

### CUTTER CAPTURES SEAL POACHERS

#### Japanese Raiders on St. Paul Rookeries Seized by Bear After Exciting Chase Piratical Schooner Heaves To When Shell From Government Craft Strikes Rigging

Three overboard Japanese poachers from the cutter Kinsei Maru, venturing too close to the rookeries at St. Paul island, in the Bering sea, caused a panic among the natives, and the poachers fled in haste, and brought about the capture of their vessel and the Saiki Maru July 22 last, by the revenue cutter Bear, which arrived in this port yesterday morning. Sixty men were taken to Valdez, where they were sentenced to serve three months in jail. The schooners were condemned and the catch of seals, amounting in value to \$15,000, taken over by the United States government.

#### CAPTURE BOAT

Lieutenants Hinkley and Alexander were dispatched in charge of a small boat and soon came upon a fishing boat with a crew of three Japanese. They were caught without resistance and two seals which had been freshly killed, were found in the boat. They were taken aboard the Bear, which set out in direction in which the shooting had been heard by the guards.

After half an hour's careful steaming through the dense fog, several shots were heard and soon the sound of the firing of rifles came from various directions. All at once half a dozen small boats appeared directly under the bow of the Bear and as quickly disappeared into the fog, sailing in one direction.

#### POACHER FIRED AT

There were sharp orders from the bridge of the Bear, and the forward 10 pounder was loaded and aimed at the Japanese craft. More whistles, answered by the schooner, and the gun was fired, the projectile whistling through the rigging of the poacher. This brought the chase to an end, and the cutter captured the prize without further resistance.

#### FARMS AND RAIDS

The American and British farmers—fishermen who inhabit the small picturesque islands of the Shumagin group—suffered great loss during the fishing season by the raiding of their property by the Japanese. Cattle left grazing on the island of Simeonoff during the temporary absence of the owners were killed by the Japanese and taken aboard their boats. Many heads of stock and fowls were lost in this way, but the farmers could give no description of the vessels so that they could be identified. Provision will be made to protect these islands next year by the government.

#### INDEMNITY FIRM SUED FOR TICHENOR'S BOND

Association Seeks to Recover Losses Sustained by Alleged Embezzlement

Suit for \$2,500 on the bond of George M. Tichenor was filed yesterday by the Continental Building and Loan Association against the Aetna Indemnity company. The complaint charges that Tichenor, as a district manager of the building association, embezzled sums of money in excess of \$2,500.

#### BOY THIEVES CAUGHT

The police patrol boat was taken from the search of the bay for Chief Biggy's body early yesterday morning to make a trip to the United States, as the police had been notified that some boy thieves were hiding in a house off Point San Francisco. Roy Gregg, H. Ramansberger, Leo McDonnell and W. Smith, were arrested and charged at the southern station with petty larceny. They had stolen four packages from a delivery wagon of Weststock, Lubin & Co., which were found on the launch. They appeared before Police Judge Weller yesterday and their cases were continued.

#### COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT

The report of County Clerk Mulrevey for November, issued yesterday, shows that the fees of the office during the month amounted to \$15,670.50 and the expenses to \$7,982.46, leaving an excess of receipts of \$7,688.04.

### Pleasing Bills Being Produced at Theaters



Portraits of performers who are to be seen at local theaters.

### "PAID IN FULL" IS SUCCESSFUL PLAY

#### Walters' Drama at the Van Ness Will Be Succeeded by Louis James in "Peer Gynt"

Eugene Walters' drama, "Paid in Full," is proving one of the most successful attractions of many seasons in this city. The company at the Van Ness theater, headed by Sara Perry, W. L. Gibson, Clarence Handysides and Albert Brown, is excellent and the production is making a deep impression on local theatergoers. There will be a matinee next Saturday and the engagement will terminate with the performance Sunday night. "Peer Gynt" will follow Monday night with Louis and Aphie James in the leading role. An elaborate and spectacular production is promised.

#### AMERICAN

"The Honey-mooners" is pleasing large audiences this week at the American theater, where the Cohen show is being given adequate presentation. Willie Dunlay, in the leading role, is making a hit with his singing and dancing. Eugene Barrick's delightful play, "The Little Minister," is being produced. The attraction is drawing large audiences and is proving a deserved success. Next week the great drama of Chinese life, "The First Born," will be given, preceded by T. W. Robertson's comedy, "David Garrick."

#### PRINCESS

"Werner and Schmitzel," the new offering at the Princess, is being well received and promises to be as big a success as "Playing the Ponies." Kolb and Dill are well fitted in their respective roles and Billy Clifford and Maudie Lambert are able assistants and principal supporters in the company headed by the funny comedians.

#### ALCAZAR

Evelyn Vaughan and Bertram Lytell have never had better or more congenial roles than they have been cast in this week at the Alcazar theater, where Barrick's delightful play, "The Little Minister," is being produced. The attraction is drawing large audiences and is proving a deserved success. Next week the great drama of Chinese life, "The First Born," will be given, preceded by T. W. Robertson's comedy, "David Garrick."

