on a decorated float and represented Columbia. Miss Valeria Dado made a pretty Helvetia. A ball in the evening wound up the affair.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The following Californians are registered in New York:

From San Francisco—R. N. Baceks, at the Cadillac; J. E. Bridges, at the Hermitage; Mrs. F. Hayden Grenoble, J. Bley, at the Herald Square; F. F. Delisle, P. Koring, at the Grand Union; Mrs. L. G. F. Quayle, at the Gilsey house; D. Davidson, at the Herald Square; J. Froger, at the Cosmopolitan; H. F. Meyer, Mrs. H. F. Meyer, at the Wellington; F. D. Roandon, at the Continental hotel; E. O. McCann, at the Cadillac; C. L. Browne, at the Murray Hill; J. Hansmeister, at the Hotel Florence; C. Howard, G. Johnson, at the Hotel Belmont; P. Koenig, at the Grand Union; H. P. Hansen, Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Mrs. Warnicke, at the Broadway Central.

From Los Angeles—F. H. Mellus, Mrs. F. H. Mellus, at the Marlborough; H. A. Sibbet, at the Cadillac; A. M. Mortenson, at the King Edward; W. J. Murphy, at the Hotel Breslin; C. Ferguson, Mrs. C. Ferguson, at the Hotel Seville; F. H. Gregg, at the Hotel Raleigh.

From Redlands—O. H. Hicks, Mrs. O. H. Hicks, at the Park Avenue.

From San Jose—H. F. Dessing, at the Grand.

From Santa Barbara—P. G. M. Austin, at the St. Denis.

From Pasadena—F. H. Disbrow, at the Bartholdi.

From Oakland—H. G. Torrence, at the Hoffman.

HAROLD LEONARD IS HELD

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 24.—Harold Leonard, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on E. F. Finnicum, foreman of the Dr. C. C. O'Donnell ranch near Glen Ellen, was held for trial before the superior court by Justice Theodore Wagner.

BURLINGAME TAX RATE FIXED

BURLINGAME, Sept. 24.—The first municipal tax rate has been set for Burlingame by the city council at 75 cents, the highest rate that could be placed, as no bond issues have been passed by the newly formed municipality as yet.

SALOON ROBBER CAUGHT

George Carson, who gives his occupation as a druggist, went into the saloon of Joachim Sass, Sixteenth and Bryant streets, yesterday morning and asked change for a $10 gold piece. Sass went to the rear and Carson reached over the bar and stole a sack containing $97.15. He ran out of the saloon, followed by Sass, who shouted "Stop thief." A crowd gathered and joined in the pursuit. Policeman A. F. Rier, who was on a passing car, chased the fugitive over the trestle of the Ocean Shore railroad, finally running him down. The stolen sack was found in his possession. He was booked on a charge of grand larceny.

BEAUTIFUL SINGER TO BE SOLOIST

Professor Armes Closes Negotiations for Great Contralto

"Trovatore" and "Annie Laurie" Will Be Sung at Next Concert

BERKELEY, Sept. 24.—The soloist at the first of the Indian summer orchestral concerts to be given at the Greek theater in Berkeley, beginning Saturday night and running for the three following Saturday nights, is to be Miss Lydia Sturtevant, the beautiful contralto of the college town. This announcement was made by Professor Armes today.

The engagement of Miss Sturtevant is considered a musical event, for her rich contralto voice has won her a high place in the favor of the music lovers about the bay. Miss Sturtevant returned from Munich, Germany, not long ago, to remain in her own home with her mother. She left the Royal opera company, with which she had been appearing in some of the leading and most difficult operatic roles. Her part in the production of "Trovatore" at the Central theater in San Francisco with the Milan opera company after the fire, which she played without any rehearsal, was so well done that the critics selected her as the one of the entire company upon whom to center their praise. Miss Sturtevant will sing the first aria from "Trovatore" Saturday night and will reserve the rendition of "Annie Laurie" for an encore.

Tickets for the first concert are being taken much more rapidly than was expected by the university authorities. It is thought the crowd on the first night will exceed any that has ever gathered for one of these musical events at the Greek theater.

INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE CANDIDATES IN NEW YORK

Hearst's Party Meets in Cooper Union and Names Shearn for Governor

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The independence league held its state convention in Cooper Union tonight. The seats in the hall were quickly filled and many of the 457 accredited delegates had difficulty in finding a place. The first demonstration of the evening came when Clarence J. Shearn, personal counsel of Mr. Hearst, appeared on the floor. He was enthusiastically cheered. James A. Allen of New York served as temporary chairman and delivered the opening address. His first mention of the name of William Randolph Hearst as the champion of the cause of the independence party set the crowd cheering.

The platform urges direct primary nominations; contains a strong plank on anti-injunction; a declaration against the blacklisting of employes; another for the election of United States senators by the people; a condemnation of the "scandalous methods disclosed to exist in the stock exchanges in the city of New York," and a demand that "these institutions be brought under rigid state control," and also declares in favor of conferring the elective franchise upon women.

The following ticket was named:

Governor—Clarence J. Shearn of New York.

Lieutenant governor—Dr. Daniel W. Finnimore of Pottsdam.

Secretary of state—Frank Stevens of Nassau.

Comptroller—Willard Glenn of Onondaga.

State treasurer—William A. Deford of Albany.

State engineer and surveyor—M. J. Cañero of Kings.

Associate justice of the court of appeals—Reuben Robie Lyon of Bath.

DR. ALIDA C. AVERY IS BURIED IN SAN JOSE

Prominent Woman Physician and Noted Suffragist Carried to Last Resting Place

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SAN JOSE, Sept. 24.—The funeral of Dr. Alida C. Avery, who died here Tuesday, was held today. The following San Jose businessmen acted as pall bearers: B. Grant Taylor, W. S. Orvis, Colonel Philo Hersey, R. W. Hersey, N. E. Wretman and S. Holland.

Dr. Avery was the first resident physician of Vassar college and is still remembered by the faculty of that institution. One of the most beautiful of the floral pieces was a large set piece sent by the Vassar alumnae association. She was a prominent worker in the Colorado suffragist association. The California suffragist association sent a beautiful floral piece.

Dr. Avery was for years a physician in San Francisco, where she had offices at 816 Larkin street. She was a graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine and took her degree in 1862.

THREE PERSONS INJURED

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—In the heavy fog that prevailed this morning the westbound fast mail on the New York Central railroad ran into a West Shore passenger and express train that had been held in one of the blocks a short distance west of Little Falls. Three persons were severely injured.

Local Brevities

TO ERECT BUILDING—The Pacific realty company applied for a permit yesterday to build a four story brick structure at the northwest corner of Kearny and Post streets, to cost $78,000. The lot is the former site of the White House.

REGISTRATION FIGURES GIVEN—Registrar Zemansky stated yesterday that the registration which closed Wednesday at midnight reached a total of 75,595 names, of whom 4,349 were added the final day. Of these about 200 will be stricken from the roll on account of double registration, leaving a margin of over 75,000 eligibles for the presidential contest.

PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY—Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were brought against the James Higgins company of San Francisco yesterday in the United States district court. The petitioners and their claims are: Southern Texas truck growers' association, $1,114.06; Crook audit company, $183.35, and the E. R. Bergst drayage company, $17.19.

STABBED BY JAPANESE—Louis Martens, a conductor of the United Railroads, was on an inbound Ellis street car late Wednesday night and had a dispute with a Japanese about standing in the way. Martens left the car at Devisadero and Turk streets and the Japanese jumped off also and attacked Martens with a knife, cutting him on the face and neck. Martens was taken to the central emergency hospital by Policeman P. Reilly. Detectives are searching for the assailant.

LEAVES BOARD BILL UNPAID—Mrs. M. B. McGiff, who has a boarding house at 1802 Turk street, obtained a warrant from Police Judge Cabaniss yesterday for the arrest of J. C. Steele, a mining promoter living at the Hotel Alexander, on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper. Prior to the big fire Mrs. McGiff, who is a widow, had a boarding house at 1685 Post street, where Steele boarded with her. He owed her a bill of $35.50, she says, but only paid $5 on account and has refused since that time to pay the balance.

