

# SAILOR CURSED MEDICO WITH DYING BREATH

## Nurse Says Seaman Accused Dr. D. Moore of Being Cause of His Death

### Former Patients at Marine Hospital Tell of Alleged Inhuman Treatment

raised his hands and crossed them on his face to ward off the blows. Doctor Moore ordered that the patient be strapped, and we strapped his ankles and wrists to the bed. No sooner was this done than Doctor Moore again struck the man because he protested. Brezzinio yelled and the ward was in a commotion. This seemed to enrage Doctor Moore still more, and he leaned over the bed, striking the patient with his closed fist in the face. After some time Brezzinio showed signs of weakening greatly, and Doctor Moore ordered me to release the restraining straps. He then left the ward.

### Patient Dies Soon

"I could see that the patient was in a critical condition, and summoned another member of the medical staff. We worked over Brezzinio, but he sank rapidly and died within 25 minutes.

"I helped to carry Brezzinio's body to the deadhouse, and after it had been placed there several of the other attendants saw it, and can corroborate what I have said about the bruises and cuts.

"Regarding the statement which I made denying that Brezzinio had been forced to work about the hospital while in a critical condition, as set forth in the affidavit of Seaman Nicholas, I was partly mistaken. I knew that Brezzinio had never been forced to work while I was on duty in the ward at night, but have found out since that he was required to clean up the ward during the daytime. I knew nothing of this at the time.

Doctor Moore and Doctor Gassaway refused to make any statement in answer to the sensational charges of the nurse, and yesterday the commanding officer angrily denied a request for an interview.

### New Chapter of Horrors

Corroborated by Tell, the story of Seaman C. J. Burnett, told for the first time yesterday, added another chapter to the narrative of alleged mistreatment at the marine hospital, and will be used by the seamen's unions to enforce their demands for an investigation by Surgeon General Walter Wyman or by a committee of congress.

Burnett, 23 years old, was employed on the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria and suffered burns which almost proved fatal when a coffee urn exploded on the ship January 29. He was taken to the marine hospital at 8 o'clock on the following night. He is now a guest at the Regent hotel and is convalescent, but, according to the statements of his physician, will be unable to return to work for at least another month.

"I want to save other unfortunate seamen from undergoing the torture which was inflicted upon me at the United States marine hospital," said Burnett last night, as a preface to his statement. "I was taken to the marine hospital suffering terrible agony from the burns on my back, from which the flesh had been peeled by the scalding steam. I tossed on a cot there for a little more than 37 hours before a doctor examined me, and during the first 24 hours my wounds were not even dressed. I went there Sunday night, January 30, but it was not until the following night at 8 o'clock that I received any treatment whatever, and I had my back dressed through the kindness of two of the attendants.

### Aided by Nurses

"The following day Doctor Moore asked me how I felt, and I told him I had passed a terrible night. I begged him to have my wounds dressed again and he said he would, but went away and left no instructions with the nurse. I begged to have treatment, but was told that there was no caron oil at the hospital. Two of the nurses secured some caron oil that night and dressed my back.

"About 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the fourth day I was in the hospital an order was sent in to remove me to the ward where patients afflicted with infectious diseases were treated. My back was raw from my shoulders to my hips, and the danger of infection in the ward I was to be sent to terrified me.

"I begged the attendant to put me in any ward but that and he replied that it was the doctor's orders. I got my clothes and struggled to Doctor Moore's office. I begged and pleaded with him to let me go back to the surgical ward, where there were at least 20 empty beds. He refused and told me that I was stubborn and was trying to run the hospital. I told him that he was practically driving me from the hospital. He said I could either go to the ward where I was sent or leave.

### Forced From Hospital

"It was 5 o'clock in the afternoon and raw and bleak, but I left the hospital and walked to a streetcar. I came to the Hotel Regent, and that night sent for Dr. Ralph B. Scheier. He ordered that I be taken to the Mount Zion hospital the next day. I had a horror of hospitals, but went under his directions, and was there three weeks. I improved rapidly and left the hospital Friday.

"I would not have treated a dog in the manner that I was treated by Doctor Moore." Doctor Scheier, who was called to attend Burnett after he reached the Regent hotel, refused to comment on the treatment or lack of treatment alleged to have been accorded his patient at the marine hospital. He consented to make a statement regarding what symptoms had come under his personal observation.

# BANDIT SLAYER TURNS MURDERER

## Wealthy Farmer Kills Father and Brother in Law and Eludes Posses

### Believed to Be Headed for California and Police of State Are Notified

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PITTSBURG, Pa., March 2.—The authorities of Fayette county, Pa., today mailed to the chief of police of every city and large town in California a picture and full description of B. Frank Smith, a rich farmer from near Uniontown, Pa., who, Sunday night, killed his aged father and later his brother in law with a rifle and made his escape.

Monday and Tuesday Smith was chased through the mountains back of Uniontown by 40 armed deputy sheriffs, but he managed to elude them, and some information at hand is thought to be on his way to California, where he had long talked of going. It is now known that Smith drew \$3,000 from a Uniontown bank before killing his father, David Smith, and his brother in law, Evan Moser.

Smith had heard that his father, who was 63 years old, intended to remarry, and lay in wait for him Sunday night as he was returning from church and shot him to death. He killed his brother in law in the latter's bedroom.

### SAN JOSE CAR COMPANY TIGHTENS PURSE STRINGS

## Refuses to Sell Commutation Tickets; War Threatened

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN JOSE, March 2.—The residents of the southern end of the city are ready for war on the new local railroad trust known as the San Jose Railroads as a result of the canceling of the privilege of buying streetcar fare tickets in \$1 lots of 26 each.

