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## HOLD-UP ARTISTS ROB EX-SOLDIER

Alfred D. Gillott, of Corning, Cal., Relieved of \$30 and a Gold Watch.

## ROBBERS ARE NOT CAPTURED

Turned the Trick on Upper Commercial Street and Successfully Avoided the Officers.

Albert D. Gillott of Corning, Calif., was held up and robbed on Commercial street near the A. & C. depot about 10:45 o'clock last night by two men. He was touched for \$30 and a lady's gold watch. The holdup is the first that has occurred in Astoria for a long time, the police being especially vigilant in keeping desperate characters out of town.

Mr. Gillott has been in the army and was a sergeant in company F., Seventeenth Infantry, stationed at Vancouver. He arrived in Astoria yesterday morning, and, missing the Ilwaco boat, remained in the city all day.

While walking along upper Commercial street near the depot last night two men accosted him. The taller man of the two was slightly ahead of his pal, and stopped his victim by calling out: "Hold on, there!" Mr. Gillott half turned, and was then commanded to elevate his hands. For a moment he believed the affair to be a joke, but all idea of humor was dispelled when the taller artist poked a gun into the face of the victim. At once his pal got behind Mr. Gillott and rifled his pockets, the tall man keeping the situation well in hand with the gun. The victim had \$30 in gold and the watch in his vest pockets, and it did not take the short man long to discover these whereabouts. He also rifled the pockets of Gillott's trousers, taking from the hip pocket a package of letters, which he examined and threw to the ground; then in an outburst of feeling for the victim, picked them up and placed them in Gillott's topcoat pocket.

The victim told the police of the affair and Chief Hallock detailed Officers Oberg and Kimball to make search. The entire force kept a sharp lookout for the robbers, but no trace of them was discovered. Billott describes the taller man with accuracy. He wore a light cap and had not been shaved for three weeks or more. The smaller man also wore a cap, but the victim did not plainly see him, as he took a rear position. Gillott particularly regrets the loss of the watch, which was the property of a young lady acquaintance.

## SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA AND SMALLPOX

Number of Cases Is Increasing—Now Believed to Number Fifty.

Seven new cases of scarlet fever were reported to the board of health yesterday, and one death from it, that of Melvil, the 10 year old son of James Jackson, 1711 Irving avenue.

It is now estimated that there are no less than 50 cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever in Astoria, and at least one case of smallpox, with several just recovered from slight attacks of the latter disease. There is also a case of smallpox on the ship County of Linnithron not at the quarantine station.

D. R. Blount, at the corner of Tenth and Duane streets, has the smallpox, and his three children have just recovered from it. Ole Tangen is around again, after having been quarantined with smallpox for a week.

Most of the cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever are in the east end, between Thirtieth and Thirty-eighth streets. It is claimed that the nature of the soil, lack of drainage, etc., are somewhat responsible for the condition of affairs. The neglect of personal and domestic sanitary precautions probably has much to do with it. Failure to recognize and isolate the first cases has apparently subjected a very large number of school children to the contagion.

President of the schoolboard, Wm. H. Barker, does not believe, from present developments and past experience in such cases, that it will be necessary to keep the schools closed after next Monday, the time at which they were to resume. "Of course," said Mr. Barker, "if an epidemic becomes obnoxious, and it has plainly become necessary, a meeting of the board will be called for that purpose, and school declared off until it can be safely resumed. We do not believe now that such steps will have to be taken. Very explicit instructions have been issued to the teachers requiring them to question the pupils closely at the beginning of

## CABINET HOLDS BRIEF MEETING

Work of Year Gratifying to the President and His Advisers.

## NO NEWS FROM CASTRO

State Department Had Little to Say in Regard to Venezuelan Question—Land Office Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Today's meeting of the cabinet was brief, the meeting consuming less than half an hour. All the members excepting Secretary Shaw, who is in New York, were present. The president and his advisers exchanged felicitations upon the results of the past year's administration and looked forward with hope to the new year. Secretary Hay had little news to present to the cabinet regarding Venezuelan matters or other matters relating to foreign affairs. It is understood to be the hope and expectation of the president and his advisers that upon the receipt of President Castro's reply to the arbitration proposition the allies will agree to raise the blockade established by them over Venezuelan ports. Such action, in the view of this government, would place the questions in controversy in excellent shape for arbitration.

## IMMIGRATION STATISTICS

Italians Form Largest Contingent of Foreign Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—While the immigration at this port for the last half of the current year, says the Journal of Commerce, has not been as large as that of the first six months, there was a very heavy increase in the total immigration compared with the previous year. The total number of immigrants that arrived at New York and were admitted in 1902, up to and including December 29, was 546,751, as compared with 417,713 in 1901, a gain of more than 128,000. The arrivals in that month being 52,154.