Greek Theater Will Hear Her

Miss Lydia Sturtevant

STANFORD COEDS HOLD CONFERENCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 24.—Coeds of Stanford university, comprising the organization known as the President's Conference of Young Women, met last night at the residence of President David Starr Jordan and organized for the semester. In addition they were entertained by Mrs. D. S. Jordan and Mrs. L. W. Allen, dean of women. Miss Lucia Mirrielees '09 of Big Timber, Mont., was chosen president, and Miss B. Maine '09 of Santa Barbara secretary.

The delegates selected from the various sororities and clubs for this year are:

Dorothy Macpherson '09, of the Alpha Phi sorority; Aurania Ellerbeck '08, of the Delta Gamma sorority; Edna Earle '09, of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority; Adaline Wright '10, of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority; Helen Green '08, of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority; Ruby Roberts '09, of the Pi Beta Phi sorority; Olive L. Rowell '08, of Palo Alto; Florence Leonard of the Walden club; Ethel Robinson '09 and Beatrice Maine of the Roble club; Sue Hunter '10, Mary Graham '08, Minerva Monteith '09, Elizabeth Gillimore '09, Eleanor Foshay '09, Sadie Dernham '11, Mattie Osborne '09, Lucia Mirrielees '09, Harriet Park '10, and Anna E. Miller '09, of the other campus boarding houses and clubs in Palo Alto.

In this conference Dr. Jordan proposes to take up subjects of interest to the women students of the university.

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The faculty law smoker, one of the functions of the college year, will be given tomorrow night. The faculty will be the hosts and all students who are taking work in the law department will be invited. Songs and speeches will be given by the professors and the students will respond to toasts. The affair is in the nature of a general "jolly up." The students and faculty will assemble in the Stanford Inn this year.

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The first meeting of the varsity orchestra was held last night and as a result of a tryout conducted four new musicians have been added to the organization. W. E. Fergueson, a freshman, was chosen as a first violin player; E. D. Ryus as second violin; L. H. Spafford, cornet, and J. H. Paine, saxophone. The students who will play in the ranks of the musicians this year are as follows:

J. W. Fitting, '10; H. H. Canterbury, '10; R. A. Gott, '09; H. D. Owen, '11; P. F. Bradley, '08; R. G. Marx and F. W. Turner, '08.

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Rev. John Hugh de Forrest, who has been visiting in San Francisco en route to Japan, was the guest today of President David Starr Jordan. He was also the guest at the local chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity for luncheon.

$10,000 FIRE AT LODI

LODI, Sept. 24.—A fire that broke out in the Pioneer packing house here at 11 o'clock tonight destroyed four buildings before brought under control about midnight. The Eagles were having a big carnival and thousands of people from the county and Sacramento witnessed the fire. The loss will be about $10,000, with partial insurance. Two carloads of powder on the Southern Pacific track were moved by a switch engine at considerable risk.

EUROPEAN CAPTAINS TO GO

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 24.—The Nippon Yusan Kaisha will dismiss all European captains on its liners and replace them with Japanese, according to Japanese newspapers received here. The reasons given are that economy is needed and that Japanese masters are paid lower wages and there is a growing disinclination of the crews to serve under foreigners.

Army Orders

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—The following army orders were issued today:

Colonel Charles D. Parkhurst, coast artillery corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Wright and will proceed to Fort Stevens and assume command of the artillery district of the Columbia.

Lieutenant Adam Slaker, coast artillery corps, is relieved of duty at Fort Baker and will proceed to Fort H. G. Wright, New York, for duty.

Fireman Edward May, coast artillery, now at Fort Adams, will be sent to Fort Rosecrans for duty.

Navy orders—Commander W. S. Benson to command of the Albany.

Commander H. T. Mayo is detached from the Albany to his home.

Lieutenant Commander A. L. Willard is assigned to the Idaho.

Ensign O. C. F. Dodge, when discharged from treatment at the naval hospital, Mare island, is granted a sick leave of three months. The supply station ship at Guam has been authorized to make a trip to Nagasaki and Kobe for the purpose of giving officers and men a change of climate and to give liberty to the men.