Up to a few weeks ago, when the consolidation was effected, these tickets were sold on the First street road, although they have not been used on Santa Clara street in some months. With the combination has come the decision to sell no more tickets, and many a nickel that has been going into the savings of regular patrons of the line will be transferred into the coffers of the company.

The public at first viewed with delight the Hanchett street railway combination, believing a transfer system would come, but this, too, is denied, not even a promise of such a compromise being given by the officials of the company. Many persons who heretofore used the cars in going to and from the business center are now walking as a protest against the company's policy.

Asti Colony Tipo was the only red wine served at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles last week. Order it from your grocer.

"We have taken occasion in the past to point out the obvious error in Doctor Gassaway's opinion and to state what we believed to be at least the original and hitherto prevailing purpose, namely, that the marine hospital was established to guard the care of disabled seamen the care needed and to which they are entitled as a matter of obligation on the part of the ship owners and of the public and the nature of their call, which precludes the possibility of their making provision against emergencies such as may be made by land workers.

### Tax Is Repealed

"Briefly the general understanding among seamen, public men and the people at large, is that the hospital service is maintained as a matter of public duty to the seafaring class and that there is no element of charity involved in its establishment or management. The fact is, that at the time of its establishment and for many years thereafter the service was maintained by a tax levied on the wages of the seamen. In recent years the tax was repealed because of the recognition by the people of the nation of its injustice. Since that time the service has been maintained at public expense as a matter of sacred duty to the seafaring class.

"When a man of high rank in the service so misconstrues his position and mismanages a sacred trust, as Doctor Gassaway undoubtedly has, it is time for the public to call for an account of his stewardship. The demand for a full investigation will be pressed with every resource at the command of the sailors' unions and maritime organizations."

### VANDERBILT OFF FOR THE RACES

NEW YORK, March 2.—William K. Vanderbilt was a passenger on the Mauretania, sailing today. He will be in France for the opening of the racing season there on March 15. For five successive seasons he has headed the list of winning owners in France.

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# "GOOD FEE" IN IT FOR THE SENATOR

## Now Jefferson Davis Wants His Testimony Before House Committee Corrected

### Member of Federal Senate Advocates Passage of Bill for Benefit of Client

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas failed today to have stricken from the records of the house committee on public lands a statement he made before the committee several days ago when he appeared to advocate a bill introduced by Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, quieting title to about 100,000 acres of swamp lands in the eastern part of Arkansas known as "sunk lands."

Senator Davis' statement indicated that he was to receive a fee for his services as attorney for the St. Francis levee board in the litigation over the lands. The lands in dispute are claimed in part by the United States, the St. Francis levee board and private individuals.

It had been admitted by Senator Davis that he was the attorney for the St. Francis levee board of the state of Arkansas, which claimed title to the lands under a state grant, and for which he brought suit against a number of persons who had cut timber on the lands. The land was sold in many cases, it is said, for \$1.50 an acre, but the standing timber was reported to be worth from \$10 to \$25 per acre.

On his first appearance before the committee the record showed that Senator Davis made the following statement: "We could not prove our title. I confess that there is just that much of selfishness in it, to me, can recover the price of that timber. I do not care to whom it goes, the state of Arkansas or the St. Francis levee board, but I would rather it should go to the St. Francis levee board, because that is just my fight."

In correcting his testimony Senator Davis struck out the words, "because there is a good fee if I can recover the price of that timber," and substituting for them the following: "Because I am the attorney for the St. Francis levee board for the recovery of this timber."

Senator Davis tonight gave out a formal statement in which he denounced as "absolutely false and without foundation," the report that he was to get a fee in the event of the passage of the bill.

He declared that the bill was just and was intended merely to quiet the title to certain lands bought by friends of his in Forest City from the St. Francis board, the purchases having been made on the strength of opinions rendered by former secretaries of the interior, Hoke Smith and Hitchcock.

# MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK IS AUTHORIZED

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, March 2.—The comptroller of the currency today issued certificates authorizing the Mercantile national bank of San Francisco to begin business with capital of \$2,000,000. Henry T. Scott is president, John D. McKee vice president and cashier, W. F. Berry and O. Ellinhouse are assistant cashiers.

# HAMMOND'S HAND IN HETCH HETCHY

## Millionaire Mining Man Wants Some of City's Money for His Holdings

### Is Willing to Let San Francisco In for a Million Dollars

Continued from Page One rancho that will form the most valuable asset of the newly created City and Suburban realty company. In discussing his real estate holdings recently Bourn said that the Lake Merced ranch offered villa site possibilities unsurpassed in any part of the United States. He asserted that he could cut up the property so as to offer home sites as attractive as those of Tuxedo, near New York.

The property is not at the present time connected with the city by the necessary rail lines, but this feature is to be cared for. It is generally understood that Twin peaks will be bored and Market street cars run straight through to the Spring Valley tract. This would give Bourn the opportunity to place a large section of the ranch on the market for home sites.

Bourn has been greatly encouraged by the attitude of Mayor McCarthy and he feels that he will be able to get more for his property by selling only the water sheds to the city and retaining the realty for himself and his associates.

# PLOT TO BURN HOTEL STABLES DISCOVERED

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN MATEO, March 2.—A plot to burn the stable of the Vandome hotel, San Mateo, was discovered this morning. Bart Sheehan, proprietor of the hotel, went to the stable early this morning and found that piles of straw and combustibles had been saturated with oil. Sheehan has a team of valuable trotters which he keeps in the stable. There is no clew to the identity of the miscreant.

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