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PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers

There is some talk at Stockton of closing the postoffice entirely on Sundays.

The City Trustees of Fresno have adopted a resolution instructing the City Marshal to open up the barricaded doors protecting the Chinese lottery and fan-tan dens.

The California Fruit Growers' association of San Francisco purchased a block in that city on which it will commence work in about a month on a large cannery, 200 by 300 feet, that will give employment to about 600 persons during the fruit season.

The San Francisco Call says State Mineralogist A. S. Cooper believes that he has found the key to a chemical problem, the solution of which means more than the finding of several big oil fields. His discovery consists of a process by which a high percentage of illuminating oil, equal to the best, can be produced from California petroleum. Mr. Cooper is not yet ready to give the details of his process, as applications for patents are pending and experiments still going on.

STRANDED FILIPINOS.

Sixteen Members of the Troupe in Trouble at Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO—Immigration Commissioner North has received a telegram from Charles W. Snyder, immigrant inspector at Seattle, stating that sixteen members of the Filipino troupe landed in this city from the transport Leleeanaw last July were stranded in that city and had become a public charge.

The nine members of the troupe at present in this city will be sent back to Manila on the transport Grant.

THE PRESIDENT WILL COME TO THE COAST.

WASHINGTON—President McKinley expressed to Senator Perkins his intention of visiting San Francisco next fall at the time of the launching of the battleship Ohio, now building at the Union Iron Works. He said he was greatly disappointed last summer, when pressure of business prevented him from going further west than Omaha, for he had originally planned to visit the Pacific coast.

He had determined, however, to join the congressional party from Ohio that will journey westward to participate in the christening of the big battleship that will bear the name of the president's state.

CHEAP LIBERTY.

Warden Wilkinson of Folsom Has an Unwelcome Guest.

SAN FRANCISCO—About two years ago J. Bulglieno, an Italian, was convicted in the United States District Court of having counterfeited tools in his possession and was sentenced by Judge De Haven to serve a term of two years in Folsom penitentiary and to pay a nominal fine of \$2.

On November 23 of this year Bulglieno's sentence, or rather the time portion of it, having expired, the prisoner was notified that he would be given his liberty upon the payment of the \$2 fine. This Bulglieno refused to pay, and when Prison Warden Wilkinson requested him to take the pauper's oath, the Italian absolutely declined to do so. He also objected to a proposition to deduct the fine from the \$5 allowed a prisoner on his release from the penitentiary, declining to accept less than that amount and refusing to leave the prison until it was paid. Warden Wilkinson is in a quandry what to do with his unwelcome guest.

LAPP LOST HIS LEGS.

But He Will Be Married Notwithstanding His Misfortune.

PORTLAND, Or.—Lieutenant Chas. Lapp of the South Dakota volunteers, passed through this city on his way to Grangeville, Idaho, where awaits his coming a fair and faithful girl who will become his bride in a few days. With all his scars and disfigurements she is loyal to her soldier lad. Lapp's legs were riddled with bullets in the service in Luzon, and he will have to be married in bed.

Perhaps it was this assurance that accounted for the radiance of his face as the lieutenant talked of getting among friends. He is from San Francisco, where he has been for nearly two months, slowly recovering from the effects of many wounds. Lieutenant is a hero of romance and

the war. He had turned gold finder when the war broke out and was prospecting in Idaho, when he met the Portland girl, who is to become his wife. Learning that the object of his affections preferred a man who wore his country's colors, Lapp set off for his own state, where he promptly enlisted and was sent to the front. In one severe engagement, while leading a charge, the first lieutenant was shot down. Second Lieutenant Lapp, by intrepid action, leaped into the breach and led his company forward. He was shot five times in the legs during that advance, and although the victory was bloody, the rebels were routed. The bullet wounds were in all parts of his legs, and one member is partly paralyzed.

In Manila hospital he lay two months, despairing of life. At length came a transport to carry him to San Francisco, where he arrived with his company. He was unable to continue on the journey, and was left behind.

PACIFIC COAST FARMERS.

Will Be Turned Into Uncle Sam's Sailors.

NEW YORK—The converted cruiser Dixie arrived from Philadelphia having on board 300 landmen from the Mississippi valley, who are to be converted into sailors.

Commander John M. Hawley of the Hartford, which now is at San Francisco, is recruiting farmers from the Pacific slope and will bring them to this port. He is expected here in April. Both ships, with the recruits aboard, will circumnavigate the globe, showing them the sights while teaching them how to follow the sea and manage Uncle Sam's navy.

