

NAVAL ENSIGNS FLEE FROM TRIAL IN PACIFIC COURT

Two of Them From Cruiser Colorado, Playing Giddily Under Bright Lights of Barbary Coast, Run Short of Cash, Brandish Guns and Placed Under Arrest

RELEASED ON BAIL, LEAVE ON WARSHIPS

Judge Shortall Issues Bench Warrant, Placing Bonds of Each at \$1,000, and Service May Be Made at San Diego; Court Martial Probably Will Be Result

Somewhere out beyond the Golden Gate, with its puzhachons nose plowing toward San Diego, is the United States cruiser Colorado, swiftly bearing two youthful officers of its personnel away from the meshes of the San Francisco police and the tribulations of civil justice. The men are Ensigns Rhodes H. Hawkins and Carroll B. Byrne. Both are known as social lions, they are connected with prominent families and both are wanted badly by Police Judge E. P. Shortall, one on a charge of exhibiting a deadly weapon and the other for carrying concealed weapons.

It was shortly after midnight yesterday morning that the two officers became the center of attraction in Pacific street. They were seeing the sights and toying with the attractions offered in that particular section about that time of night. Into a brilliantly lighted cafe the two naval officers went. They scattered their cash freely, until they suddenly made the discovery that money was becoming scarce. They were also informed by a waiter that they had become debtors to the house for a considerable amount.

WIELDS WICKED LOOKING GUN
Byrne collected his wits and set them to working. He pulled from his pocket a shiny, black automatic revolver and with it, according to the police, he threatened the waiter and other diners. Hawkins looked on in approval, but left his weapon in his holster.

The waiter had nerve. He started to grapple with the ensign, who found himself on the sidewalk during the scuffle which followed. The ensign fled from the waiter and pointed his wicked looking gun in various directions. The crowd scattered and fled loudly for the police.

ARE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
Policemen Drolette and Ogden answered the summons. Both of Uncle Sam's officers, who were dressed in the latest mode, were placed under arrest and were taken to the central station, where charges were preferred against them. Their combined capital amounted to about \$1. Friends, whose names were not learned, came to their rescue and bailed them out for \$50 each.

When Judge Shortall called court yesterday morning the men failed to answer to their names. The policemen and the waiter and a dozen other civilians were on hand to testify that the conduct of Hawkins and Byrne was far from becoming.

BENCH WARRANT ISSUED
Judge Shortall issued a bench warrant for their arrest, and set their bonds at \$1,000 with \$300 cash bail for each.

Meanwhile the two ensigns hastened back to their ship, which had been scheduled to sail at 9 o'clock in the morning. Unfavorable conditions prevailed and the Colorado failed to lift anchor until nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The bench warrants remained at the hall of justice while the quarry flew.

It is probable that the warrants will be served on the two officers on their arrival at San Diego, and they will be brought back to this city for trial.

COURT MARTIAL IS PROBABLE
Hawkins and Byrne were graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis with the class of 1912. They were classmates and both stood high in their studies. Hawkins was appointed from Missouri and Byrne from South Dakota.

Captain C. F. Pond, commandant of the twelfth naval district, said yesterday that he regretted the affair simply because of its reflection on the service. He said that the misdeeds of the officers would not be overlooked by the navy department.

It is expected that the investigation, which will probably result in a court martial for the men.

**SHIPPERS DON'T LIKE
NEW SYSTEM OF RATES**

Traffic Managers of Forty Lines Try to "Iron Out" Differences at Meeting in Chicago

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—In an effort to "iron out" differences of opinion between railroads and shippers over the new system of freight rates, proposed by the carriers from the east to the "intermountain" and coast cities of the west, representatives of both sides met this afternoon in the rooms of the Trans-Continental Freight Bureau.

A number of shippers' organizations from Denver, Kansas City, St. Paul, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia and other cities, Pacific coast representatives of practically every big railroad system in the United States and officials of the United States Steel corporation, the American Tin Plate company, Armour & Company and almost all the large packing companies and important shipping concerns were in the number attending the conference.

