

PACIFIC MAIL YOKER CHAFES MERCHANTS

Traffic Bureau Goes on Record for Government Steamship Line to Panama

Manager and Attorney Will Go to Washington to Urge Vital Measure

The traffic bureau of the Merchants' exchange went squarely on record yesterday in favor of a federal line of steamships between San Francisco and Panama.

One year ago the same traffic bureau opposed the establishment of the government sea service. It was the hope at that time that a private company would come to the rescue.

SITUATION IS ACUTE In the year that has elapsed the situation has become so acute as to outweigh almost all other problems in the local commercial field.

William H. Wheeler, manager, and Felix Mann, attorney for the bureau, will leave at once for the national capital. Provision is made for a federal line of vessels in the bill recently introduced in congress by Representative McLaughlin and Senator Flint.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the purchase or construction of the necessary ships to run between Pacific coast ports and the isthmus.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED The resolutions adopted yesterday by the local traffic bureau call attention to the fact that the Pacific mail, which is controlled by the railroads, keeps other lines from the service.

Resolved, that this bureau, while continuing to be opposed to the principle of government ownership of such utilities, realizes that we are confronted by a condition and not a theory, and therefore in justice to the shippers, producers, manufacturers and merchants of San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities, urges the prompt enactment of such transportation facilities between San Francisco and Panama as will remove the existing discrimination in favor of the Atlantic seaboard.

MOTHER SUES HUSBAND FOR CUSTODY OF CHILD

Woman Complains That Boy Is Taught Disrespect

Having been separated several years from her husband, Rose Knutsen yesterday sued Louis Knutsen for the custody of their child, Harold, who is 11 years old.

After six weeks' effort Judge Mogan yesterday succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation between George M. and Patricia Rose. The divorce proceedings instituted by Rose have been dismissed.

Divorces were granted yesterday as follows: By Judge Cabanis—Frank Madlung from Clementina Madlung, desertion; Samuel Hammer from Lena Hammer, desertion; Richard Schultz from Anna May Schultz, desertion; Carolina Merkle from Michael Merkle, willful neglect.

JURY DISAGREES IN CASE OF MOTORMAN

Ten Stand for Acquittal of Edgar Purcell

Standing ten for acquittal and two for conviction on a charge of driving a motor car during a riot caused by a quarrel over a transfer in October, 1907, during the car strike, two men were killed before peace was restored, and Charles V. Brown, the conductor, was afterward tried for murder and acquitted.

MRS. SPRECKELS GIVEN MORE THAN MILLION

Widow of Sugar Magnate Files Receipt for Part of Legacy

Mrs. Anna C. Spreckels, widow of Claus Spreckels, filed with the county clerk yesterday a receipt for property worth more than a million dollars received by her under the first partial distribution of her husband's estate.

DR. JOHNSON FIGURES IN DE LAVEAGA CASE

Great Samuel's Eccentricities Are Laid Bare

The De Laveaga will content took on a literary aspect yesterday. Dr. Samuel Johnson and his famous biographer being introduced into the record by Attorney Shortridge during the cross-examination of Mrs. Martha Aguire, an old family servant who testified to some of Maria de Laveaga's eccentricities.

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CHINESE USE STEAM TO ROOT FILIPINOS

Little Brown Men Flee From Stream of Scalding Vapor

Islanders Rush Chinese Crew on Liner, but Soon Beat Retreat

Although the Filipinos, more than 300 of them, who traveled on the liner Manchuria from Manila to Honolulu, fought incessantly with the liner's Chinese and Hindu passengers, they bothered the members of the Chinese crew only three times.

When the attacking force retired the Chinese firemen were scattered all over the deck in a mire of curry and rice. Some of the Chinese were bleeding from knife wounds and most of them were more or less bruised.

There was another rush the next day and in this engagement the No. 1 Chinese fireman was among the injured. He showed his head to the engineer on watch and told his troubles. The engineer gave him some advice.

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Dance Will Benefit Children's Hospital

Two of the women who are working for the success of the Mardi Gras ball.



CARNIVAL TO RULE MARDI GRAS BALL

Hundreds of Merrymakers Are Expected to Take Part in Dance for Charity

The Mardi Gras ball that is to be given at Pavilion rink will attract not only every one in society, but hundreds of merrymakers who have decided to attend the dancing party that is to be given Tuesday evening for the benefit of the children's hospital.

While the cause is worthy of the most enthusiastic support the enjoyment of the festival and the fact that the ball is to rival the old Mardi Gras of former years at the Hopkins art institute will interest hundreds of pleasure seekers.

The committee in charge of the arrangements announces that tickets for every one who is interested are on sale at the Palace hotel, the Fairmont and the St. Francis, as well as at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s music store.

The Von Rhein Real Estate company report the sale of a lot in the north line of Geary street, between Mason and Taylor, dimensions 40x60, for \$40,000.

The Dimond Estate company plans extensive improvements on its property in this city and Visitation valley.