ROCKEFELLER'S PEN DEFENDS OCTOPUS

Appears as Author for First Time in Effort to Justify the Standard Oil Company

Declares in Favor of Federal or State Regulation of Corporations

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—John D. Rockefeller appears for the first time in the role of an author in a series of articles on "Some Random Reminiscences of Men and Events," the first of which will appear Friday in the October issue of The World's Work.

Rockefeller gives as a reason for speaking now, that

If a tenth of the things that have been said are true, then dozens of able and faithful men who have been associated with me, many of whom have passed away, must have been guilty of grave faults. For myself, I had decided to say nothing, hoping that after my death the truth would gradually come to the surface and posterity would do strict justice; but while I live and can testify to certain things it seems fair that I should refer to some points which I hope will help to set forth several much discussed happenings in a new light. I am convinced that they have not been fully understood.

It has been said that I forced the men who became my partners in the oil business to join with me. I would not have been so shortsighted. If it were true that I followed such tactics, I ask, would it have been possible to make of such men lifelong companions?"

Rockefeller speaks of the development of the Standard oil company and says that the plan of selling direct to the consumer and the exceptionally rapid growth of the business "bred a certain antagonism which I suppose could not have been avoided."

On the direct selling to the consumer he says:

ANIMATED BY FAIRNESS

This was done in a fair spirit and with due consideration for every one's rights. We did not ruthlessly go after the trade of our competitors and aim to ruin it by cutting prices or instituting a spy system.

If any of the employes of the company were overzealous in going after sales, he says that they acted in violation of the expressed and known wishes of the company.

Rockefeller also says that in the early days the oil industry was considered a most hazardous undertaking, not altogether unlike the speculative mining undertakings we hear so much of today.

Further on he says:

Another thing to be remembered about the so called "octopus" is that there has been no "water" introduced into the capital (perhaps we felt that oil and water would not have mixed), nor in all these years has any one had to wait for money which the Standard owed. It is a common thing to hear people say that this company has crushed out its competitors. Only the uninformed could make such an assertion. It has and always has had and always will have hundreds of active competitors. The Standard has not now and never did have a royal road to supremacy, nor is its success due to any one man, but to the multitude of able men who are working together.

In discussing "The Modern Corporation" Rockefeller says:

SUSPICION OF CORPORATIONS

Beyond question there is a suspicion of corporations. There may be reason for such suspicion very often; for a corporation may be moral or immoral just as a man may be moral or the reverse; but it is folly to condemn all corporations because some are bad, or even to be unduly suspicious of all because some are bad. But the corporation in form and character has come to stay—that is a thing that may be depended upon.

It is too late to argue about the advantages of industrial combinations. They are a necessity. And if Americans are to have the privilege of extending their business in all the states of the union and into foreign countries as well, they are a necessity on a large scale and require the agency of more than one corporation.

Rockefeller recalls what he said at an official hearing, that "if I were to suggest any legislation regarding industrial combinations, it would be, first, federal legislation under which corporations may be created and regulated, if that be possible. Second, in lieu thereof, state legislation as nearly uniform as possible, encouraging combinations of persons and capital for the purpose of carrying on industries, but sufficient to prevent frauds upon the public."

TYPHOON SWEEPS PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Entire Town Destroyed and Many Lives Probably Lost

MANILA, Sept. 24.—A typhoon of terrific velocity swept through the central portion of the Philippine group, sweeping part of the island of Samar, northern Leyte, southeastern Luzon, northern Panay, Masbate and part of Romblon. The typhoon disappeared in the China sea, moving in a direction west by northwest.

Wires are down and available details of the damage done are meager. It is evident, however, that serious disaster followed in the wake of the sudden storm. A telegram from a town in Masbate reports that every building in the place was razed with the single exception of the postal building. A dispatch received from Romblon says that the typhoon caused a great loss of property and that undoubtedly many persons have been killed.

CHESSMASTERS IN DEADLOCK

MUNICH, Sept. 24.—The fourteenth game between Dr. Lasker and Dr. Tarrasch for the chess championship was adjourned today on the forty-sixth move. The chances favor a draw.

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