FIRE CAPTAINS SAY TEST WAS UNFAIR

Court Asked to Review Examination for Battalion Chiefs by Commission

Civil Service Board Notifies Men That Their Appointments Lack Approval

That the examination for battalion chiefs in the local fire department was unfair and unjust was the allegation made by Captains Walter A. Cook, Charles J. Cullen, John R. Maxwell and Thomas Murphy of the fire department in a suit brought against the civil service commission yesterday.

The complaint was that the examination was not practical, and that there were no proper rules adopted as a governing basis. All the captains named in the petition had tried the examination and failed, and said that questions were asked to which several answers could be given. Another complaint was that points were given for seniority in service instead of seniority in rank.

The court was asked for a writ of review and also for an injunction restraining the civil service commission from certifying the promotions of those who had passed the examination.

On the ground that the fire department had taken no action on the commission's report to the effect that it was ready to certify men to fill the positions of battalion chiefs, the civil service commission at its meeting last night voted to notify the auditor and each of the men now acting as battalion chiefs that their appointments had not been approved and that if they continued to act in that capacity after the date of notification they did so at their own risk, as far as salary was concerned, at least.

Similar action was taken in the case of windlassmen, bunker foremen, curb setters, yard foremen, gang foremen, helpers on dumps and dump foremen, all of whom were appointed by the board of public works under the 30 day emergency clause, which provides for appointments until such time as the commission shall be prepared to certify men for the position named.

CHARLES ELIOT NORTON IS DEAD AT CAMBRIDGE

Was a Well Known Philanthropist, Scholar and Member of Harvard Faculty

CAMBRIDGE, Oct. 21.—Charles Eliot Norton, the well known philanthropist and scholar, for many years a member of the Harvard faculty, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning at his home in this city.

Charles Eliot Norton has been called the "preacher of the gospel of beauty to America." That was his work as professor of the history of art at Harvard university from 1874 to 1898. Since then he has been emeritus professor of his subject at the venerable Cambridge institution, and, while relieved of the routine work of class lectures, he has been active in his critical works and has continued to be a vital factor in developing the thought of the day.

Professor Norton was in a measure a bridge between two periods of culture. He was the friend of Emerson, Longfellow, Carlyle and Edward Fitzgerald in one generation, with Lowell, Ruskin and George William Curtis of another period, and with William Dean Howells, Henry James and Bryce. His literary work in a great measure was devoted to interpretations of his friends' writings and the editing of their work. He was an authority on Dante and on medieval culture.

Professor Norton was born in Cambridge, Mass., November 16, 1827. At one time he was editor of the North American Review.

MORSE SOLD STOCK THROUGH 59 BROKERS

"Ice Pool" Included Gates, Schwab and Others Who Were Interested

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Evidence was introduced today at the joint trial of Charles W. Morse, financier, and Alfred H. Curtis, former president of the defunct National Bank of North America, who are charged with conspiracy and violation of the national banking laws, which made it appear that in the 18 months between June, 1906, and November, 1907, the Morse "ice pool"—so known in financial circles—bought and sold stock of the American ice company through 59 brokers and opened 107 accounts, slightly differentiated as to names, and that the pool brokers earned commissions during that period of more than $1,000,000.

Out of a maze of intricate figures prepared by National Bank Examiner Moxey, who has devoted considerable time to studying the alleged records of the ice pool, the lawyers for the prosecution succeeded in drawing this information. Moxey was asked to tabulate his figures and after a recess had been taken to give him time to do so the tables—59 in number, or one for each broker—were placed on the records as evidence.

John W. Gates, Charles M. Schwab, Isaac Guggenheim and other men well known in the financial world, were interested in the pool.

CHARGES OF SWINDLING STOCK HOLDERS MADE

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Charges of conspiracy to swindle stock holders are made in a bill for injunction filed in the United States circuit court by Edward F. Richardson of Denver, Colo., against the Scandia mining syndicate.