The traffic managers of 40 railroads interested will hear the arguments and testimony of the representatives of each shipper in turn as to why the trans-continental rates affecting the shippers particular commodity are deemed exorbitant.

LANE HEADS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Commissioner Franklin K. Lane of California was elected today by the interstate commerce commission to serve as its chairman for the year beginning January 15. He succeeds Commissioner Charles A. Tamm, who has been a member of the commission since 1905.

"Daring Doc" Recalled Surgeon Was in Ranks

Dr. William M. Beck, who performed remarkable operation on himself, known to California boys in Philippines as "Daring Doc."



ODD DISCOVERY MADE BY OWNER OF OLD PROPERTY

Part of California's Chronology Revealed by Reading Musty Documents

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After Charles James King's death his widow determined to dispose of the library, which she did, and after many vicissitudes, it has come into the possession of H. Taylor Curtis.

It has been rumored that the remaining children of the pioneer editor, among whom is Mrs. Russell Wilson of Berkeley, are greatly interested over the sale of their father's personal papers and books, which, they claim, was done without their knowledge, and an effort will be made to restore them to the keeping of the family.

HAYES DESIRES TO AID ACTORS

Introduces Bill in House Waiving Immigration Contract Law for Theater Folk

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Actors and actresses from abroad will be allowed to enter the United States without hindrance if the bill introduced in congress today by Representative Hayes of California becomes a law.

The measure proposes to change the immigration laws of the United States so as to waive the contract law in so far as it applies to the class named. Representative Hayes would provide the same exceptions for musicians, lecturers, singers, ministers of any religious denomination, college professors and persons belonging to any recognized learned profession.

BENTLEY RANCH BOUGHT

Michael Horan of Vallejo Acquires Rich Sonoma County Tract

VALLEJO, Jan. 8.—Through Real Estate Agent Hughes of San Francisco one of the biggest realty deals of the new year was made today when Michael Horan, the local wood and coal merchant, bought the famous Bentley ranch in Sonoma county.

The ranch comprises about 460 acres of the richest land in Sonoma county and is located at Buckle or Wingo station, the first stop after crossing the Santa Rosa drawbridge on the Santa Rosa railroad line. The place is highly improved and has one of the finest dairies in the state on it.

The purchase price is said to be \$35,000. Horan has in view further improvements which will increase the value of the place to \$50,000.

OBSTACLE RACE PLANNED

Skaters Will Have Great Sport at Coliseum Rink

The Coliseum will conduct an obstacle race Sunday night. The management of the rink endeavors to brighten up the hours of the long winter evenings.

Every Friday the patrons are provided with a special form of amusement and this week special songs and music will be the feature. The professional tournament will occur early in February.

CHINESE SHOOT INFANT

Baby Son of Methodist Missionary Killed by Peking Robbers

PEKING, Jan. 8.—Chinese robbers shot and killed today John, the infant son of the Rev. R. O. Jolliffe of the Canadian Methodist mission. A party of missionaries were returning by boat to the town of Tientsin when they were attacked by the robbers between Chengtu and Chungkin in the province of Sze-Chuen. One of the robbers was captured, but the rest took to flight.

NATIONAL LIFE'S OFFICERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The following officers were elected by the National Life Association of America: President, General Charles G. Galt, Baltimore, Md.; vice presidents, General Elliot C. Dill, Portland, Me.; Colonel S. W. Brookhart, Washington, D. C.; and Major Carl T. Hayden, Phoenix, Ariz.; treasurer, Colonel H. G. Catrow, Dayton, O.; secretary, Lieutenant Albert S. Jones, Washington.

Beck of the Volunteers Performs Operation On Himself

The remarkable operation performed upon himself by Dr. William M. Beck while at his home in Clarkfield, Minn., as told in a dispatch in The Call yesterday, will recall to the members of the famous First California regiment this surgeon's daring while fighting for his country in the Philippines.

