

WILL FIND THE FIEND

Southern Pacific Officials Believe That Dynamite is Cowardly.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The Southern Pacific company officials are convinced today that their detectives have under surveillance the man who threatened to blow up the trains between Stockton and Los Angeles unless paid \$10,000 by the corporation.

Captain Kemble of the Pinkerton's says it was at the suggestion of his people that the company placed the advertisement answering the letters of demand from the mysterious people, in the papers, and when the answers came a careful study was made of the handwriting and style.

Manager Kruttschnitt today says the letters are apparently the work of a weak fellow without much education and thinks he has not nerve enough to make an attempt to wreck a train and will give up. Mr. Kemble adds that the man they have been watching is to all appearances a coward and a good looking fellow who would make him leave the country for all time. He does not think passengers need worry as any desperate man would have to abandon any intention to wreck a train when it is known that a big body of trained men is watching every move of persons likely to be connected in such a nefarious undertaking.

The guard doing duty near Madera reported that late last night that he saw a man stooping over the rails in the shadow of a water tank seemingly placing something on the track. The guard approached and the man fired at him with a revolver and then took to his heels and escaped in the underbrush.

It is thought that the man was probably under the impression that the guard was a robber and may have been a peaceful farmer. However, not much credence is given to the story.

"Not only are several hundred armed men patrolling the tracks," said Manager Kruttschnitt today, "but people all along the line of the road are keeping a sharp lookout. There is no further need for the traveling public to worry and the story has been greatly exaggerated. Although we are confident no wrecking will be done we will keep a strict watch till the culprit is landed in prison.

Poison Convicts Suspected.
There may be some foundation for the suspicions that the blackmailing plot originated among convicts and ex-convicts of Poisson prison. The prison officials feel certain that some of the gang of convicts who made their sensational break from the prison last July are now in the state and when the story of blackmail was first told it occurred to them that some of the gang might be implicated.

Among other things planned by the jail breakers was a scheme to wreck and rob a train near Truckee. As this was

never carried out, the desperadoes may have substituted the plan that is now puzzling the railroad people. Convicts Eldridge, Fahy and Theron were well acquainted with the section of the state near Fresno, while Miller's home was formerly near Visalia and he knew the southern country well. He is just the sort of a man who would resort to dynamite to accomplish any purpose he might seek and he would probably be the one of the escapes that would be liable to be the ring leader in such an affair. There have been no notorious criminals released from the prison within the past two years who were ever implicated in train robberies or whom the officials would suspect in such a connection. All noted train robbers are doing long terms at Folsom. It is said that a gang of men are located in Watts valley near Fresno, the members of which have been in communication with a number of bad men of the prison.

RACING SCANDAL STIRS JOCKEY CLUB

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The judges and the board of stewards are probing into several matters which may result in another racing scandal. The board of stewards met last night. A number of people, including several jockeys, were summoned to appear. The greatest secrecy was maintained, but nothing was given out for publication. One of the cases that is being investigated concerns a wealthy English gentleman named Hadley. He has plenty of money, apparently, and has been betting large sums at the instigation of several different people. According to common gossip at the track, Hadley was flim-flammed out of \$1,000 on Optimo's race, but there are various versions of the story in regard to the nature of the transaction. Hadley is a newcomer here, but could doubtless give some interesting experiences with high-toned jockeys that infest the race track. The judges called for the bookmakers' sheets after the Arcwood race on Wednesday, when it was discovered that half of the bookmakers favored that horse, although The Cure was the regular favorite in the race. Something is liable to drop before the present investigation comes to an end, as there have been plenty of form reversals during the past week.

GERMAN TROOPS AT MERCY OF AFRICANS

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Colonel Zulow, commanding the German forces, reports two stubborn fights near Gakhandva, in which eight Germans were killed in the first engagement and four in the second, and a large number wounded. The negro losses are heavy. Zulow says he can hold out but a short time longer and sends a piteous appeal for aid.

VANDERBILT WON RACE

(Journal Special Service.)

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 29.—The third day of the automobile meet opened gloomy. Vanderbilt won one race. Oldfield's machine suffered a breaking of the shaft. No phenomenal runs were made.

"Tie's safe to be a day without Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Never can we tell what moment an accident is going to happen.