A temporary restraining order, issued by Judge Peter S. Grosscup after court hours, interrupted a meeting of the directors of the corporation yesterday and prevented their carrying out alleged fraudulent leases of the mining property of the company in the gold regions of Alaska.

The syndicate is a $2,500,000 corporation and its principal office is in Chicago. It was organized under the laws of South Dakota.

TOLSTOI RETURNS THANKS

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—Count Leo Tolstoi has addressed an open letter of thanks to all those who congratulated him last month on his eightieth birthday.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—The 24 hours ending at noon today saw 48 new cases of cholera brought into the municipal hospitals. There were 21 deaths.

RIFF TRIBES IN REVOLT

MADRID, Oct. 20.—The minister of war has received an official telegram from Melilla, Morocco, announcing that all the Riff tribes had risen and were uniting with hostile intent.

Fall goods just in. Koenig Shoe Co., Kearny and Post, 1541 Van Ness av. •

BARBERS HONOR FORMER PRESIDENT

Thomas Creber Resigns on Leaving City and Receives Gift From Members

Vice President George Price Advanced to Higher Office and Election Called

The journeymen barbers' union Monday night received the resignation of President Thomas Creber, who will shortly leave the city to make his home in Los Angeles. The resignation was accepted with regrets, and to show its appreciation of the good work he has done the union presented him with a handsome gold watch and chain.

A boycott was placed on a shop in Clay street on the ground that the proprietor had twice broken his agreement with the union as to hours and wages.

Vice President George Price was advanced to the presidency, and next Monday a vice president will be elected.

The special committee on ball reported considerable activity in connection with the dance to be given next Saturday night in Cotillon hall for the benefit of A. A. Wentworth, the blind member of the union.

Six members were reported on the sick list and these will be paid $10 a week each during illness.

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Bar tenders' union, local No. 41, at its meeting Monday night, voted down the proposition to reduce the initiation fee for a stipulated time. The meeting was addressed by Delegate Johansen of the building trades council on the candidates for judgeships. Warrants for $50 were drawn in favor of members on the sick list. Three candidates were initiated and six applications were presented. Business is reported brisk, nearly all members being employed.

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The waitresses' union at its last meeting completed all details for the ball in Dreamland pavilion next Saturday night.

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At the meeting of the theatrical stage employes yesterday morning reports were received from the international body about trouble in the union at Philadelphia, Pa. At the next election for officers there will be several candidates for business agent.

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Laundry workers' union at its last meeting initiated 27 candidates, and it was decided that a ball should be given in Garden rink December 5.

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One of the old time labor leaders of Vallejo, Richard Caverly, has resigned the office of statistician of the trades and labor council of that city. He was given a vote of thanks for past services and created a life member of the council. Caverly is to take up his residence in San Francisco. J. B. Dale of the federal union was elected to fill the vacancy.

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The labor unions of Sacramento are working energetically for the erection of a building trades temple in that city. Printing pressmen's union No. 60 of the capital city at its last meeting subscribed to 500 shares of the capital stock in addition to 300 shares previously subscribed for.

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Retail shoe clerks' union at its meeting Monday night after receiving a number of applications for membership decided to join with the other retail clerks' associations in giving entertainments once a month in clerks' buildings, 343 Van Ness avenue. These will be invitation functions. The first will be given on the night of the first Thursday in November.

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Secretary Gallagher of the labor council had a conference with President J. Downey Harvey of the Ocean Shore railroad yesterday, in regard to the five electricians who recently went out on strike. The result was that the matter will, in all probability, be amicably settled.

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Street and concrete workers' union No. 85 received a report from the business agent last night to the effect that there was an improvement in conditions, and that future prospects were bright. The finances of the union were reported in good condition. Three candidates were initiated.

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Millmen's union No. 423 received three members on clearance cards last night and decided that its baseball team would play the team of the cement workers at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning and that of the electrical workers' No. 13 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the Presidio ball grounds.