Doctor Beck, who had been suffering with a growth which threatened to destroy his jawbone, calmly stood before a mirror at his home in the east the other day and performed the difficult task of operating upon himself. He made an incision just below his left jaw, cut away the flesh from the point of the chin, and then to the left ear, then scraped the bone and sewed up the wound.

It was a favorite pastime of Doctor Beck while in the islands during the dull moments of the campaign to walk around the camp with a large snake about his shoulders. He seemed to possess no fear for the reptile and rather enjoyed the danger. Another favorite recreation of his was to steal out past the line of pickets during a bivouac and engage the enemy by himself in a target battle. He was one of the best sharpshooters in the islands.

As a private of Company I, Thirtieth Minnesota volunteers, Doctor Beck distinguished himself on more than one occasion. In the ranks Doctor Beck would often give medical aid to the wounded during the fighting, risking his life to perform the work. He came a great deal of contact with the men. Among the California troops he was referred to as "Daring Doc."

GIGANTIC TRANSFER OF MERCED FARMING LANDS

Sixty-Six Thousand Acres Are Sold to Edward W. Howard, Cattle King, at a Handsome Price

That California real estate asserts its importance in the New Year's transactions, is witnessed in the gigantic transfer of yesterday, whereby Edward W. Howard, known more intimately as "Ted," became the owner of the Chow-chia ranch. This tract is located near Merced and its confines embrace 66,000 acres. The purchase price is kept secret but is estimated to be several millions. The adaptability of the soil renders this land suitable for both grazing, irrigation and subdivision and it is the purpose of Howard and his associates to turn in available cattle and later to stock the land for alfalfa.

The ranch will supply the stock grazing on the Howard estate lands. Recently the estate imported two carloads of pedigreed stock and these will be turned out to the new and fresh pasture.

Edward W. Howard is one of the cattle kings of the Pacific slope. Aside from his business as a ranchman, the Howard estate, he has taken an active interest in the general affairs of the coast, particularly with reference to the exposition. This he has written about in all the leading journals of the country, and never fails to brand the "1915" on any occasion.

Under Governor Pardee Howard received his first political appointment as member of the State Agricultural society. He was reappointed by Governor Gillett, and still holds the office. He is also president of the California Livestock Association.

Recently accepted an invitation to become a director of the Panama-Pacific exposition, in charge of exhibits of livestock.

BAY CITIES MERCHANTS WILL CONSIDER CANAL

Conference to Be Held in San Francisco With Reference to Panama Commerce

OAKLAND, Jan. 8.—President A. G. Taft, Secretary Wilbur W. Wood and Theodore Gier were appointed at a meeting of the Merchants' exchange to represent the body at a conference of bay cities commercial bodies on the opening of the Panama canal.

The conference will take place Thursday evening, January 23, at the headquarters of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Among the things to be considered will be publicity and advertising of the bay region, the promotion of immigration and location of immigrant, and the location of industries and factories.

A committee of three was appointed by the exchange to confer with the Oakland Traction company and the Oakland Antioch and Eastern for the proposed extension of the Antioch lines to the center of Oakland, from Fortieth street and Broadway, instead of out the Key Route pier, as is planned.

The body also will act immediately to urge the extension of the salt water high pressure system from Fourteenth and Broadway and Telegraph avenue to Twenty-second street.

MARINE CORPS CAPTAIN IN DOMESTIC TANGLE

Ernest E. West, After Chasing His Runaway Wife From Mare Island to Atlanta, Is Arrested

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—After chasing his runaway wife from Mare Island to Atlanta, Captain Ernest E. West, U. S. marine corps, was arrested here today on a peace warrant sworn out by Mrs. West's father. Captain West alleged that Mrs. West deserted him while he was stationed at Mare Island, taking with her their 8-year-old son. West today went to the home of his wife's father, where she is stopping, and demanded admittance, but was refused. It is alleged that West made threats against his wife and her father as he left. He then sued out a writ of habeas corpus against his wife in an effort to get the boy, and just as this writ was about to be served he was arrested.

