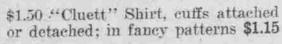
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that no less than 20 wagons would be required to get away with that amount

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Californians Caught by Expert "Phony" Check Artist.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2-One of the LOS ANGELLES, Jan. 2.—One of the is smoothest swindles that has been worked in the West is being perpetrated on mer-chants of the Pacific Coast by an un-known man, who is floating checks osten-sibly given by W. A. Cowden, ex-Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee. The latter, according to ad-vices from Nashville, has been dead sev-eral years. cal years.

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Andrews and maid, New York; Miss stances Bybes, Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wessen, Boston; Mrs. William Te Vols, adelphia: Rose Rounires, New York; Jesmie Masters, San Francisco, Mr. and Arnhur Van Dyke, child and nurse, R. I Hairy Vincent, Charles Randolph, Los A. Jes, Mrs. Philip Benmosville and daug Bojes; Miss Heien Gates, Montreal, Los Ange daughter



Finally he did release me and I was

Threat to Spread-cagle Her.

She then went on to tell of the so-died "spread-eagle" incident. After inshifting her in the presence of the house-keeper by calling her names, he told her going to spread-cagie her,



strongest man in China since Li Hung Chang. He is a thoroughly practical man and brought business methods into the administration of the Empire, He worked assiduously for the advancement of the assidnously for the advancement of the middle kingdom and his watchword was that China was capable of accomplish-ing just as much as had Japan. He in-spired a national patriotism which is to-day doing much to sweep away super-stitution and rebuild the empire. He has been a member of the Grand Council since 1907 and in that year he relin-quished the post of Viceroy of Chi Li, but it was in this office that he gained the greatest renown.

the greatest renown. Yuan Shi Kai organized an army in China that was the wonder and amaze-ment of foreign military critics. He suc-

incial graduate.

struck me with the back of his hand and knocked me over a chair. The next day I had to cell a physician to treat

Yuan Helped Foreigners in Boxer

Trouble and Modernized Army. "Another time he quarreled about Another time he quarreled about the food. I became afraid and ran into the tower of the house. He found me and grabbed me by the hair and dragged me down the steps to his room, where he kept me all night and treated me cruelly

treated me cruelly. 'In December, 1906, he put me out of the house and as I was standing thinking what to do he came out and selzed me by the throat and threw me to the floor. An ornament in my hair was broken and my head was hurt. I was unconscious. As a result of my in-juries I had to go to a sanitarium. 'One evening the Captain found fault with some article of food on the table.

Captain, she said, started on the first night they were there. "We quarreled," she said, "and he

Dragged Downstairs by Hair.

with some article of food on the table He swore at me and I ran to my room He followed and yelled at me, 'you must leave this house at once or I'll blow your brains out.' He got his revolver but put it away again. When he left I took it and hid it.

Struggle for Revolver.

When he came home he demanded the

revolver. I told him I had hid it. He chased me around the table in the din-ing-mem, trying to hit me, and when he could not catch up with me, he spit in Later. as I took the revolver from

behind some books, he caught me and grabbed for the pistol. As we struggled for the weapon he deliberately bent me over a decemport, put his knee on my stomach and pressed till I cried for

heiped to my room. In the morning he forced the maids to pack my clothes, and with joers and laughter, made me heave the house, weak and faint as I was from the injury received."

Chinese Empire. He has been called the

STAUNCH FRIEND OF AMERICA

Trouble and Modernized Army. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Though the news of the downfall of Yuan Shi Kai was not entirely unexpected in official circles here, it was received with regret, for the State Department has keen recol-lection of the great services rendered by Yuan Shi Kai to every Christian nation in securing communication by secret means with the legations in the compound at Pekin during the famous Boxer upriz-ing. At that time Yuan Shi Kai was Taotai of Shanghai, and he did not hesi-tate to use all of his great power to se-cure news from the compound, which cure news from the compound, which gave the first assurance to the outside world that the diplomats, their families and attaches were holding their own within the legation precincts.

Had Organized New Army.