MEN AND WOMEN HURT

Auto Plunges From Bridge With Midnight Revelers

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—Four persons were more or less seriously injured at an early hour this morning when an automobile ran off a bridge at Temple street and Vermont avenue, plunging to the gravel bottom of the creek 20 feet below. The machine did not turn over, but landed on its wheels. It was demolished.

The occupants of the car, who had been out for a night ride, were Miss Susie Bentley, proprietor of a lodging house; Pearl Davis, Joseph Hunter and Alexander Forbes. Forbes was the chauffeur. Hunter first gave the name of Rogers.

The victims are in a serious condition, especially Hunter, who is suffering from internal injuries in addition to a contusion of the left hip and cut scalp. One of the women has a severe scalp wound, a bruised hip and a dislocated shoulder, and the other sustained a lacerated upper left eyelid and a dislocated hip. Forbes escaped with but a few slight bruises.

GOMPERS DEFIES TAFT

Demands That Charges Against Him Be Proved

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Samuel Gompers, in a speech delivered in Orchestra hall tonight under the auspices of the Chicago federation of labor, defied Secretary Taft to prove charges made against the labor leader.

"If Judge Taft can point out one statement which I have made about him which is untrue I will make public apology and retraction," he said. "If Judge Taft can not do this, he owes me an apology and similar retraction. And so long as I retain my manhood and strength I shall never secede from my right of free speech and a free press, no matter whether it means liberty or the jail."

The labor leader spoke at length concerning the supreme court's rulings on "unfair lists" and closed with a eulogy of William J. Bryan as the candidate of the wage earners.

RAILWAY BUILDER DIES

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 20.—Richard Hayes, who as general foreman for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway built many of the famous tunnels and bridges along that line, died in a local hospital today after an operation. Hayes was one of the noted railway constructors of the west.

Do You Want $5.00?

Read THE CALL'S weekly offer on page 11.

FIGURES DEBTS OF BROKER DORR

Expert Places Liabilities at $489,973.30 and Assets at $142,721.49

Creditors Hold Meeting and Elect Carroll Allen as Trustee

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—Fred W. Dorr's total assets are $142,721.49 and his total liabilities are $489,973.60, according to the report of Charles W. Rohne, the expert accountant, to Carroll Allen, the receiver of the bankrupt broker. This report was scheduled to be submitted to Dorr's creditors by Referee Lynn Helm this afternoon.

In the report it is admitted that there probably will be a shrinkage of the assets, with the prospect of an increase in the liabilities through new claims against Dorr.

The report of the accountant shows that when Dorr's accounts were turned over to the receiver there were no securities in the safe, except some mining shares which had been left in Dorr's keeping, and for which he had given receipts. The cash on hand was only $3.85.

Following is a list of the principal creditors: E. M. Gray, $12,437.20; Dr. E. Buzick, $7,584.73; J. M. Hale, $9,818.02; W. T. Hook, $31,880.20; Jefferson Hill, $6,761.60; Peter Kehl, $8,145.83; Homer Laughlin Sr., $6,242.75; W. E. Ramsey, $7,553.31; J. Frank Walters, $6,941.75; Walter H. Wiley, $5,012.50; G. L. Cranshaw, $79,810.50; Broadway bank and trust company, $15,840; American national bank, $7,506.60; Denver national bank, $7,004.84; F. G. Bonfils, Denver, $20,872.07; Dr. Edmund C. Rivers, Denver, $19,213.33; H. A. Crawford, San Francisco, $11,466.60; Badger Brothers, Salt Lake City, $24,873.30.

Dorr's creditors met in the office of Lynn Helm this afternoon and elected Carroll Allen trustee. His bonds were fixed at $50,000.

DEPUTY CORONER NOW HAS HERD OF COWS

Stops Sale to Satisfy Judgment and Has Cattle on His Hands

Little Boy Blue's merry carol, "The cows are in the corn," is now paraphrased in a deeper key by "Handsome Jack" Kennedy's warble, "The cows are in the coroner." That blythe lay is heard gleefully at dawn along the Mission road, for Kennedy, deputy coroner of San Francisco, has legally become possessor of a herd.

