

ARTILLERY RIDGES TORREON

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—Torreón was bombarded for eight hours Friday by the rebels, according to advices received here today. Machine guns, stationed in the hills, rained shells into the city, killing 90 federal soldiers and wounding scores.

BRITISH MARINES LANDED
By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Russell Hastings Millward, an explorer associated with various foreign enterprises in Central America, has announced that he received a telegram stating that the British cruiser Hermlene had landed marines on the border between British Honduras and Mexico. Millward said that the fugitive governor of Huerta of the state of Campeche was believed to be in British Honduras organizing a Mexican rebel filibustering expedition.

JAPAN AIDS HUERTA
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—The Mexican minister at Tokyo reports that more than 50 Japanese army officers are willing to join the Mexican army. No answer has been made to the offer so far.

It is also learned that General Ojeda, commander at Guaymas, received cannons and machine guns from Japan for use in the Sonora campaign. How these supplies were landed is not known.

\$500,000 FOR TERRAZA
EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Fearing his son would die of slowly administered poison, General Luis Terraza recently notified Villa to dispatch a representative to discuss terms for the release of Luis Jr.

False C. O. D. Package Delivery Nets \$20

Two attempts were made last night to work the fake delivery box game and one was successful. C. F. Baker, telephone operator at the Empire Court apartment, 850 Leavenworth street, received a telephone message that a package was to be sent to Mr. Rennie, one of the tenants, and that it would be all right to pay \$19 as C. O. D. charges.

Later a messenger boy brought the package and Baker gave him \$20, telling him to bring back the change. The boy did not return. The package proved to be a cigarette box filled with tacks.

The same man tried to work a similar trick on the bellboy at the Union Square hotel. He sent William Quinn, a 15 year old boy living at 182 Coltingwood street, to deliver a package to Dr. Burroughs and collect \$10 charges. The bellboy became suspicious and opened the package. He found tacks in it. He grabbed Quinn, but the boy said he would show him the stranger, but when they arrived on the street the bunkman had fled.

Jealous Man or Thief; Who Killed McKenna?

The police say jealousy was the motive for the murder of Charles McKenna, whose body was found on the Southern Pacific tracks in Division street, but this theory is scouted by his relatives.

McKenna was robbed, they say, and his body was partially stripped in an effort to take away his clothes, that identification might be more difficult.

McKenna spent Thursday evening at the home of his brother, George McKenna, 1244 Seventeenth avenue. He left there with another brother, John B. McKenna, at 10 o'clock. They went down town and parted an hour later.

McKenna, according to his relatives, was to have taken the train for Santa Clara, where he lived.

Man and Woman Near Death From Gas Fumes

A man and a woman were overcome by gas early today and discovered barely in time to save their lives.

Ada Lloyd and Peter Catto, both aged 25, taken from a flat at 281 Fourteenth street, were resuscitated with difficulty at the central emergency hospital.

The couple had gone to the theater together. Returning they played cards, meanwhile lighting a leaky gas heater. They failed to turn it off entirely.

Scent Plot in Death Of Man Found on Rails

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 27.—Circumstances surrounding the death of Frank Hudson, a San Francisco waiter, whose body was found on the railroad track at Manzanita Thursday night are being investigated by Coroner Sawyer and Constable Cramer. Cramer thinks the man was murdered and thrown on the rails. Hudson's coat, vest, collar and tie were found 100 yards from the track and were blood stained.

BIG FUND FOR WELLESLEY

By Associated Press.
WELLESLEY, Mass., Dec. 27.—Miss Ellen Fitz Pendleton, president of Wellesley college, started today for the Pacific coast to seek assistance among western graduates toward raising a \$1,000,000 endowment fund. President Pendleton will visit Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver and Omaha.

BATTLES WITH THUGS

Jerry Donovan, 1122 Carolina street, was held up by two men early today at Twenty-third and Caroline street and robbed of a \$20 goldpiece. Donovan fought with one of the men and knocked his hat off. The thugs escaped and Donovan brought the highwayman's hat to the police headquarters.