TWO FIRES CAUSE LOSS

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two weeks. Secretary Stone of the Y. M. C. A. has proffered the use of several rooms at that institution and it is likely that his offer will be accepted. Chairman Wittenberg of the school board said that in all probability a special meeting of that body would be called for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to discuss the situation. He thought there was a chance that an agreement might be reached among the members as to the course to be pursued without a meeting, two others having opinions in harmony with his own.

Favors Brick Building.

Mr. Wittenberg emphatically declared that a new building must be erected as soon as possible. He favors one of brick, adding weight to his opinion by saying that in all progressive communities wooden buildings centrally located are being replaced by brick. The money available for school building and improvements for the ensuing year is about \$125,000, and he is confident that the board has in view. It is figured that a brick structure will cost fully \$80,000. As it is deemed entirely impracticable to use any of the 6 1/2-mill levy for this new building, other means of securing the necessary funds will have to be devised. Chairman Wittenberg advocates borrowing the needed money from the banks and repaying the loans in bonds.

None of the 21 Teachers Employed at the Park School will Lose Finally by the Fire, as all are under contract.

Started in the Cupola.
The fire broke out after 10 o'clock last night, and when the department responded the cupola on the east wing was enveloped in flames. The flames spread quickly and soon the entire roof of the building was a mass of flames. One alarm followed another until the entire roof after the cupola spot. The water pressure was weak, and at first the streams hardly reached the roof. In about 20 minutes the roof caved in with a crash and in a short space of time the interior of the structure was a mass of flames. The fire started in the cupola on the east wing, where the roof broke loose and dropped, blazing masses, to the ground, the sparks driving back the assembled crowds.

The firemen worked bravely and indefatigably with the apparatus at their command, but did not succeed in extinguishing the flames until after midnight. Perhaps 5,000 persons, of both sexes and all ages, witnessed the fire. The squares were dense masses of humanity, and the streets were so jammed that many people narrowly avoided being trampled under the feet of horses attached to the police patrol and those horse wagons which were the last to reach the scene.

No Fire in Furnace.

What leads to the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin is the statement of Janitor Whitehurst that as the day was warm no fuel was placed in the furnace until after the fire started. There is no conceivable way that the flames could have been due to accident, except through the furnace, say the officials. In this connection it is noteworthy to mention that the furnace was located in the basement on the left wing, while the fire started in the cupola on the east wing. Had a stiff breeze been blowing adjacent houses would have been endangered, as myriads of sparks rose from the burning school building and fell in showers close by. As it was, residents located east of the school watched their roofs and kept vigilant watch to prevent their homes from being destroyed.

Chief of Police Hunt has detailed a member of the detective force to investigate the circumstances surrounding the fire. Fire Chief Campbell is also at work on the case.

Hundreds of teachers and pupils were about the fire today. Among the articles saved were two large specimens of "Old Glory," which were draped around a picture of Betty Ross and General Washington.

The Park school was a two-story structure having 21 rooms. When President Roosevelt visited Portland May last the pupils of the Park school, 300 strong, marched to the occasion as an animated representation of the American flag, part of them being dressed in white, others in red, and still others in blue. Before the reviewing stand the children earned hearty applause by maneuvers representing the flag with folds undulating in the wind.

Parents Must Pay.
The loss of the school books belonging to the children must be sustained by the parents, according to School Director Williams. Many works of reference, maps and charts furnished by the school district were destroyed. This loss falls on the district.

ST. LOUIS FAIR WANTS TO BORROW \$4,500,000

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Jan. 29.—The St. Louis exposition authorities want to borrow \$4,500,000 from the government. They propose to give as security a first lien on receipts of the fair show. Director General Francis headed a delegation of business men which this morning presented the proposition to the subcommittee of the senate committee on appropriations. No action was taken.

MINER'S FUNERALS HELD EVERY HOUR

(Journal Special Service.)

Cheswick, Pa., Jan. 29.—The camp is in mourning. Funerals are taking place hourly. To expedite the work of grave digging dynamite is used to displace the frozen ground. Up to noon 132 bodies have been recovered.

HISTORICAL TOPICS DISCUSSED

(Journal Special Service.)