He got it from the sheriff. Like Little Eva or Topsy, or whoever it was who saved Uncle Tom, Kennedy saved his herd from being auctioned off; he saved a noble bovine family from disintegration.

It happened at one time that George J. Clemmens and Mrs. Nellie Mallet owned a happy family group, consisting of a papa cow, nine lady cows, including sisters, cousins, aunts, mothers in law and members of the same grazing club who had dropped in for bran, and six chipper calves. Samuel Aftergut, a butcher of the Mission road, secured a judgment against Clemmens and Mrs. Mallet, and Sheriff Dolan took the cattle in satisfaction. Then Clemmens and Mrs. Mallet sued out a writ of replevin against the sheriff to prevent his selling the family group. Deputy Coroner Kennedy had the writ to serve. He arrived at the scene just as Sheriff Dolan was crying, "How much for this flossy heifer, warranted to be kind to children?" Kennedy stopped the sale and will hold the cattle family together until the writ is disposed of. He will give the milk to the poor who apply for it at 4218 Mission street. Kennedy is known at the morgue as the "friend of bovinity."

BUSINESSMEN CONTINUE FEASTED BY JAPANESE

Presence of Fleet Does Not Detract From Their Entertainment

TOKYO, Oct. 20.—Notwithstanding the predominating interest attaching to the visit of the American fleet, there has been no interruption to the round of entertainments provided for the delegation of businessmen who arrived here a week ago as representatives of chambers of commerce in various Pacific coast cities. The members of the party are receiving practically the same acclaim that is accorded the fleet, and every moment of their time is taken up with excursions, luncheons and dinners.

The delegates were present today at six different functions, ending with a banquet at the Bankers' club, where many addresses of a cordial and complimentary nature were made by the visitors and their hosts.

The general opinion of the businessmen as regards the outcome and result of the visit is entirely optimistic. They believe that their stay in Japan and their improved acquaintance with business and other conditions will tend toward the material improvement of future commercial relations between the two countries. In addition to this the visitors have been most deeply impressed with the sincerity of the friendliness for Americans manifested on all sides.

BULGARIA CONGRATULATED

Montenegro Sends Official Message Approving Independence

SOFIA, Oct. 20.—Montenegro has officially congratulated Bulgaria on her independence, saying:

"The Tirnova act is a good omen for future Slavic people. M. Dimitriess, a representative of a foreign office, has left here for Constantinople on a special mission to deliver a letter from Emperor Ferdinand to the sultan. The relations between this country and Turkey seem to be growing more amicable, and the war clouds have been scattered."

The two representatives of the central Young Turks party, who came here several days ago, started for Salonica this evening. They have been recipients of signal courtesies and conferred today with several members of the cabinet. The newspapers warmly indorse the suggestions set forth in the memoir which they submitted to the premier and which was adopted by a committee representing all political parties. The memoir advocates polite and direct negotiations between Bulgaria and Turkey.

MANILA VISITED BY SLIGHT EARTHQUAKES

MANILA, Oct. 21.—Commencing at 10:43 o'clock yesterday morning a series of light earthquakes were felt in Manila at irregular intervals until 5:30 in the afternoon. Only four of the shocks were pronounced, the others, numbering about a dozen, being merely recorded by the seismographs at the observatory, where the instruments continued to vibrate for several hours. Two shocks were especially sharp, but no damage was done in the city and none has been reported from other places.

Calculations made at the observatory indicate that the seismic disturbance was local, its center being close to Manila. Many persons fled from buildings during the more severe shocks, but the populace generally was calm.