Since the restoration of peace it has been difficult to get sailors to enlist in the navy. It is thought that the present plan will soon provide all the men required, and also that a better class of men will be obtained for the new battleships Kearsarge, Kentucky, Alabama, New Jersey and other ships which will be placed in commission in the spring.

The Dixie will remain in drydock until after Christmas, when she will go to Norfolk, thence to the West Indies, and later to Europe, probably to France first of all. No other government has ever tried to make sailors out of farmers, and the experiment will be watched with interest by the naval powers of the world.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL.

The Measure Practically Put Together.

WASHINGTON—The Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill, the first of the important supply bills for the government expenses, is practically made up, and the total will amount to about \$71,000,000. The items have already been sent in by the several departments, and these are being put together for the Appropriation Committee to present to the House. Of this amount \$45,157,871 is asked for the war department and \$3,143,740 for the navy. Some of the deficiency items required for the war department are very large, that for transportation, troopships, etc., being \$20,000,000; subsistence, \$3,000,000; pay, etc., of the army, \$15,188,832; quartermaster's supplies, \$1,500,000.

Other amounts are: Temporary employees of the war department, \$150,000; signal service, for apparatus, war balloons, etc., \$165,000; balloon house at Fort Meyer, Va., \$18,500; horses for cavalry and artillery, \$250,000; barracks and quarters, \$1,000,000; clothing, camp and garrison equipage, \$2,000,000; bringing home the remains of officers and soldiers who die abroad, \$100,000; manufacture of arms, \$200,000; ordnance supplies, \$330,000; medical and hospital departments, \$500,000.

The \$15,188,832 already enumerated for pay account includes items of \$3,197,149 for pay of enlisted men, \$4,000,000 travel allowance to enlisted men on discharges; \$11,500,000 clothing allowance on discharges, and \$1,500,000 additional 20 per cent on pay of enlisted men.

The main navy department items are as follows: Ordnance, \$250,000; coal and equipments, \$370,000; preservation and completion of vessels, docks, etc., \$2,500,000; naval academy, electric light plant, \$43,740.

The other departments and bureaus have also urgent deficiency items as follows: Treasury department, \$1,740,000; interior department, \$196,817; library of congress, \$47,650; observation of total eclipse of sun, \$8000.

The State Department at Washington has issued a warrant for the surrender to the Russian government of A. P. Shutland, alias A. F. Klutchinski, who is charged with larceny and false entry in Russia. He was book-keeper in the Wilnae National Bank, and is said to have stolen 12,000 rubles, besides making false entries.

Prof. W. P. Blake, Territorial Geologist of Arizona, reports officially that thus far none of the samples of rock from the Arizona discovery submitted to him for determination as to platinum contents contain that metal.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The News of the State, Nation and the World

MOST INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

From Everywhere will be found in this Column. Items that Interest Everybody

J. R. Flynn of the Marblehead's crew has been arrested at El Cajon, charged with desertion.

Governor Candler of Georgia signed the bill prohibiting the sleeping car companies operating in the state from furnishing berths to negro passengers except in coaches used especially for the accommodation of negroes.

A New York dispatch says the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance is about to send a letter to department stores in New York City, respectfully requesting them not to advertise in Sunday newspapers, and a list of establishments who do not do this will, it is said, be posted at the office of the alliance.

A dispatch from Custer, S. D., says the Vigilante Mining Company has struck a vein of copper ore in its mine that exceeds anything in value that has ever been found in the Black Hills. The mine is about five miles from Custer. The rich ore is found in the 300-foot level. The width of the vein at this time is ten feet.

At the request of Senator M. A. Hanna, the Little Consolidated Street railway of Cleveland, of which he is president, will distribute \$5000 among employes Saturday night as a Christmas gift. The senator, in a telegram to the directors, says he wants to show the company's "appreciation of the many courses taken by its employes during the late strike on the Big Consolidated lines, when they refused to go out."

ITEMS OF LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON—The officials of the House of Representatives have struck a balance on the recent deluge of bills, showing that up to the recess the record stood: Total bills introduced, 5015; joint resolutions, 95; simple resolutions, 65; grand total, 5176 measures of all kinds.

PENSION FOR MRS. LAWTON.

WASHINGTON—Senator Fairbanks introduced a bill granting a pension of \$2000 a year to the widow of General Lawton. Representative Landis of Indiana introduced a similar bill in the House. Mr. Landis represents the district from which Lawton's first regiment was recruited.