Italy and Austria-Hungary contributed the larger proportion of the year's immigration, the number of arrivals from Italy being larger than from any other country, the influx from Russia, Germany, Norway and Sweden, Greece and the United Kingdom was also very heavy.

As to destination, the Italian immigrants stay for the most part in this section of the country, chiefly in and about New York, although there has continued to be an increase in the number who go west, to Ohio, Illinois and even to California. The Hebrews also stay for the most part in New York and vicinity. The Germans settle largely in the east, but also go in large numbers to other parts of the country.

## CROWN PRINCESS EXPLAINS

Porsook Loveless Life at Court for One of Love With Affinity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Herald correspondent at Zurich, Switzerland, cables the report of an interview with the Crown Princess of Saxony in which she is quoted as saying that M. Girou is the only man she ever met whom she felt she could love and that it was a question of mutual love and affinity which made her life impossible without him.

"Between my husband and myself there was no bond of sympathy," said the princess. "He was a typical rough officer. I myself was full of ideals. How miserable that life was. I tried so hard to bear it for the sake of my darling children, whom I adore. I also hesitated for the sake of the Saxons people whom I love as deeply as they love me. But all that could not alter my resolution. The ills of my life at court were too great to bear."

## DOCTOR LORENZ SAILS TODAY

Bloodless Surgeon Will Be Long Remembered in America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Doctor Lorenz, who will leave enroute for home by the steamship Celtic tomorrow, will visit the Aldermanic Chamber this afternoon, when the resolutions adopted in his honor will be presented to him. "I will say a few words," said Doctor Lorenz, "in which I will present my compliments to the people of New York and of this great country and bid them farewell. But I much fear my gratitude is so great that I cannot express what I would say."

Three operations were performed yesterday by Doctor Lorenz, one of them for wry neck following on paralysis of the spinal cord and all three were entirely successful.

## NATIVES TURN CANNIBALS

European Prospectors and Others Brutally Murdered—Tribal Battle.

SYDNEY, Dec. 30.—Advices received here from New Guinea state that natives there have brutally murdered two European prospectors and many other persons. It is feared that the drought has caused the natives to resort to cannibalism. Thousands are starving or subsisting on roots. Twenty-five natives were recently killed in a tribal fight.

## SULTAN MAY BE DETHRONED

Beseiged City of Fez May Have to Surrender to the Rebels Within Three Days.

## PRETENDER IS TRIUMPHANT

Spain Will Not Suffer by Encroaching Foreigners Because of the Embarrassing Situation in Morocco.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Tangier, Morocco, today announced that the rebels had cut the aqueduct which supplied Fez with water, and added that the place was practically without water. It is further asserted that unless the Kabyleh tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez the place must surrender within three days.

It is reported here that the sultan has been foiled in an attempt to break out of Fez. Great Britain and France have notified Spain that they have no intention of taking any advantage of the situation in Morocco, and that they desire the maintenance of the status quo, even in the event of the sultan being dethroned and his place taken by the pretender. The communications have reassured the Spanish government, which is thus relieved of fears of international complications.

The hostility against the sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him arrayed in ridiculous garb. The sultan yesterday assembled the nobles of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring the conference that the imperial troops will ultimately triumph. Foreigners in the interior of Morocco have been advised to make for the coast, as provisions are scarce and communications are almost closed. The pretender himself is reported to be 30 miles from Fez.

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## MINE OWNERS' TURN NOW

Blame Charitable Public and Miners for Coal Famine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The expressed belief of representatives of the coal carrying companies and of coal dealers

## IS THAT FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS THE COAL SITUATION WILL BE ACUTE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

A representative of the coal department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad said: "The strikers clamored for public sentiment while they were on strike and through public sentiment they got contributions from all over the country to support them while in idleness. Now the public can scramble for coal as it likes or do without it as far as the miners care."

## MINE OPERATORS PREPARE THEIR CASE FOR COMMISSION

Giving of Evidence is Expected to Commence at Least 10 Days or Two Weeks.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—A conference of anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here today to arrange for a presentation of the mine owners' side of the strike controversy to the commission when that body convenes here next Tuesday. The conference was called by Simon P. Wolverton of Sunbury, counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company. After the conference had adjourned Wolverton gave out the following statement:

"Testimony on the part of the non-union miners is not yet completed. On Tuesday when the commission sits, the nonunion men's counsel will submit further testimony, which will probably consume a day or two. Then the operators will open and proceed with evidence which will be presented by the companies. The presentation of the operators' side of the case will consume 10 days of two weeks, perhaps more."

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## To My Customers

Owing to the rush incident to Xmas business, I have not the time to send cards to all of my customers asking them to call for a 1903 calendar.

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*Norman Wise*  
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