TRADE TOPICS ARE THEME OF SPEECHES

California Metal Association Discusses Many Important Subjects at Banquet

Program Is Enlivened With Several Vocal and Instrumental Features

Discussion of trade topics, particularly of those vital to the interests of the Pacific metal trades, formed the theme of the after dinner speeches at the banquet of the California metal trades association last night. Nearly 200 members of the association gathered at the tables in the banquet room of the Bismarck cafe and the program was enlivened with several vocal and instrumental musical features.

J. M. Robinson of the Keystone boiler works presided as toastmaster, and outlined the general topics which were taken up in greater detail by the various speakers. "The Trade School in San Francisco" was the subject of an interesting address by George Merrill, president of the California School of Mechanical Arts, who explained why the interests of trades unions as well as employers demand support for such training schools.

Thomas E. Haven, legal adviser of the association, attacked the proposed anti-injunction legislation as an abrogation of American rights and direct class distinction. He produced figures to sustain his statement that the alleged injunction evils are far less than generally supposed and declared that by weakening the power of injunction the protective influence of the law is likewise weakened. R. H. Postlethwaite of the Risdon iron works talked on the "Failure of Compulsory Arbitration," citing examples from the history of New Zealand and New South Wales and asserting that arbitration, to be efficient, must be sought by both sides.

James A. Keller, traffic manager for Baker & Hamilton, and J. W. Chapman, manager of the traffic department of the Pacific hardware and steel company, discussed "The Freight Problem." Both urged a close organization of western interests to fight for a differential rate between raw materials and fabricated articles, which will be sufficient to permit western producers to compete on an equal footing with eastern ivals. The speakers suggested conferences with the traffic representatives of the western railroads and the sending of a strong delegation each year to the conference of the transcontinental freight bureau in Chicago.

Edward J. Fowler of the Pacific foundry company, president of the California metal trades association, closed the program of speeches with an optimistic talk concerning the future of the metal trades industry in San Francisco. He dwelt upon the necessity of close organization and hard work to bring about needed reforms and development.

Californians in New York

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Californians are registered here as follows: From San Francisco—W. P. Hammon, Waldorf-Astoria; H. A. Evans, New Amsterdam; Mrs. J. Weglein, Miss H. Weglein, Hotel Savoy; Dr. W. E. Stevens, Amsterdam; W. Griswold, Bartholdi; J. H. Kemp, Westminster; H. W. Kosper, Cadillac; H. Lepari, Broadway Central; L. H. E. Norton, Mrs. H. E. Norton, Hotel Albany; M. A. O'Brien, Marie Antoinette; M. N. Strauss, Broadway Central; M. E. Woon, Marlborough; F. F. Wright, Astor house; E. Magnin, R. S. Shainwald, Hotel Savoy; J. K. Armsby, Holland; R. Boot, Ashland house; E. V. Chevesich, Broztell; T. J. Crowley, Mrs. T. J. Crowley, Cadillac; S. Fehlen, Union Square; G. M. Holbrook, Flor ace house; Miss E. M. Kenyon, Breslin; E. Maguire, Hotel Savoy; J. T. McDevitt, Hoffman house; Mrs. W. M. Pierson, Seville; S. Rosenthal, Herald Square; W. E. Stevens, Wellington; R. M. Woodward, Cadillac.

From Los Angeles—M. Cheeseman, Park Avenue; J. L. Davis, Breslin; A. M. Enfiajian, Bartholdi; E. Gray, Hotel Seville; D. Holmes, Park Avenue; J. R. Haynes, Seville; B. S. Hook, Hotel Plaza; H. W. King, Albert; G. Osher, Mrs. G. Osher, Gilsey; F. Armstrong, Gilsey; R. L. Dorsey, Martha Washington; G. B. Kirkpatrick, Astor; P. W. Scenck, Plaza; R. I. Rogers, Holland; E. C. Russell, Belmont; J. A. Hillerich, Hotel Victoria.