RUSSIAN GENERAL DIES

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—General Nicholas Ivanovich Grodekoff, once Russian military commander-in-chief in the far East, who assisted General Skobelev in the conquest of Turkestan, died today.

"TROUBLE" AND "CARE" WILL BE BURNED IN SAN MATEO TONIGHT

Mrs. C. B. Sealy, who prepared costumes for carnival, and Assistant Postmaster Horace W. Amphlett posing in the character of "Trouble."



Riot of Festivity in Street Carnival Promised; City Turned Over to Fun Makers of Peninsula

Trouble and dull care will be burned at the stake tonight in San Mateo, when the citizens of that town celebrate a year of big achievement and progress. They are ready for the most brilliant festival the peninsula has yet seen, say the leaders. Clubwomen, society folk, pretty girls and members of the Bachelors' club of San Mateo are going to take active part in the carnival, and the streets will be turned over to the funmakers. The plans have been in charge of the San Mateo Women's club.

BEGGARS MULCT 'EASY' RICH MAN

Andrew B. Hammond, millionaire president of the Hammond Lumber company, is, in a quiet way, a philanthropist. But he is not a "mark." For two weeks there has been a steady stream of hard luck stories in his offices on the ninth floor of the Newhall building. Hammond, full of holiday cheer, has given out as high as \$100 a day, it is said. But today he is giving nothing. Hammond started modestly. He had a few appeals. He gave 50 cents to each ordinary case, when assured that the recipient had tried, but could not get work. Then his visitors increased. Suspicious at last, Hammond got the assistance of Detective Ed Wren. Wren followed the most harrowing case of the day. This is how Hammond's 50 cents was divided: One shine, 10 cents. Four drinks, 40 cents. Wren reported back to Hammond. Now there's a bar on the door.

252,000 Leave Italy For America in Year

By Associated Press.
ROME, Dec. 27.—Emigration from Italy is increasing at an alarming extent. In the first nine months of the present year, 252,000 more persons left Italy than in the corresponding period of 1912. The official figures as announced today give the number of emigrants as 23,235 of whom 23,000 went to the United States, as against 198,106 who left for that country in 1912.

Secret Wedding of Clubman Announced

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—Ralph C. McCormick, clubman and attorney, was secretly married in this city August 27 to Miss Georgia Freitas of North Third street. A number of friends have just received announcements of his wedding.

NOTED AUTHOR DIES

By Associated Press.
BROOKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 27.—Dr. Henry J. Morgan, an authority on Canadian biography and the author of "Canadian Men and Women of the Time" and numerous works dealing with Canadian history, died at his home here today of heart failure. He was born in Quebec city in 1842.

U. S. AND STATE TO AID MINERS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Lane announced today that the interior department would co-operate with the state of California in the work of conserving life and property endangered through accidents in Newhall building. Hammond, full of holiday cheer, has given out as high as \$100 a day, it is said. But today he is giving nothing. Hammond started modestly. He had a few appeals. He gave 50 cents to each ordinary case, when assured that the recipient had tried, but could not get work. Then his visitors increased. Suspicious at last, Hammond got the assistance of Detective Ed Wren. Wren followed the most harrowing case of the day. This is how Hammond's 50 cents was divided: One shine, 10 cents. Four drinks, 40 cents. Wren reported back to Hammond. Now there's a bar on the door.

Pirates Steal Tug, Barge And Cars; \$50,000 Loot

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Four men are in jail in Hoboken today in connection with the greatest river pirate coup ever reported in New York harbor. It is alleged that on Christmas night they commandeered a tug valued at \$40,000 and with it towed out into the bay a New York Central railroad boat with 24 cars loaded with merchandise valued at \$100,000, broached the cars and made their escape with silks, dress goods, clothing and miscellaneous goods of an estimated value of \$50,000.

Stork to Pay Visit To Daughter of Kaiser

BEHLIN, Dec. 27.—The Duchess of Brunswick, the Kaiser's only daughter, who was married last May, is expecting a visit from the stork in the spring. The Kaiserin will go to Brunswick at the end of February to be with her daughter.