JOINING THE BOERS.

Many Americans Enlist to Fight in the Transvaal.

NEW YORK—The officers of the Orange Free State consulate here are visited every day by a large number of men, who want to go to the Transvaal and join the Boer army. Most of the men who apply, to judge by appearances, are rough men with little or no money, belonging to the laboring class. But there are not a few that are educated, and have had some military experience. When asked how it was possible for the consul to send men into the Transvaal at the present time, he said that they were taken into the country by way of Delagoa Bay.

BRITISH SHIP SEIZED.

A Hong Kong Paper's Story of the Capture.

CHICAGO—A special to the Record from Victoria, B. C., says that according to the Hong Kong Press, the British steamer Labuan, which left Sandakan on November 15, with clearance papers, was seized by the United States steamship Castine at Caldera Bay and sent to Manila under a prize crew. Captain Pfort, master of the Labuan, reported that permission was sought to proceed to Cota Batu to bring away several families, as they were in danger of being killed by the Moros, but that the permission was refused and the commander of the Castine ordered the British vessel to be seized. A prize crew was then put on board the steamer and sent to Manila. The seizure was at once protested by the master of the steamer.

NO CONVERTS.

A Missionary Enterprise That Results in Failure.

SEATTLE, Wash.—W. W. Simpson and A. W. Lagerquist of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of New York arrived on the Idzumi Maru from Thibet. Before leaving there in August

last, Mr. Simpson says, the mission at Paongan was completely demolished by armed natives headed by Buddhist priests. Rev. G. T. Shields and wife, who were in charge, barely escaped.

Dr. Julius Holderer and Professor Futtner, German government scientists, were held up and robbed by brigands in June.

After three years' work not a single convert to Christianity has been obtained. The Buddhist priests, owing to China's internal troubles, are in absolute control, and will make physical war on the introduction of Christianity.

BAND OF COUNTERFEITERS.

Government Has Unearthed One in Cuba.

WASHINGTON—According to official advices received by Assistant Secretary Melklejohn of the war department a band of counterfeiters has started operations in Cuba, but to what extent is not disclosed. The officials of the government succeeded in locating their plant and managed to secure a set of plates intended for the printing of United States currency of the denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20. In order to prevent further operations of this kind so far as possible while the island remains under the authority of the United States, Assistant Secretary of War Melklejohn is in correspondence with the treasury department as to the propriety and advisability of promulgating in Cuba the laws of the United States against counterfeiting and enforcing their penalties.

WHAT WE DRINK.

During the fiscal year just ended the United States government derived a revenue from alcoholic beverages of \$167,928,092, or more than \$2 for every man, woman or child in the nation. The revenue from liquor shows an increase over 1898 of \$35,865,671, of which beer is credited with \$29,129,137 and spirits, \$6,736,534. There were withdrawn for consumption during the year 1,306,218 gallons of spirits distilled from fruits; 83,819,314 gallons of spirits distilled from grain, and 36,581,114 barrels of fermented liquors. Coffee manages to maintain its place as the favorite beverage of the nation, says the American Grocer, with beer a close second. During the last fiscal year the consumption of beer was 1,134,014,534 gallons, while that of coffee reached 1,379,010,252 gallons, which quantity is figured on the basis of every pound of roasted coffee makes two gallons of infusion. While beer pays a revenue of \$68,644,558, coffee pays nothing.

WANTED HIS FACE PICTURED IN A NEWSPAPER.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—John Edgar Gardner, in order to get his picture in print, shot his young wife and then killed himself. Gardner was 60 years of age, and his wife 29. They had been married but a short time and were living apart on account of his habits.

On several occasions he had asked how she would like to see their pictures in a local paper. His wife took fright at this and forbade him to speak to her on the subject. He called at the house and asked her to come out, as he was going west. She declined, and he forced his way into her apartments, and saying, "See, what I have bought you," drew a revolver and shot her twice, one bullet passing through her arm, the other entering her side.

The woman was able to rush from the house to a neighbor's. When the police officers arrived Gardner walked to the center of a room in full view of the officers and, placing the weapon to his head, killed himself.

MASKED ROBBERS.

Hold Up Pullman Passengers at Re-voivers' Points.

KANSAS CITY—Passengers on the Missouri Pacific's Omaha and Nebraska City passenger train, which left here at 10:15 o'clock, were robbed by two masked men who boarded the train in Kansas City, Kan. They levied their contribution after the train started, holding up the passengers in the Pullman coach. The conductor was among the persons robbed.