From Santa Barbara—D. P. S. Low, Continental. From Eureka—N. Myrind, Mrs. N. Myrind, Continental hotel. From Sacramento—G. Richards, Gerard. From Oakland—W. Moller, Mrs. W. Moller, St. Andrew; T. P. Strong, Hotel York; L. Beauchamp, Continental; Miss G. Loar, G. W. Loar, Churchill. From Berkeley—N. T. Mansfield, Breslin.

LECTURES PLANNED BY NOTED YALE PROFESSOR

Eastern Scholar, Who Is Recognized as Great Biblical Student Will Speak

Professor Charles Foster Kent Woolsey, professor of biblical literature at Yale and foremost among the scholars who are adapting the results of modern biblical research to the needs of the general reading public, is to deliver a series of lectures in this city in December. His addresses will be given under the auspices of the Sunday school commission of the diocese of California and will take place in the parish hall of St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Fulton street near Fillmore.

The general subject of the lectures will be on the aims and methods of the prophets, priests and sages of the Old Testament times. The lectures will be given in the evening and are provisionally set for Monday, December 7; Wednesday, December 9, and Friday, December 11. Other lectures will be given in Oakland and Berkeley. Professor Woolsey occupies the chair at Yale founded and first filled by the late President Harper, subsequently of Chicago university.

LABORERS OVERCOME BY GAS—Daniel Wallace and Albert Sales, laborers, were overcome by gas yesterday afternoon while working in a ditch at Vallejo and Polk streets. The men were resuscitated.

SIMPLE HOME MIXTURE CURES RHEUMATISM

The thousands of men and women who have felt the torture of dread rheumatism will be glad to avail themselves of the following prescription, which will be found the most effective remedy obtainable for rheumatism and all kindred forms of blood diseases which cause pains in the muscles, joints, lame back, throbbing head and general debility:

"One ounce Syrup of Sarsaparilla Compound; one ounce Toris Compound; half pint of high grade whisky. These to be mixed and shaken well and used in doses of a tablespoonful before each meal and at bedtime.

The ingredients are obtainable from any well stocked druggist. The kidneys becoming inactive, the poisons which should be thrown off are retained in the blood and settle in the joints and muscles and cause untold suffering. This condition, if not checked, will lead to even worse complications of the bladder and digestive organs.

RAIN MAY QUENCH FOREST FIRES

Hundreds of Residents Will Get Relief With Welcome Downpour

Fierce Gale Scatters Flames in All Directions and Spreads Conflagration

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Oct. 20.—Hundreds of residents in this district who have been fighting forest fires today are depending upon showers predicted for tonight to give much needed relief. A 40 mile gale spread the fires in all directions today. It is reported that Suzar Islano, which has a population of 1,000 persons, is ablaze almost from end to end. Near Detour 16 square miles have been burned over. Gladys, Eckerman, Shelldrake and Whitefish Point are surrounded. Brimley had a narrow escape, but the fires were driven back after one building in the village had been destroyed.

A gale which is blowing from the southeast today has revived the forest fires in Chippewa county to greater activity.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—From nearly every mountainous section of Pennsylvania come reports of forest and brush fires, the flames in some instances endangering villages. Hundreds of citizens are fighting the flames. The drought has dried the leaves and trees and they are making easy food for the flames. A wall of fire four miles long, and almost surrounding the village of Trout Run, has caused the fire fighters there to dig trenches and build backfires.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 20.—Forest and brush fires are sweeping through sections of five counties of northwestern Ohio, doing an immense amount of damage.

BERLIN, N. H., Oct. 20.—Two disastrous forest fires have been burning in the vicinity of this city for four days, and today were beyond control. The largest fire started on Hayes mountain, east of this city, and has devastated an area 10 miles long and five miles wide. Another fire is burning to the westward of the city.

Near Genesee the fires cover many miles of territory. Large numbers of men are fighting the flames, which threaten large oil tanks.

Throughout Canisteo valley scores of men are fighting fires. The fires through the Alleghany mountains are spreading rapidly and conditions there are reported alarming. The eastern slope of the mountains is ablaze for several miles and a number of villages are threatened. There is practically a water famine in this district and smoke hangs like a pall over miles of territory.

