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The thieves entered the house and went straight to a trunk in the children's sleeping room; they tried the trunk open with burglars' tools and secured \$135.

Though Mr. and Mrs. Errington were sleeping in the next room they did not hear a sound until the robbers were leaving the house.

J. Dargan, a tram conductor, was also held up by two men on the corner of Hastings and Duxley street, and relieved of \$4.20.

The body of F. I. Man, the Chinese market gardener who was murdered on the Westminster road on Saturday night has been embalmed and will be shipped to China.

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Defeat of the Chinese Navy at Yalu River Corroborated Fully.

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LONDON, Sept. 19.—A Shanghai dispatch from a Chinese source, reports a naval engagement at the mouth of the Yalu river between the Chinese Northern squadron and the Japanese fleet, lasting six hours.

The Chinese warships Yang Wei and Chao Yang caught fire and were run ashore.

The Chen Yuen and King Yuen were sunk and four Japanese vessels suffered the same fate.

The remainder steamed away and the Chinese then succeeded in landing the troops from the troops which the squadron was conveying.

Some of the troops are believed to have been sunk. The Chinese Admiral Ting was severely wounded.

After the engagement the Chinese vessels proceeded to Wei Hai Wei. Great consternation prevails in Peking.

The Emperor is determined to assume the management of affairs, but such a step is not favored by the government officials, who say such a course is beneath his dignity.

The foreign office has received a cablegram from Tientsin confirming the report of the naval battle at Yalu river.

The battle was fought on the 17th. The Japanese attacked the Chinese vessels while landing troops. The Chinese lost the naval vessels Chao Yuen, Chao Yang and Yang Wei.

Three Japanese vessels are supposed to have been sunk. A large number of Chinese were killed, among them Admiral Ting, Col. van Hantken and a volunteer named Tyler.

The Chinese succeeded in landing a large force.

As far as the active operations of the Chinese in Korea are concerned the war is practically at an end.

Unless the Koreans who have shown sympathy with the Chinese and a few detached bands of the Chinese succeed in getting another army to Korea, that country will remain in the undisputed possession of the Japanese.

In view of the previous reports received as to the terrible condition of the roads in the north and the utter impossibility of moving guns and supplies southward, it is not likely that there will be any more fighting in the north of Korea during the present year.

It is hoped that the victory may serve as a basis for peace negotiations.

A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin says: News has been received here that the Emperor of China has received letters from Korea nobles and generals, assuring his majesty of their fidelity in spite of the king of Korea's declaration of independence.

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For the Property of Jennie Mandeville, a Once Favorite Actress of the Pacific Coast.

Who Lost Her Life in the Foundering of the Steamship "Pacific."

About a year ago the Hibernian Savings Bank turned over to the Public Administrator of San Francisco, \$4,700 which had been in the bank vaults since 1875 without a claimant.

Now there are no less than six persons claiming for the money, and what promises to be a bitter three-cornered legal fight is about to be made for its possession.

The money was originally deposited in the bank by Mrs. Jennie Parsons, who was at one time, away back in the '50's, known as Jennie Mandeville.

She and her sisters, Agatha and Alicia, were billed as the Mandeville Sisters, vocalists and comedienne. They were very popular with the public of that day, and for a long time held the boards at the old Theatre Royal on Government street, where the Colonist office now stands.

As early as 1860 Jennie Mandeville began to deposit her savings in the bank, and in 1875, when she was married to Otis Parsons, she had a sum to her credit.

In November, 1875, Parsons, his wife and only child, then but a year old, took passage on the ill-fated steamer Pacific, from San Francisco to San Francisco. The steamer foundered below Cape Flattery and the Parsons family, with many other passengers, were drowned.

For almost twenty years the money to the credit of Mrs. Parsons in the Hibernian Bank lay there without a claimant. About a year ago it was turned over to the Public Administrator, who advertised for the heirs.

Last May two persons appeared to claim the money. They were Beatrice M. States and William G. States of New York, the latter a prominent physician. They are the children of a sister of Mrs. Parsons, and through their attorneys laid claim to the whole estate as the only surviving heirs.

As their proof of kinship was perfect, there seemed to be no obstacle in the way of their coming into possession of the property, and measures were being taken to effect a distribution of the estate when a stop was put to the proceedings by a claim made by three residents of Fresno, California—Mrs. J. C. Parsons, Mrs. J. C. Parsons and Mrs. J. C. Parsons.

Through their attorneys they presented a petition in which they claim to be the children of Otis Parsons by his first wife, and as such entitled to the estate left by him. The claim is set up that in such a case the money should be divided equally between the three claimants.

The C.P.R. telegraph office here was notified from London yesterday that the Great Northern reports Siberian land lines restored. Messages for China and Japan will now be accepted. The Saigon and Bangkok lines are still interrupted.

GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

SARASOTA, Sept. 19.—Hon. Levi P. Morton yesterday received the Republican nomination for the governorship of New York. The platform adopted referred to national affairs as follows:

"The Democratic President of the United States and the Democratic chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the House have announced that the war against the protected industries of the country has but just begun, and that it is to be prosecuted to the bitter end.

On behalf of the wage-earners, the agricultural, the manufacturing, and every sacred interest in the Empire State of the Union, the Republican party of the State of New York, in convention assembled, accepts the challenge and pledges itself to the bitter end against all assaults the rights of the workingman and his employer, both wantonly invaded by reckless demagogues."

In the course of his speech nominating ex-Vice-President Morton, General B. F. Tracy said: "I follow the candidate of the party, a grave responsibility rests upon the Republican party of New York. It is our duty to place in nomination to-day a man who is not only able to carry the state, but one who will win a victory of such magnitude as to satisfy the people of the nation and the world."

Mr. Morton was vice president of the United States during Harrison's administration. He is 70 years of age. He is a native of New York, and was born in 1824 and at the age of 15 enlisted in a New York volunteer regiment, where he served until the close of the war, retiring with the rank of sergeant-major at the age of 19.

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