Several fine sales have been made in this tract since the increased activity of the railroad company on the freight yard.

Thomas Magee & Sons have leased the property on the west side of Fourth street between Mission and Howard for the Dimond Estate company.

Thomas Magee & Sons as agents are negotiating with three tenants for the building to be erected on the northeast corner of Ninth and Mission streets by the Dimond Estate company.

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HERMANN IS BADLY WORSTED BY HENEY

Prosecutor Forces Admission of at Least Indifference to Land Frauds

Defendant Compelled to Wallop His Friend, "Uncle Joe," to Save Himself

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—During a severe cross examination of the defendant, Prosecutor Francis J. Heney apparently scored in the Blinger Hermann trial today.

"I don't like your insinuations, Mr. Heney," Hermann thundered, "you are trying to influence the jury."

HENEY SCORES POINT During the cross examination the prosecutor showed that the former commissioner of the general land office could have prevented speculation in proposed forest reserves by the simple expedient of ordering withdrawals of lands and making investigations afterward.

This policy on the part of the commissioner, Hermann admitted under pressure, would have been as effective as amending the lieu land law, the amending of which he repeatedly urged in his annual reports, saying that gigantic frauds were being perpetrated in the west under the lieu land statute and the timber and stone act.

Hermann did not make a speech on the timber and stone act. Hermann went into details regarding the delays incident to obtaining recognition from Speaker Cannon to make a speech in good standing with the speaker at the time, Hermann said he was not given recognition and outlined the procedure now known as "Cannonism."

Henny introduced and read to the witness a letter from Secretary Hitchcock to Hermann, telling of repeated rumors of fraud. Hitchcock wanted to know why the discoveries of fraud were being made by outsiders and not by the officials who had it was to guard the public's interest.

DEFENDANT TRAPPED Late in the day Henny went into the matter of Hermann's political aspirations. To questions on this subject, Hermann said he had never been more than a receptive candidate for United States senator from Oregon.

Henny introduced a letter at this point purporting to be from Hermann to George C. Brownell, an Oregon politician, saying that in reward for efforts in behalf of Hermann's candidacy the writer would see C. P. Huntington of the Southern Pacific company in Brownell's behalf.

Hermann said in reply to questions, that he had never been very friendly with Huntington. Henny insisted, following on the question of Hermann's with another letter, said that he had been written by Hermann to Brownell, in which the writer declared that Huntington was a warm friend of the writer's and always called on him when passing through Washington.

D. C. The subject of Oregon's senatorial campaigns was still under consideration when court was adjourned until tomorrow.

LEGACY OF \$600,000 STILL IN ABEYANCE

Litigation Over Friedman Estate Drags Wearily Along

An important point in the contest of the will of Julius Friedman, who died in 1901, leaving to charity an estate now worth about \$600,000, was submitted to Judge Graham for decision yesterday.

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The question involved is whether Friedman intended to create a trust or to make an absolute gift. Houghton interpreted the will as creating a trust and said the trustees of the home should administer the legacy. Slack on the other hand contended that the gift was unequivocal in its nature.

If the will is sustained about \$600,000 will go to the Hebrew home. Judge Graham will decide the motion for nonsuit Monday.

Some paid managers of the great Labor Trust do not seem satisfied to rest on their past record of tyrannies to their own members, to other workmen, and to the public at large, but they seek to add to their long list of villainous acts.

On Sunday, January 2nd, 1910, the Chicago Federation of Labor allowed to pass to the press a statement that three carloads of empty peanut shucks were found in a railroad wreck and were consigned to our company.

That statement was a willful, malicious lie made from whole cloth.

It was inspired by the usual hate for every one not under the yoke of the Labor Trust.

It is a favorite method of the average "Jawsmith"—the noisy ones in the unions—when confronted with facts regarding the assaults, destruction of property, and other crimes, (too often including murder) to concoct and put out deliberate falsehoods.

This attack on the business of the Postum Cereal Co. is a good illustration.

They have tried for years to boycott the products, ruin the business, and take away the living of our faithful employees. (about 1000 persons).

What for? We have for years past paid the highest wages in the State for like service.

Attorney Truman of Goldfield, Who Has Disappeared

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LAWYER'S ABSENCE SUGGESTS MYSTERY

D. S. Truman of Goldfield Disappears After Boarding Ferry Boat on Way Home

The assistance of the police was asked yesterday in unraveling the mysterious disappearance of D. S. Truman, an attorney of Goldfield, Nev.

He came to this city to argue a case before the appellate court and stopped at the Hotel von Dorn, Turk and Leavenworth streets. He left the hotel on the morning of January 7, as he was anxious to return to Goldfield for the trial of D. Gibson there for murder.

He was seen on a ferry boat crossing to Oakland that morning, but that was the last seen or heard of him.

Truman's baggage reached Goldfield by the train on which he should have arrived. He has a wife and three children, two daughters and a son, in Goldfield, and when he failed to return in a few days friends of the family were notified in this city and a careful search was made here and in Oakland, but no trace of him could be found.