The state police and citizens fought the fires on Mount Penn all of last night and they are now out. Several summer homes and hotels were in danger.

THOUSANDS PERISH IN GREAT TYPHOON

Storm and Flood Cause Devastation in Several Provinces of China

AMOY, Oct. 20.—The damage done in Thursday's typhoon was much greater than at first reported. In Chang Chow 3,000 houses, including the prefect's yamen, were destroyed, and 1,100 persons killed. In Lam Cheng, 15 miles west of Chang Chow, 600 houses were destroyed and 1,200 persons killed.

Five years ago Lam Cheng was flooded and 3,000 were drowned. Fifteen miles north of Chang Chow three villages were entirely destroyed in the storm and 200 persons were killed.

WADE PASSES BUCK TO HIS SUPERIOR

Says Captain Grant Ordered Him to Favor Engine Works

Clerk Is Arrested for Selling Information on Transport Repairs

SEATTLE, Oct. 20.—Otis H. Wade, the clerk in the local quartermaster's office, was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Augustus Armstrong today, and on the witness stand declared that Captain Frederick Grant, formerly quartermaster at Seattle, ordered him to change an abstract of bids for repairs on the transport Burnside, leaving out certain information derogatory to the Heffernan engine works, one of the bidders.

Wade was arrested Sunday while attempting to sell an abstract of bids and other information to Erick Johnson, president of the Seattle machine works. He was bound over to answer before the United States district court. Wade's defense is that the abstract of bids in question was not a government record, as it was the abstract he prepared for Captain Grant, the former quartermaster, and was ordered to tear it up.

He said that an abstract of the bids prepared according to Captain Grant's orders and leaving out the information that the Heffernan engine works could not have done the work in the time the other firms could, was on file in the quartermaster's office. The Heffernan engine works was awarded the bid in question.

LONG JAIL SENTENCE FOR NOTORIOUS CROOK

Former Convict and Alleged Safe Cracker Given Six Months for Larceny

George Collins, alias George Brown, was convicted by Police Judge Conlan yesterday of petty larceny and was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail. On the night of July 23 Collins stole a cash box containing $30 from the cigar store of Frank Droscher, 46 East street, and was chased and captured by Policeman Hayden. The charge was reduced from grand larceny to petty larceny the following day and Collins was released on $50 cash bail.

Collins jumped his bail and was not heard of until about two weeks ago, when he was arrested for tapping a till in a grocery at Fourteenth and Church streets.

Collins is a notorious crook, say the police. In 1900 he was implicated in the theft of $5,000 from a bank in Seattle. He came to this city, where he performed several safe cracking jobs, the detectives say, and stole $570 from Ferdinand Smith, a money broker in Montgomery street. He was arrested and turned over to the Seattle authorities. There he was tried and sentenced to a term of 10 years.

WARNING FOR TURKEY

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—Russia has been given to understand from a Bulgarian source that Bulgaria, although doing everything possible for the preservation of peace, can not look with indifference on the military preparations of Turkey; that if mobilization is ordered in Turkey, Bulgaria will be forced to inaugurate military operations herself without loss of time.

Grand entertainment for St. Mary's college gymnasium tomorrow (Thursday) night at Dreamland rink, Steiner near Sutter.

INSPECTING SANTA FE LINES

A. G. Wells, general manager of the Santa Fe, arrived here yesterday on a tour of inspection of the coast lines. He is accompanied by I. L. Hibbard, P. L. Wieks and A. G. Beaman.