RICH VISITOR DISAPPEARS; FOUL PLAY?

Mysterious Stranger Drops From Sight; Had \$1,000 When Last Seen

The police were baffled today by the disappearance of a refined and well dressed visitor to San Francisco, apparently a retired business man, who had \$1,000 when he dropped from sight a week ago.

His name is Ashton. No one in San Francisco, apparently, knows his initials or where he came from in the east. His disappearance is as strange as a chapter from "The Arabian Nights."

AWAITED TRUNK FROM EAST

Ten days ago Ashton engaged a room at 322 Cole street. He told the landlady, Mrs. E. V. Sullivan, that he was a stranger, and wanted to be near the park. A trunk, he said, would arrive from the east soon; meanwhile he installed himself with his two suitcases.

In his wallet, Mrs. Sullivan glimpsed three big rolls when he

paid a week's rent in advance. Three days later, on the evening of December 20, Mrs. Sullivan and her husband went out. As they passed his room, Ashton told them he was tired and was going to bed immediately.

When they returned an hour later the lights in his room were burning brightly. Ashton was gone. He had taken only his hat and long, black overcoat.

In the suitcases Detective Manuel de la Guerra found only clothing. One tie gave a possible clue to Ashton's antecedents; on the label was the name of a Missouri town, Monette.

His trunk did not arrive before he disappeared. Search of express and railroad offices today gave no trace of it.

Ashton was a man of charm, according to Mrs. Sullivan, who believes him the victim of foul play. Here is the description of Ashton given the police by Mrs. Sullivan:

Age, about 40.
Tall and slender figure.
Gray hair and mustache.
Dark suit.
Long black overcoat.
Refined manner.

Old Man Killed When Auto Hits Bicycle

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—John Buscher, 73 years old, was run down and killed last evening while cycling along the state highway between Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. The motor car was driven by Vic Poncelet, chauffeur for Mrs. Robert Duncan Jr., wife of a Los Gatos resident. Mrs. Duncan was in the machine at the time and is suffering from nervous prostration.

Motorcycle Officer Agraz investigated the affair. Mrs. Duncan and her chauffeur were brought to the county jail, but were allowed to go without a charge being placed against them.

Destroy Food? Punish 'Em, Says Secy. Houston

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary of Agriculture Houghton says he believes something should be done to people who destroy food products to boost prices.

"Mr. Secretary," asked Representative Taylor of New York, "is there any way of handing a man or group of men who throw a boatload of fish overboard to maintain prices?"

"Something ought to be done to them," replied the secretary.

Montreal Has Water Famine; Pipe Breaks

By Associated Press.
MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—With a private concern supplying half the city's normal demand for water, water carts delivering the supply to hospitals and private citizens carrying pails from fire hydrants on some streets, Montreal is having a forecast of conditions which will probably prevail for 10 days. It is estimated that it will take that time to repair a 50 foot break in the main water supply conduit.

STRAUS BUYS PUCK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Nathan Straus Jr. it was learned today, has purchased Puck, a weekly comic paper. He does not contemplate any changes in organization or policy. Puck was founded in 1876.

WEEPS OVER LOSS OF HER 30 CATS

Oakland Woman, Founder of Feline Home, Is Ordered Out

After years of devotion and self-sacrifice in caring for homeless cats that they might have shelter and food, Emily Bernard, 3226 Louisa street, Oakland, is mourning the loss of her charges, which were banished by the Oakland health office. She was arraigned this morning on a charge of occupying a condemned building before Judge Samueli, who dismissed the case upon her promise to move from the house.

Mrs. Bernard has for years devoted herself to the rescue of stray cats and has always provided them with food and a warm place to sleep. When her house was condemned last week for lacking sewer and water connections 30 cats were occupying couches of newspapers, and she herself occupied a pile of rags in one corner.

The cats will be taken to the pound and killed.

Mrs. Bernard shed tears as she told of her novel asylum.

"Many a time," she continued, "I have gone without milk in my coffee that my cats could have their breakfast. I have always tried to find good homes for them, though I have refused to let them go to some homes because after investigating the people I came to the conclusion that the cats would be better dead."