Truman is described as about 36 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weight 130 to 135 pounds, has a slight drooping of one of his eyelids and wears glasses when reading.

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OFFICER IN CHARGE OF 700,000 PESOS

Lieutenant W. H. Murchison Will Guard Large Shipment of Treasure to Manila

Rear Admiral Harber Succeeds Sebree in Command of the Pacific Fleet

Lieutenant W. H. Murchison, Nineteenth infantry, has been named as special guard over the 700,000 pesos of Philippine money that is to be shipped to Manila on the transport Sheridan, which leaves this port Saturday.

Lieutenant Sylvester C. Loring, Fifteenth infantry, was before the retiring board at department headquarters yesterday. Loring has been incapacitated for duty for the last eight months.

Colonel John A. Landeen, Colonel Charles W. Moore, Major Percy M. Ashburn and Major James M. Kennedy, FOR ORDNANCE SERVICE

The following officers have been ordered to Benicia arsenal February 23 for professional examination with a view to selection for service for four years in the ordnance department: Lieutenant Harry K. Rutherford, coast artillery corps; Lieutenant R. E. Cammins, Fourteenth cavalry; Lieutenant H. C. K. Muhlenberg, Thirtieth infantry; Lieutenant A. H. Hobbie, Thirtieth infantry; and Lieutenant Carl A. Lehr, coast artillery corps.

ASSIGNED TO HONOLULU Captain Joseph C. Gartner, quartermaster, will assume charge of construction work in Honolulu and of army transport service at that place, temporarily relieving Captain Moor N. Falls.

Captain John S. Johnston, coast artillery corps, is relieved from assignment to Sixteenth company and attached to One Hundred and Fifth company and will join the company to which he is attached at Fort Ruger, Honolulu.

COMMANDER OF FLEET Rear Admiral G. B. Harber is ordered to duty as commander in chief of the Pacific fleet on board the California.

Rear Admiral Uriel Sebree is detached from duty as commander in chief of the Pacific fleet and will proceed home.

Lieutenant D. B. Craig and Lieutenant P. L. Leahy are ordered to duty on the aid staff of the commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

FORMER SHERIFF HALED BEFORE INQUISITORS

Asked to Explain Reason for Keeping Set of Books

Former Sheriff L. J. Dolan was before the auditing committee of the grand jury yesterday to explain why he kept for his own use a set of books bearing on the business of the sheriff's office, which he quit on the first of the year. Dolan was accompanied by his attorney, C. H. Hogg.

Dolan explained that when his term expired he had under his control business involving \$5,000, and that he had the book keeper of the sheriff's office inscribe the matters involved in a separate set of books.

Under the law the sheriff has to carry on all unfinished business after his term has expired. The former sheriff will meet with the grand jury this afternoon to discuss the case further.

CHINESE WILL SECURE A HEARING IN COURT

Immigration Officer Must Give Reason for Detaining Him

Toy Tin Teung, son of a local Chinese merchant, obtained an order from the United States district court yesterday directing Immigration Commissioner Hart North to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued in favor of the plaintiff, who is held at the detention camp.

infamous "entertainment committees."

Labor is too sacred a part of the great world's work to be dominated by the vicious, hate-producing, impudent, and criminal men too often found in the ranks of these so-called officers and managers.

The works of the great food factories in this country are open to visitors at all hours of the working day, and are visited by hundreds of thousands of people who inspect every kind of material used and all of the processes. The cleanliness of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., plant is proverbial the world over.

We have deposited in the Commercial National Bank of Chicago \$5,000.00, to be covered by a like amount by the Chicago Federation of Labor. If the Federation of Labor can show that there were ever any peanut shells or trash of any kind shipped to and used by the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., in their foods at any time in the history of the business, the Chicago Federation of Labor will take the \$10,000.00, otherwise it will come to us. The Chicago Federation of Labor will not cover this amount.

They know, and their president knows, that when he made the statement, he constructed it out of whole cloth and voiced a willful falsehood.

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Scratch this on the Slate With a Nail

Have built and sold hundreds of homes to them at a total cost of from \$11.00 to \$18.00 a month.

About 80% now own these homes and they are good ones.

These people are faithful, prosperous, loyal and high-grade, yet they have been hounded and vilified because they now and always have refused to bend the knee to these tyrannical labor bosses who could collect monthly fees and order them to quit work in order to punish the Company for being independent of "unionism."

The Labor Trust has sent committees and money time and again, given smokers (and drinkers) to try and lure our people into the meshes of slavery, but Postum workmen steadfastly prefer their independence and liberty. Therefore, the labor leaders have threatened to punish them and this lying "peanut shell tale" is one of the methods.

There is a time coming when the workman, even outside of Battle Creek, will secure his rightful position and fair treatment with suitable wages without being compelled to be under the iron heel of a few labor chiefs who have obtained control in some localities over the workmen, and can tell them when to quit work, or be subject to the slugging of their