At Newman, Kan., six miles out of the city, the train slowed up for the station and the bandits dropped off and disappeared. The booty secured was five gold watches and about \$100 in money. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

The telegraphic report made by the conductor to the Missouri Pacific officials states that there were three robbers. Two men who wore masks stood the passengers up at the muzzles of their pistols, while a third robber who wore no disguise, collected the booty.

HE PLANNED A FORGERY.

General Jackson's Cousin Under Arrest at Tucson.

AUSTIN, Tex.—W. J. Dent, who is under arrest at Tucson, Ariz., awaiting extradition on the charge of securing release from the penitentiary of George

Isaacs, is a nephew of United States District Judge John J. Jackson of West Virginia, and a cousin of General Stonewall Jackson, a noted Confederate officer.

Dent came to Texas several years ago, and was engaged in business at Fort Worth, when he committed the swindle and was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary. During his imprisonment he met and became a close associate of Isaacs, who was a member of the Dalton gang, and was serving a life sentence for committing murder while attempting to rob the Wells-Fargo Express Company at Canadian, Tex. Through the influence of Judge Jackson Dent secured a pardon last August. Before leaving the prison he arranged with Isaacs to secure his release by means of a forged pardon.

Wealthy relatives of Isaacs were alleged to have entered into the scheme, and it is known that Dent was given \$10,000 cash for the work. Upon being released from prison, Dent came to Austin and called on Governor Sayers. He introduced himself as John W. Murphy, and claimed to be representing the president of a Montana cattle company. Dent got possession of the necessary pardon number, stationery, etc., used in the job.

MINES AND MINING.

COLORADO GROUP SOLD.

The Denver Times reports the sale of the Terrible and Butterfly group of mines at Telluride, Colo., together with the thirty-stamp mill at Ophir station to Calvin Bullock of Denver for \$200,000. The Butterfly has a fine record as a gold producer.

RICH STRIKE OF SILVER.

A strike of rich silver ore is reported to have been made in the Uncle Abe mine, a few miles southeast of chloride, Ariz. The ore contains silver and lead in about equal proportions. A report from chloride states that the new ore body was found at a depth of only seventeen feet, and is nearly four feet wide, the vein being well defined between lime and porphyry walls. The locality is a good one, being near the Midnight, Old Mexican and Metallic Accident mines. The strike has acted as a stimulus to work in the vicinity, and a number of new holes have been started on adjacent claims.

BIG MEXICAN PROPERTY.

Advices from Mexico City state that the El Oro Mining and Railway Company of London, Eng., which includes in its ownership the American Mining Company and the American Railroad and Lumber Company of El Oro has just increased its capital from £850,000 to £1,000,000. This is equivalent to \$10,000,000 silver (Mexican) the largest amount of capital ever invested in a mining company in that country. The additional £150,000 subscribed will be, in part, devoted to the erection of an additional 100-stamp mill. The company has just completed a new mill of 100 stamps, which is now in first-class running order.

ZINC DEPOSITS.

The deposits of zinc ore recently discovered on the San Vicente ranch, six miles from the terminus of the Cuyamaca railroad, San Diego county, are attracting considerable attention. The ore was discovered some time ago but the finders of it did not know what it was. According to the San Diego Union, Colonel G. Collier Robbins, a mining engineer, has examined the ore, and pronounces it zinc ore of a first-class quality. It is also stated that two men from Japlin, the zinc ore district in Missouri, went and examined the ledge and expressed themselves astonished at the extent and the quality of the ore.

MINING NOTES.

The California Borax Company have bought the Gordon Bros.' mine and mill, in the Slate range, Inyo county, Cal. Consideration, \$15,000. They will at once add eight more stamps, making it a ten-stamp mill.

The introduction of steam traction engines at the Grand Reef mines of J. W. Mackay in Arizona is said to have reduced the cost of transportation between the mines and the railroad from \$8 to \$3 per ton.

The Rosland, B. C., Miner, says that the highest-paid man in the mining business in British Columbia is Major J. W. Collins, general mining manager and consulting engineer for the British American Corporation—\$50,000 a year.

The Mexican Secretary of Fomento, Manuel Fernandez Leal, has had a very large and splendid collection of ores of the Pachuca district made for the Paris exhibition. It is said to be the most complete collection ever made.

So far as known the largest pump is at Lake Linden, Mich., pumping water for the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, at the rate of 2,500,000 gallons per hour, a triple expansion pumping engine, requiring 1500 horse power.