It was this information which he com nsul unlcated through the American Con General at Shanghai to Mr. Hay, that en-couraged the European governments to join with America in the remarkable

allied march to Pekin that resulted in the liberation of the legations. It was Yuan Shi Kai who organized the modern Chinese army; dropped out the spears-men and the bowman and the bearers of stink pots and the makers of loud noises and substituted well-drilled, khaki-clad soldiers, educated by European officers. During the Boxer uprising, with his wellrained troops, Yuan was almost the only Viceroy in China able to extend protec-ion to foreign life and property, and in is later position, with extended powers, he had planned to make the Chinese na-tional army a force to be reckoned with

Yuan Shi Kai's office corresponds to that of Premier of England and the ac-tion of the Chinese government is con-sidered in official circles in Washington as little short of revolutionary. Yuan was regarded as one of the most pro-respondence of the Chinese statemen and to be held Monday night. greenive of the Chinese statesmen and the feeling is general that the reigning powers have made a great mistake in minimize the bitterness of the Speak forcing him from office at this import-aut stage in the affairs of the Governcan do is to The carnest wish was expressed here today that the decision in dismissing him may be recalled.

of Wedding—Threw Sis-ier Out of House. MEDIA, Fs., Jan. 2.—Mrs. N. Flor-sence Eth, who with her sister, Mis-catherine Beisel, is charged with the murder of Mrs. Erb's husband, took the witness stand today and told semsational story of extreme crueity of the part of her husband as one of the cantar of the random terms. Mrs. Erb's and she went to Red Ga-bies, the Erb country home in Misry lies, the Erb country home in Misry bies, the Erb country home in Misry bies the mail. Startied on the first-inghing, she said, "and the the analizo of Manchuria and a pro-intial graduat. 6000 and electing Ashton C. Shellenberger, Governor

NEBRASKA FORCES

Liquor Men Demand Price. The brewers and saloonkeepers, it is

sserted, are demanding their pound of flesh, and the chances are they will get it in the defeat of county option. seems to be conceded that a majority of the Democrats in both Senate and House are opposed to option and, despite the fact that the question is not covered, either for or against, in their party platform, it will be the controlling factor in letermining who will be made Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. Such members of the Legislature now n the city as are are inclined to follow implicitly the leadership of Mr. Bryan confess that there are in the Democratic party of Nebraska two elements, one favoring progressive legislation, the other disposed to pander to the interests, the rallroads and other corporations, the bankers, the brewers and the men who have personal axes to grind.

Three Burning Issues.

Three days before the Legislature i called together interest is centered on three propositions-the bank deposit guar antee measure, the county option contest and the competition for the House Speakership. The five candidates for Speaker-Ralph Clark, of Richardson; Charles W Pool, of Johnson; R. H. Henry, of Holt, W. Z. Taylor, of Custer, and J. W. Kelly, of Furnas-have established their headquarters. The fight is believed to rest with Messers. Clark, Pool and Henry, and Mr. Clark is credited with the largest number of pledged votes, but tacks sev eral of enough to nominate in the caucu

May Cancus on Speaker.

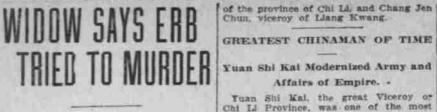
Following the suggestion put forth by W. J. Bryan, several of the members al ready in the city have 'agreed that to

were visible this morning. It is said

of coal. President Murphy, of the coal company, offers \$500 reward for the capture of the thieves. USED DEAD MAN'S NAME

Men's regular \$1.00 Underwear, in

\$2 and \$3 all-wool Jerseys, high and



Evidence Given That He Aimed Pistol at Her and Sister Killed Him

AFTER DESPERATE FIGHT

Woman Testifies to Brutal Treat-

ment From Husband From Day

of Wedding-Threw Sis-

e straps he threw me on said. "He swung his fist the sofa." she said. inder my chin and drove my teeth under my chin and grove my teen through my tongue. He kept me on the sofs until \$ o'clock in the morning. Throatening to spread-engle me, but finally he decided not to do so. The next day I had to go to Hot Springs for

Then she related a story of the Cap-tain's treatment of her sister, who had come to her defense in the numerous family quarrels.

"One Summer afternoon he ploked my sister up and threw her out of the bouse," she said, Later he tried to force her through a awinging door and he began choking her. 'I'll choke the life out of you,' he said. I thought he was sure-ly killing her, so I grabbed up a whisky bottle and hit him on the head. He dropped and we ran for our lives." *

Events of Fatal Night.

Coming down to the day of the tragedy. Mrs. Erb told of visiting Olney to look over a house in which to live apart from her husband. She and her aister re-nurmed to the house inte in the day, and learned that Captain Erb intended com-ing home that night. It was intended that Mrs. Beisel should stay at the Villags Green Hotel near by. When Cap-tain Erb came home he learned that Mrs. Heisel had been there, and he flew into a rage and began to make a search for her, swearing and making threats. Mrs. Ers said she went to the hotel and remained there with Mrs. Belsel until late

In the evening. Going back to the house, Mrs. Erb wout to the second floor by way of the back stairs. Mr. Erb rushed out of his room.