DR. A. W. HOISOLT SELECTED

NAPA, Jan. 8.—At a meeting of the board of managers of the Napa state hospital tonight Dr. A. W. Hoisolt was selected to succeed Dr. E. Osbourne of Santa Clara county, who has been superintendent for the last eight months. Doctor Hoisolt has been for the last 15 years first assistant physician of the Stockton state hospital.

PROFESSOR BAKER IS INJURED

SAN JOSE, Jan. 8.—Prof. W. E. Baker, head of the department of mathematics of the San Jose state normal school, was run down by an automobile driven by M. R. Cavanaugh at noon today and broke his leg. Baker recently lost a son by drowning from a duck boat off Alameda.

Pursues Husband After Chase

After several months she captured him making him discard his shabby apparel, showing him how easy it is to dress on the "California" \$1 a week credit plan. 59 Stockton st., upstairs, advt.

66,000 ACRES IN THE EAST NINETEEN THOUSAND ACRES OF IRRIGABLE SOLANO COUNTY PROPERTY ARE SOLD FOR \$10,000,000

TRANSACTION MEANS MUCH FOR SECTION

Many Prominent Local Capitalists Have Interest in New Company

One of the largest irrigated land deals recorded in the state in many years was announced yesterday by A. J. Rich & Co. It embraces 90,000 acres in southern Solano county and the amount involved is \$10,000,000.

The deal had been in progress six months and a complete record of the character of the soils and their proper utilization has been placed in the hands of the stock holders.

It will be the purpose of the company (known as the Solano Irrigated Farms, Inc., of California) to irrigate the lands, provide transportation and to subdivide into sections for the invitation of the small farmer.

The general area governed by the project presents a broad expanse of more or less level, gently sloping country, close to the confluence of the main drainage courses of California's two great valleys.

Until recently this territory had been devoted almost entirely to grain production, and following this, after the decline in the price of wheat, large areas were given over entirely to sheep pasturing.

POSSIBILITIES UNDEVELOPED

The latent possibilities of this country have been developed only in a comparatively few isolated spots along the railroad or river islands. Many persons have traveled this district to and from San Francisco and the great interior valley points over the railroad with the thought of the area, practically at the gateway to the bay region from the interior and eastern points.

Heretofore the main obstacle in the way of development of this region has been the lack of adequate water supply for irrigation purposes. But this question has been solved and ample water assured.

From his headquarters in the heart of Solano county, lying north of the Montezuma hills, which may be said to form the southern boundary of the area, bounded by the towns of Elmira and Dixon on the north, Sulison on the west and Rio Vista and the Sacramento river on the east.

WATER AND TRANSPORTATION

In the matter of water and railway transportation the tract is exceptionally well provided for. Four steamers launch each way and a daily passenger launch between Sacramento, the river island points and the town of Antioch, Contra Costa county, provide ample service for the present traffic, and doubtfully will be increased as development warrants. These, with the river steamers and barges, give the eastern shore and considerably cheaper means of shipping products to the city market than by railroad.

In the development of this area from the river westward opportunity will be had for developing other freight shipping points close to the newly developed lands by dredging and widening present sloughs.

Three towns are within or border this territory, and it is planned to locate a new city at some point on the line of the Oakland and Antioch, which cuts practically through the middle of the area, and which, with the Key Route connections, will place San Francisco, Berkeley, Alameda and Oakland and all the bay region about an hour and a half away, with a frequent train service.

CORPORATION WILL BUILD

This city, of course, will be built directly under the supervision of the corporation, and will be practically equidistant between the three cities at present. The new city will be built on all roads are adapted for automobiles, and it is expected that the new California state \$18,000,000 highway will follow the route of the Oakland and Antioch from Sacramento to Oakland and San Francisco.