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 29.—After three days of papers, addresses and discussions, the most successful meeting ever held by the Illinois State Historical society closed today with no diminution of interest apparent on the part of the many participants. Among the interesting papers presented at the concluding sessions held today were the following: "The Woman's Club Movement in Illinois," Mrs. E. C. Lambert, Jacksonville; "The Destruction of Kaskaskia by the Mississippi River," J. T. Douglas, Chester; "Morris Birkbeck and His Friends," Daniel Berry, M. D. Carmi; "The Scotch-Irish in Illinois," Robert A. Gray, Blue Mound; "McKendree College," M. H. Chamberlain, L. I. Lebanon, Ill.

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ing on but a blanket. She was wildly excited, and when the flames reached her room she attempted to go into the building to get some of her valuables. The fire filled the stairway and long tongues of flames were reaching in every direction. She was about to enter the place, which would have been certain had she not been restrained by some of those present. She fought madly for a time in her effort to break away and go to her room, but finally recovered her senses and became calm.

Lost His Eyes.

James Hem, who roomed directly over the spot where the flames first appeared, had his eyes blinded when he was awakened by the suffocating smoke in his room. He could hear the flames crackling. He opened his door to the hall, first taking the precaution to put a blanket over his head. He left a small opening for his eyes. When he opened the door a wave of flame encircled him and his eyelashes were swept away as cleanly as if they had been shaven. He started down the hall, knocking at all the doors as he passed. He stated:

"The only thing that saved my life was playing the big Indian and putting a woolen blanket over my head before I tackled the hall. The only part of my face that was exposed was my eyes, and it seemed that they were struck by a bolt of lightning. Had my face been exposed the fierce heat would probably have overcome me. While I was only in the flame about two seconds I believe that the property several days ago. I had insurance of \$6,000, which will cover part of the loss. The fire must have originated with a firebug. During the past year there have been a number of incendiary fires in Chicago, and I was one of the victims. My eyes were lost, and I feel sorry for my boarders, at least 50 of whom lost all they had, even to their clothes. I had been out to the burning of the Park street schoolhouse, and had gone to bed tired and without a thought of my own place being a fire. It was exactly 3 o'clock. I started to go and turn in an alarm, but could not find the key to the box, which was missing from its accustomed place. I understand that Officer Hensworth found my alarm box keyhole had been tampered with and could not get his key to work, and had to go to another box and turn in the alarm. It was fully 40 minutes after the fire started before the department arrived, and the flames had then gained great headway. There was nothing saved in the hotel, but out of the saloon I managed to get most of the things. I have not decided just what I will do about rebuilding, but it is like a man's life. I will do as I am able to have a thorough investigation made of the cause of the fire, and if there is any way to do it, to send the fiend who would jeopardize the life of human beings to the gallows."

CONFESSION OF MRS. THURSTON

(Journal Special Service.)

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Tossed an Excited Monkey.
While the flames were roaring and the excitement was at its height, a scene took place in the sitting-room of the hotel, which caused many to stop and laugh in spite of their serious plight. A small monkey had his quarters in this room. He became frightened and chattered and jumped about. A couple of the roomers attempted to rescue him from the dangerous place, but the monkey fought like a little demon. Every time some one would seize him he would bite and scratch as quick as a flash. Finally he was tossed to a man who had declared he would handle him. No sooner did the monkey reach the animal-tamer when he took a piece of flesh out of his finger, which caused him to find his back before he was finally secured with a hold where he could do no damage the vicious little beast was tossed back and forth a dozen times, to the great amusement of the spectators.

LARGE PROSPECT FROM LOFTY PERCH

A flag station to prevent collisions between electric cars and trains on the Southern Pacific, is being erected by the Oregon Water Power & Railway company at East First street and Hawthorne avenue. A flag man will be on duty day and night, and from his high perch will command the view of the electric car tracks, north to the steel bridge and south for half a mile, and an unobstructed view of the Water Power lines, east for over half a mile and west across the Madison street bridge.

Cars cross the water track every few minutes during the day, and as the cars have to come to a full stop and the conductors must leave them before they can cross, much time is lost.

EXTERMINATION OF WHITES IS FEARED

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Dispatches today state that in German Africa all tribes in the country have combined with the rebellious Hereros in operations against the besieged places and plan the complete extermination of the whites.

BRYAN CANCELS DATES

(Journal Special Service.)

Lincoln, Jan. 29.—Physicians this morning say that Miss Nanny Bryan, a sister of William Jennings Bryan, cannot survive the day. She is suffering with peritonitis. Mr. Bryan has cancelled his lecture dates and is hurrying homeward from New Jersey, where he delivered an address last night.

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