"Grand Old Man" of British Press Honored

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Representatives of the British and foreign press gathered today at Hall Barn, the country home of Lord Burnham, the "grand old man" of the British press, to present him with an address on the occasion of his eightieth birthday tomorrow. Lord Burnham is still active in his control of the Daily Telegraph.

CALL-POST WILL REPLY TO QUESTIONS

Concerning State Insurance

BECAUSE of the great interest throughout San Francisco and California in the new workmen's compensation, insurance and safety act, commonly known as the workmen's compensation act, and the general desire for enlightenment on various phases of the law, The Call and Post will answer questions through its columns daily on anything relating to the proposition.

Send your written questions to The Call and Post. They will be answered by Colonel Harris Welnsch, Will J. French and A. J. Pillsbury, composing the state industrial accident board, and both employer and employe will have an opportunity to obtain a good idea of what the law is.

The act goes into effect January 1, and its sponsors say it will be one of the greatest legislative benefits ever given to the working men and women of California.

Write your questions plainly and make them concise. Watch the columns of this paper closely, as the question you intended to ask may be reproduced in the query of your neighbor.

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By Associated Press.
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Mr. Keesley would not say what the sum is Mr. Stensland hopes to return to the depositors. It is reported that the amount is considerably more than \$100,000.

Huerta Gunboat Hero In Big Bombardment; Silence 3 Musketeers

The story of an encounter between a Huerta gunboat and a group of rebels at Santa Rosalia, Mexico, was brought to San Francisco this morning by a passenger on the steamer Jason.

Santa Rosalia residents awoke one morning to find that a small, strongly fortified blockhouse near the city was in possession of the rebels.

With visions of a rebel invasion in mind, city officials summoned the gunboat Tampico. The vessel responded under full steam. It opened fire upon the rebel stronghold. Eighty-six three-inch shells were fired from the Tampico.

When the small structure had been demolished the residents of Tampico investigated. Huddled in the ruins of the building were three dead rebels.

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Big Students' Reunion Plan of U. C. Woman

Students from all parts of the world will gather in San Francisco for a mighty reunion in 1915. If the movement planned by Mrs. Bertha Hirsch Baruch of the University of California receives the support anticipated, the scheme will be inaugurated at the seventh annual convention of cosmopolitan clubs, which opened yesterday in Iowa City, Ia.

Nearly every nation of Europe and Asia from which students have come to American universities is represented at the convention, and it is believed that Mrs. Baruch's plan will be received with enthusiasm.

To Be Appropriate to the Season, the Evening Gown Must Have Certain Characteristics

Simplicity Is the Chief Feature and Brilliance Runs a Close Second

How easy it is to write "New were frocks so lovely," and hundred other foolish repetitions advertisements that are as ho with antiquity as Father Time.

How much better it is to tell you that dancing frocks are in profusion in this annual clearance sale, a that they are as distinctive as y would have them—for you are Person of Taste.



For instance, look at this dinner dance gown in lace and bugled and charmesse, with its gorgeous corsage blossom. "Seventy-five dollars," did we hear you say "No, not half that." Come in and get the exact price.

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(1)

ANNUAL SALE OF UNDERMUSLINS

The greatest sale in the history of the department. Remarkable in its combination of beauty, quality and extreme reasonableness of the prices.

There can be no doubt of the fact that this sale will overtop all previous ones in the attractive selections and close value on undermuslins at all prices. Beautiful designs, dainty, durable materials and unprecedented values prevail throughout.

GREAT REDUCTIONS ON ALL FRENCH AND AMERICAN UNDERWEAR

(2)

TENTH ANNUAL SALE OF WHITE GOODS

Table Linens, Towels, Linen Sheetings, Bureau Scarfs, Bed Spreads, Cotton Sheetings, Pillow Cases, and all materials in linen and cotton for household use.

Fancy Linens Handkerchiefs

LACE CURTAINS, BLANKETS and COMFORTERS AT UNUSUAL PRICES

Raphael Weill & Co. Inc.