The corporation will own at least 400 acres of gravel beds, insuring close to the Pacific coast automobile road. A. J. Rich & Co., summarizing the features of the project, say: "Its location, climate and topography naturally are ideal for subdivision purposes, its proximity to large centers of population and the present remarkable and unlooked for development in electric railroad construction by several different lines, tapping the very center of the area, absolutely and completely discards any chance an enterprise of this character may ordinarily have."

LAND VERY FERTILE

"The land for so large a body is extraordinary in its percentage of fertile soil, and the water supply, with its quality and quantity, can not possibly be excelled."

"This enterprise recommends itself with every natural advantage, and has in addition every artificial advantage in its favor. Besides this, it will have the benefit of all the activity, development and growth occasioned by the opening of the Panama canal in 1914 and the world's fair in 1915."

The stock holders of the company are: A. San Francisco agent of the well known New York engineering firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis; Symmes & Means, agricultural engineers of this city; John B. Parish, a native of San Francisco and now well known internationally as a mining engineer of New York; George T. Cameron of the Standard Cement companies, Thornwell Mullaly of the United Railroads, Paul S. Foster; J. C. Kirkpatrick, manager of the Palace and Palmist cars; Cook of the reclamation commission of this state and one of the large farmers of California; Patrick C. Calhoun of the United Railroads; David Rich of New York; A. J. Rich, M. H. de Young and J. H. Peterson, president of the Dixon bank.

MALE SEALS BEWARE

President Taft Recommends Repeal of Protective Act

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Taft, in a special message to congress today, recommended the repeal of the act of congress which prohibited for five years the killing of fur seals on the Pribilof islands, passed more than a year ago. Investigation, the president said, showed a remarkable increase in the size of the herd in one season and proved conclusively that only the female seals and the bull seals need protection, and that thousands of "bachelor" seals can be killed each year without reducing the herd.

Dark Suns Given Animation Bombarded by Great Masses

Wandering Planets in Infinite Space, Revived by Meteors, Burn Temporarily

WHEN SIEGES CEASE REPRESSION FOLLOWS

Incandescence Stops After Friction of Battery Comes to an End

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worlds—taking place in the reaches of stellar space.

For he holds that the new stars are in reality tremendously old stars, immense and dark, or at least so faintly luminous as to be ordinarily invisible to the most powerful lenses man has devised.

COLLIDE WITH METEORITES

Coursing through space, these bleak bodies occasionally encounter in their orbits clusters of celestial particles, meteorites, perhaps, drifting in space and too small ever to be visible to the earth.

When the dark star enters this zone of "resisting media" the cosmic conflict occurs. Impelled by gravitation, these myriad particles beat against the dead sun until from the sheer force of the bombardment the huge black body is made luminous, the friction causing it to glow and send its rays out through space. So a new star appears in the firmament.

When it has passed the resisting media and the siege has ceased the star seems to recede from view. Its incandescence pales, and it appears in the sky for a while as an ordinary faintly luminous star until it vanishes at last entirely. Such is Doctor Campbell's theory.

BASED ON OBSERVATION

It is based on actual observations under exceptional conditions. In the last two years new stars have appeared in three constellations—Sagittarius, Lacerta and Gemini. Many observations and photographs have been taken, much of this laborious work being performed by members of the Lick observatory staff—Dr. Heber D. Curtis, R. W. Tucker, C. P. Olivier, Carnegie assistant, and W. H. Wright.

"The main purpose of new star investigation, of course," says Doctor Campbell, "is to determine why and how these objects, more or less brilliant, should appear with startling suddenness at points where no stars had previously been observed."

"Because the material afforded by the photographic plate and of the watchfulness of variable star observers, the number of new stars detected in the last two decades is in excess of the number observed and recorded in the previous history of astronomy. Some of the new stars have been remarkable for the rapidity with which they brightened and faded. In one case the brilliancy increased fully 10,000 fold in the course of three days."