#### ORPHEUM

Heading the program at the Orpheum next week will be a novelty in Gus Edwards' skit, "The Blonde Typewriter." It is a singing, dancing, comedy act. "Motoring," Harry Tate's London success, will be presented by a clever company and other new acts will be added to a bill which will contain some of the best numbers from this week's attractions. This is the last week in which to see "The Naked Truth," headed by George W. Leslie.

#### CHUTES

There will be an amateur performance tonight at the Chutes and the entertainment which is promised will be novel and laughable. Skating in the rink and fun at the various concessions in the amusement park will complete the attractions.

#### PANTAGES' EMPIRE

The company of vaudeville artists at the Pantages' Empire theater is making a splendid record this week. Heading the bill is Mile. Fregola, a sensation from Paris, who makes 40 changes of costume in 16 minutes. She changes her clothing as quickly as most women change their minds, it is said, and that is a "going some."

#### VALENCIA

The management of the Valencia has decided to continue "Aristocracy" up to and including Sunday night, with the customary Saturday and Sunday matinees, Monday evening "Zira," the greatest emotional drama of the decade, will be produced on an elaborate scale. Robert Warwick as the Rev. Gordon Claverling, Miss Stoddard in the title role and Miss Lackaye as Ruth Wilding will be a few of the principals in the notable cast. From this time on the initial performances at the Valencia theater will take place Monday, with the usual Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees following.

#### WILL HAVE SALE AT GUILD

The ladies of All Saints' guild will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles in the guild room of All Saints' church, Waller street, near Masonic avenue, this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon and this evening. Tomorrow evening a musical and literary program will be presented, for which an admission of 25 cents will be charged.

Do You Want \$5.00? Read THE CALL'S weekly offer on page 11.

### MOXEY IS FIGHTING LAWYER FOR \$28,000

#### Physical Culture Instructor Who Married Mrs. Gage Phillips Demands Accounting

#### Testifies That E. C. Chapman Collected \$46,993 in Compromise and Kept Money

Olive N. Moxey, the young physical culture instructor who attained great notoriety some years ago through litigation following his marriage to Mrs. Gage Phillips, a wealthy woman twice his age, and her settlement upon him of property worth \$250,000, is now fighting for the \$28,000 remnant of the quarter of a million he once had within his grasp. His suit is against E. C. Chapman, formerly his attorney, for an accounting, came up for trial in Judge Seawell's court yesterday.

#### CHILDREN BROUGHT SUIT

It was in 1902 that Moxey was made defendant in a suit instituted by Mrs. H. L. Mandeville and other children of Mrs. Moxey to set aside the deed of conveyance upon the ground that Moxey had practiced fraud upon the woman who became his wife. In a lengthy hearing before Judge Coffey, Mrs. Moxey was declared incompetent, her son in law, H. L. Mandeville, being declared her guardian. Subsequently, however, after the litigation had been compromised, Mrs. Moxey was restored to competency. She is now living in Boston. Her young husband is at present employed as a streetcar conductor in San Francisco, but says there is no breach with his wife and that he will rejoin her as soon as the pending action with Chapman is ended.

The testimony of Moxey yesterday and of attorneys William Thomas, Stephen V. Costello, F. S. Oliver and A. A. Moore was that the fee agreed upon between Chapman and Moxey was \$7,500. According to Moxey, in the first place he agreed to pay Chapman and Moore \$25,000, but after the compromise that agreement was destroyed in Chapman's office and a new one, fixing the fee at \$7,500, was substituted.

#### WHAT MOORE SAYS

"The matter was discussed between Chapman and myself, and it was agreed that we should charge him only \$7,500," said Moore. "Later I told Chapman that, considering how little Moxey was going to get out of the settlement, he ought to be satisfied with \$2,500. Chapman would not agree to this, and said we ought to get at least as much as the lawyers for Mrs. Moxey and for the Boston relatives."

#### Ailments of Men Happily Overcome

SUCCESSFULLY TRIED BY MANY

Undoubtedly the following prescription will work wonders for that great class of men who, through dissipation of their natural strength, find themselves in their "second childhood" long before the three score and ten allotted to life's pleasures and enjoyments are reached.

#### MASTER BAKERS' BALL

The master bakers' association of the Pacific coast will give an entertainment, grand ball and banquet in Golden Gate commandery hall next Tuesday night, the first of the kind in six years. There will be a program of nine musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, and an order of 15 dances. At the opening of the entertainment there will be a short address by W. J. Claus, chairman of the committee of arrangements. At the banquet there will be but one toast, "The Ladies and Associates." The affair will be under the direction of W. J. Claus, C. Cronin, F. A. Swain, A. Komsthauf, H. Bamhart, C. Loesch, W. Wuchers, J. B. Davitt, H. Stern and A. W. J. Gibbs.

#### WILL VISIT THE SOUTH

The chamber of commerce has arranged for a community of interest excursion to southern California, leaving San Francisco December 9. Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands and Imperial Valley and the San Maria oil fields will be among the sections visited by this special train.

#### POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS INCREASE

The local postoffice receipts for the month of November were \$58,363.57. The receipts for the same month last year were \$42,574.43. This shows an increase over last year of \$15,789.14. The largest mail ever shipped out of this port for the Orient and Philippines was carried by the Mongolia, there being in all 7,664 pieces. Out of this total 4,298 pieces were for China, 2,066 for Japan, 1,222 for the Philippines and 68 for war vessels.

### BOARD DELAYS ACTION ON BIDS FOR TURBINES

#### Local Firm May Get Contract to Supply Pumps and Engines for Fireboats

No action on the bids to supply the pumps and turbines for the fireboats and power stations of the auxiliary water system, was taken by the board of works at yesterday's session. It is probable that Monday the award will be made to the Byron Jackson iron works, should the city attorney's office advise that this may legally be done.

#### CHECK PROVES WORTHLESS

C. S. Tipler of the Van Arsdale lumber company, 538 Brannan street, obtained a warrant from Police Judge Conlan yesterday for the arrest of A. Greenfield on a charge of passing a fictitious check for \$24.50 drawn on the City and County bank August 13.

### THUGS WHO STOLE COIN IDENTIFIED IN PRISON

#### Part of the \$440 Taken From Grocer Peterson Is Found on the Men

Two men arrested Tuesday night by Detectives Regan and O'Connell were identified at the city prison yesterday as the thugs who stole a sack containing \$440 from J. C. Peterson, grocer, 103 Langton street, about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. They are Martin Oates, an ex-convict, and Phil Maguire, a well-known petty larceny thief. They will be charged with grand larceny. The identification was made by Peterson and R. W. Kropitzsch, a customer, who was getting a check cashed at the time by Peterson. Mrs. Lillie Davis, who was knocked down by the buggy driven by the two thieves while crossing Eighth and Howard streets, also positively identified Oates and Maguire at the prison. Part of the stolen coin was found on the two thieves when arrested.

#### GAS BILL CAUSES SHOOTING

Cornelio Bessa, 1222 Kearny street, and his cousin, Patenia, had a dispute late Tuesday night about a gas bill, and it is alleged that Patenia shot Bessa. Patenia was arrested by Police Officers Burns and O'Connor and his name registered on the detinue book at the city prison. Bessa's wound is not dangerous.

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## CHRISTMAS NUMBER

### FIFTY-SIX PAGES of Christmas stories, poems, and special articles, of which some are named below

#### The Last Christmas Tree

By James Lane Allen

The author of "The Kentucky Cardinal" and "The Choir Invisible" has written, in the Christmas idyl, a story that will entrance every reader by its rich imagery and poetic conception. It is the first magazine story published by Mr. Allen in eleven years—the first published work of his that has appeared in the last five years.

#### The Pedigree Hunters

By E. L. Bacon

To meet Catharine the Great in the Subway, or to see Henry the Eighth, with a wooden leg, begging alms on lower Broadway, is not so amazing when you reflect that in America there must be tens of thousands of descendants of kings of that period and earlier. Some astonishing stories connected with the search for ancestors are revealed in this article.

#### The Thin Santa Claus

By Ellis Parker Butler

#### The Sleeping Column

By Brand Whitlock

Why Mrs. Gratz was awakened on Christmas morning by a great silence; why she didn't like a "taking-away" Santa Claus; why the tooth-cholus bugs freeze up in the winter and get brittle and bust into a thousand pieces—all is told in the drollest Christmas story published in years: a story in which the author of PIGS IS PIGS proves that sometimes chickens is chickens.

In the Sleeping Column the Mayor of Toledo tells a remarkable story of a Southern boy, who was not a spy, yet served in both the Union and Confederate armies, and was personally mentioned by the two leading generals of the opposing forces.

#### The Triple Cross

By George Randolph Chester

#### A Tug and a Daughter-in-Law

By Ernest Poole

One of the best stories that Mr. Chester ever wrote. It tells how Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford made his first visit to New York, and how peevish he became over the coarse and unimaginative methods of New York's confidence men and green-goods brokers.

A story "of ropes and things, and ships upon the seas." Also of a young waterman ashamed of his job and his dad; a nice girl ashamed of the boy, and a wise old tug-boat captain wholly shameless in his efforts to make a man of his son and a daughter-in-law of the nice girl. A Christmas story of a spot in Greater New York where the hive-dwellers have neighbors.

#### "Pardon, You Are Mademoiselle Girard!"

By Leonard Merrick

#### What Happens at Rehearsals

By Channing Pollock

All Paris was hunting for Mademoiselle Girard. On the boulevards, in the cafes and shops, was heard on all sides, "Pardon, you are Mademoiselle Girard?" Young men resigned promising occupations to engage in the search. No lady, comely or uncomely, providing she was young, was free from the accusing, "Pardon, you are Mademoiselle Girard!" Who found Mademoiselle Girard is disclosed in one of the most interesting stories of the year.

The astonishing trivial incidents that make or break a play are more numerous than the holder of a parquet seat dreams of. In this article you are taken behind the scenes and shown all the intimate and interesting secrets that never get over the footlights.

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