"He struck me on the breast," said mbe up a brass cuspidor and threw at him. I did not stop to see whether it struck him, but ran to my room. I heard him following, cursing me. He was almost upon me when I grabbel a vase of flowers and huried it at him. Then I got into my room and locked the door. After a while I looked out and ran to the telephone and

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Serious Blow to China.

ment.

The excuse given in the press dis-patches for Yuan's dismissal is regarded as a flimsy one and ridiculous in character. The more they think about the action of the Chinese government in dismissing Yuan Shi Kal, the more surprised and stunned are those who acquainted with Chinese affairs. applies alike to official and unofficial cir cles. It means a serious blow to China in their opinion if Yuan is not kept in power, and China will suffer as a re-

Minister Rockhill, at Pekin, has tele graphed the State Department confirm ing the press reports concerning the dis missal of Yuan Shi Kal, but making no comment upon the matter except to refer to it "as an unexpected disgrace."

COUNT LANDS IN PRISON

(Continued From First Page.) about three hours later found himself in the hands of the police. Tonight at the City Prison he accused the chauffeur of "Lipping him off" to the officers.

Has Much to Say.

Count von Gassendorff is 29 years of age, of a pronounced German type and rather good looking. He says he halls from Dortmund, Germany, and says his family is worth \$2,000,000. The Count says he has served eight years in the German army, retiring in 1904 with a rank of lieutenant. He was for several years one of the most famous steeple-chase riders in Germany, according to his story, until he suffered a bad full, which affected his mind. He was taken to a private sunatorium and later discharged as cured. reckons.

Count von Gassendorff declares his family renounced him and cut off his sup-

the best thing the caucus pass a rule taking away from the Speaker the appointments o committees.



WILL REACH ENTRANCE OF

CANAL EARLY TODAY.

Hasten to Port Said for Coal and Supplies--Completes Second Long-

est Run of Entire Voyage.

SUEZ, Jan. 2 .- The United States At lantic battleship fleet, homeward-bound is expected to arrive here early tomorrow, After the fleet anchors in the roadstead the mails and several tons of Christmas presents will be sent aboard and distributed among the officers and men. No shore leave will be granted here. The battiships will pro-

ceed almost immediately through the canal to Port Said, at the Mediterranean entrance, to coal and provision. The ships need coal badly. Although the Europeans and the few

American residents here have been awaiting the arrival of the fleet with passage and they regard this as an historic occasion. The safest pilots have been selected and are now awaiting the ships. It will take less than a day to send the vessels through. The average time for all ships last year was 16 hours, 18 minutes. The American battleships will require a higher aver-age than that, the canal commission



When a check was returned from Mast

Cowien had departed. The swindler had in some manner ob-tained possession of the official stationry, blank checks and scal of Mr. Cowien and was filling them out and cushing hem. It was apparent that he had a nfederate in Nashville, who was supplying him with the necessary "Cowden" correspondence, bearing the proper post-

marks.

AT THE HOTELS.

AT THE HOTELS. Hotel Fortland F. B. Strankany, New York; C. F. Johnson and wite, Seutile; Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Scotland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster, Middletown; A. L. Campbell, Ros-ton; Mrs. B. H. Hardy and daughter, Bos-ton; Mrs. B. W. Miller, Chicago; W. S. Browen, Manchester; Miles Elmore, Astoria; T. A. Longburst, R. E. O'Keefe, New York; G. T. McNsaly, Portland; M. R. Kins, C. J. Riley, New York; J. S. Forrest, O. Prairle, A. Taylor, New York; M. S. Cram, Ray-mond: L. Kins, J. Brush, New York; F. B. Page, Medford; U. R. Allison, New York; E. V. Johnson and wife, Chicago; Coloned J. F. Mundy, Medford; Eine Bowman, Sao Francisco; M. C. Millon, New York; E. V. Johnson and wife, Chicago; Coloned J. F. Mundy, Medford; Eine Bowman, Sao Francisco; J. R. Gay, Seattle, U. W. Mount, Lewiston; L. C. Marcoy, Pittsburg; W. H. Hammond, Oukland; I. J. Silver-man, Seattle, Mrs. O. D. Fleming, Mrs. Mc. Neukel, E. B. Stranger and wife, chi.

man, Senttle; Mrs. O. D. Fleming, Mrs. McNealey, E. B. Stranger and wife, city.
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