PHENOMENA DISTINCT

"The strong resemblance in the spectra of all recent new stars led to the conclusion that in them we are studying a distinct phenomenon, which are the results of general or at least widely prevailing causes."

"The accumulated evidence lends greater weight to the theory that the materials composing a new star previously existed in a dark or invisible state, or as a very faint star, and that incandescence has been the result of the rushing of the dark body through a cloud of resisting particles."

"The collisions between the dark body and the resisting medium appear to produce disturbances, or transformations of the dark materials into incandescent materials, which are, so to speak, but skin deep. A complicated spectrum of light and dark lines is observed early in the history of each apparition, giving way in the course of a few weeks or months to the spectrum of a faint nebula, and this nebular spectrum, in turn, so far as the faintest of the bodies has permitted us to carry the observations, appears to be transformed later into the spectrum of an ordinary faint star."

NEW STARS OLD STARS

"Photographs secured before the appearance of new stars are in no case sufficient to justify the statement that the new stars did not exist previously or as very faint stars of ordinary character. It is not improbable that the 'new stars' are in reality faint ordinary stars whose luminosity has been tremendously increased by virtue of their rushing through resisting media; and they would seem to return rapidly to their previous state following the termination of bombardments by the resisting particles."

Doctor Campbell announced a revolutionary discovery to modern astronomy recently, when delivering the celebrated Silliman lectures at Yale university, this being his proof that the oldest stars in the heavens move fastest on their orbits, and that the velocities of stars increase as their age increases. The Silliman lectures are now published by Yale and have been commented on before the royal societies of Europe.

RECEIVES MANY HONORS

Because of this achievement he was elected foreign member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Upsala, Sweden, and fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at Boston. He belongs to all of the foremost scientific societies of this country and Europe, including the Society of Italian Spectroscopists, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Astronomische Gesellschaft of Berlin, the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, and he is

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WOMEN WORKERS JOIN IN STRIKE

Kimono Makers, 10,000 in All, Quit, Closing Hundred Shops

Members of Other Branches to Join, Paralyzing Great Industry

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—With violent outbreaks at half a dozen places today marking the progress of the garment makers' strike, the needle industry was further shaken by an independent strike of 10,000 wrapper and kimono workers, nearly all women.

Workers in other branches of the trade are said to be voting heavily in favor of a strike, and by the end of the week the greatest strike in the history of the clothing trade is expected to be in force, paralyzing all branches of the industry.

The strike of the wrapper and kimono workers closed hundreds of shops in Manhattan and many more in Williamsburg and Brownsville. The workers belong to the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The strikers are well organized, and when they walked out today at once sent hundreds of pickets to other shops to call out the men and women still at work.

The worst riot occurred when more than 400 strikers, mostly women, stormed a big clothing establishment in University place, where 600 hands still remained loyal.

They hoisted and jeered at the workers for a while and then made a rush for the front entrance, led by a woman with flowing raven locks. Police reserves succeeded in fighting back the strike rioters. Several arrests were made, but the woman ringleader escaped.

OLD FOLKS GRAB PICTURE

Owner Followed to Los Angeles by Pair in Love With Painting

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—Enamored of a painting which they knew she possessed, two elderly people, a man and a woman, followed Mrs. W. H. Robinson to this city from San Francisco last night and, on arrival, took the first opportunity to steal it. Mrs. Robinson told the police today that the pair snatched the painting, which is valued at \$3,000, from her hands, after they had asked to see it, and fled in a taxicab.

CARPENTER IS MISSING

HAWAII, Jan. 8.—Peter Hopkins, a carpenter, is missing, and his friends are alarmed lest some harm may have befallen him. He was employed at the Zelle place, two miles from here. He lived at his house at Silas King street, and, so far as is known, his affairs were in good order.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT IS ILL

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 8.—An official bulletin today says that the duchess of Connaught, wife of the governor general of Canada, is suffering from a recurrence of peritonitis, and it has been deemed advisable to remove her to the Royal Victoria hospital at Montreal.

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