KERR IGNORANT OF THE LUMBER LAWS

Principal Witness in Socalled "Los Angeles Cases" Now on Trial

Says He Handled Finances and Paid Filing Fees for Other Members

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—W. T. Kerr, superintendent for the Pacific furniture and lumber company, indicted with the rest of the defendants now on trial in the so called "Los Angeles cases" and who pleaded guilty when the case came to trial, was the principal witness today. Kerr, it is alleged, got a number of the citizens of Port Orford to take up timber claims for the company and handled the finances and paid the filing fees. Kerr endeavored to explain his actions by saying that he was ignorant of the law. Kerr admitted on cross examination that $400 of the money that went to pay the entrymen was borrowed on his own personal note, a note which he said he signed "unconsciously." A number of other witnesses who had taken up timber claims testified that they had no personal acquaintance with the defendants, Hedderly, Myers or Hynes, and that they did their business through Kerr.

Another witness who told of his dealings with the company was A. J. Marsh, ex-county commissioner at Port Orford. Marsh testified that he had been approached by Kerr one night at his home. Kerr, he said, told him he could make some money by taking up a claim. He swore that Kerr, when Marsh said that he had no money, told him he would furnish him with the necessary finances if he would take up a claim and sell it to the company.

S. E Stephens, ex-sheriff, was one of the entrymen who testified. He admitted that he had perjured himself when it came to filing final proofs in telling where he received the money.

ANTI-DREYFUSITES' CAMPAIGN CONDEMNED

French Deputies Vote Down an Attempt to Reopen Scandal

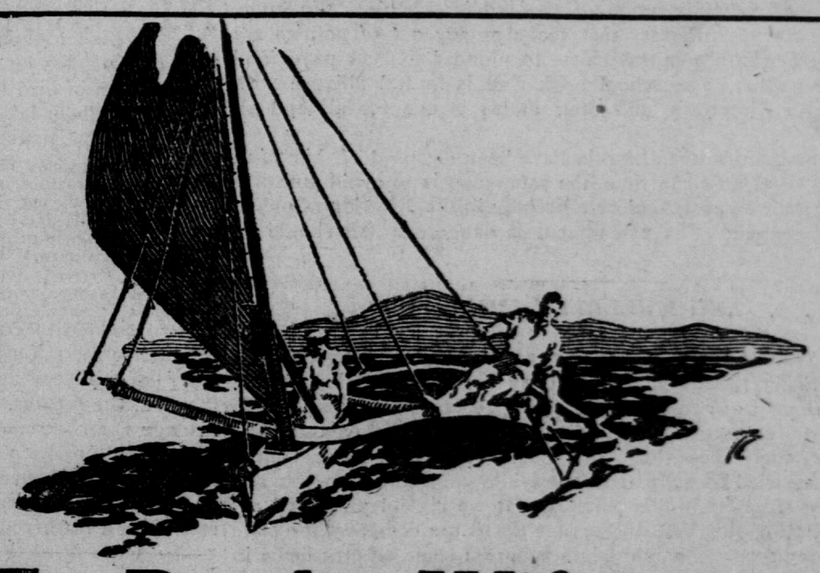
PARIS, Oct. 20.—By a vote of 438 to 47 the chamber of deputies today condemned the campaign which the anti-Dreyfusites are conducting against the decision in the case of Major Dreyfus handed down by the court of cassation in 1906. Pierre Bietry, member from Finistierre, led in the assault and caused a violent scene. He was temporarily suspended. Minister of Justice Briand, after defending the decision of the court, said the country was sick of this scandal and that those who were trying to reopen it were making themselves ridiculous.

CZAR PARDONS JAPANESE

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—In response to the requests of Japan, Emperor Nicholas has pardoned the six sailors who were condemned to death at Nikolayevsk for attacking the prison guards. The men under sentence were sailors on the Japanese schooner Miyo Maru, which was captured by the Russians while seal poaching at the Commander islands in Bering sea.

RUSSIA WATCHING PERSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—The proposal that Russia intervene in northern Persia to prevent all of Persia falling prey to anarchy and to safeguard Russia's interests is considered by the ministry of foreign affairs to be premature. The government does, however, contemplate taking the necessary measures to protect Russian subjects and Russian trade and is about to send 100 infantrymen to Tabriz.



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