

# GREAT LAND BOOM IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

Attempt Being Made to Snatch from San Francisco Her Commercial Supremacy.

Millionaire Huntington Gives \$30,000 to Help Fund for Professional Men.

Bernhardt Benefit—Feeding Refugees—Ground Sank in Lower Part of City.

New York despatch: According to a San Francisco despatch to the World a group of financiers, taking advantage of that city's misfortunes, seek to snatch her commercial supremacy from her.

A syndicate has been formed to make Oakland a deep sea port by building docks and piers into deep water.

"It is the intention," said the speaker for the syndicate, "to make Oakland the chief marine shipping port on the Pacific coast. The enterprise contemplates filling of 500 acres of shoal water and construction of a mole capable of docking the largest ships that enter the bay."

The price of dockage in rents is going up by leaps and bounds. Complaint of extortion in rents is widespread, and powerful influences are at work to keep the real estate boomers within reasonable limits. Hundreds of leases of business property have been sold since Monday for double and treble the figures originally paid by the sellers. All vacant houses have been taken and people who have country homes are leasing their city homes at fancy figures and moving out of town.

Help for Professional Men.

Los Angeles, Cal. Despatch: H. E. Huntington, of this city, yesterday opened with a gift of \$30,000 a fund to alleviate the ruined fortunes of professional men and women who lost their all in the San Francisco disaster. The statement made public by Mr. Huntington concerning his gift is in part as follows:

"During my recent visit to San Francisco I was struck forcibly by the misfortune that had occurred to professional men by reason of the disaster. The sturdy laboring man will find work at once, and through the assistance of the relief committees and the abundant call for labor will soon be on his feet again and in almost as good condition as he was before the earthquake."

"It seemed to me that as a class, the lawyers, doctors and other professional men, who depend upon libraries, skill and their clientele for support, are most heavily hit. I know personally of many professional men who lost their libraries, homes, instruments and everything but the clothes they were wearing. The men are not well equipped to do manual labor, and must take a practically new start in their profession, with little or nothing to begin with."

HEAVY RAIN FELL,

And the Refugees Suffered in the Parks and Squares.

San Francisco despatch: The homeless people who camped in the park, squares and vacant lots, were awakened early

to-day by the water dripping through the improvised tents, which afforded poor protection against the heavy rain that began to fall about one o'clock and continued for several hours. Many persons were driven into nearby houses for shelter.

Although the various camps were better prepared for the storm than for several days past, hundreds of tents having been received and put up since the last storm, still there are thousands who are without proper shelter and who shivered in their wet clothes last night, vainly trying to get warm after the rain ceased, by walking or huddling around little camp fires. The least distress and suffering was at the Presidio, where nearly all the refugees have been provided with tents by the Quartermaster's department. A wagon of picks and shovels was furnished, with which trenches were dug to carry off the water and the ground banked around the tents, making them comparatively comfortable.

In "Cow Hollow," at the rear of Harbor View, about 3,000 Italians from Telegraph and Russian Hills, and a sprinkling of Chinese and Japanese, are camped. Few of them have been provided with tents, and there was much distress among the women and children, of whom there are many in the camps.

A chilly wind was blowing this morning, and the difficulty of preparing warm food added to the distress of the homeless.

In Lafayette and Hamilton squares comparatively few tents have been issued to those camped there, but the ground is high and the drainage good.

CONDITIONS MUCH IMPROVED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

An Oakland despatch: Conditions are still looking up. The restriction against entering the city is now practically off. By to-morrow the electric cars will be running on Market street again. The banks have both a name and a local habitation. They have found a row of private residences on Laguna street, a thoroughfare heretofore a stranger to commerce, and from the windows of these houses flags proclaim that the Crocker-Woolworth, the Nevada and all the others are doing business within.

The Clearing House, representing the local commercial banks, has been meeting every day. To-day they arranged a plan for paying off depositors for temporary needs on a proportionate scale, each withdrawal to be limited to \$500. Correspondents of the several banks in London, Paris and New York will transfer certain sums to their credit. The Mint will be the



DR. ALGERNON S. CRAPSEY,  
The Rochester Divine who is Being Tried for Heresy in Batavia.

cashier's window for all the banks. The cheques will be made out in the usual form, endorsed by the cashier, and taken to the Mint, where they will be cashed. Superintendent of the Mint Leach says that he will co-operate in this as soon as he can get enough clerks. The savings banks report a satisfactory condition. They will open on the same day as the commercial banks.

Labor Supply Increasing.

The market price for laborers is \$2.50 a day, with the supply limited, but increasing. Besides the authorities, the War Department and street railways, private concerns want men to clear up their premises and erect temporary structures. Happily, we are almost clear again. The restrictions on the use of water for anything but external use has been removed. It was wash-day in all the camps. There was a scarcity of washtubs, and wash basins and bowls, anything that would hold water, served the purpose.

The shrubs and trees of Golden Gate Park are white with clothes. Women with dainty hands and diamond rings and women with coarser hands traded hands and gossiped over their washboards. Men of dainty habits are going about without collars, because the last one got too dirty to be worn any longer. The laundries got it as well as the owners of washing. But the refugees have bathed, and when the linen has dried out they will be clean next to the skin.

Every day the danger of epidemic seems smaller. There is absolutely no increase in the number of smallpox cases, no typhoid has appeared, and the cases of measles and scarlet fever are few.

Safes Are Still Cooling.

Donkey and construction engines were hauled into the ruined business district to-day to get the safes of business men out of the ruins. They are in the same fix as the banks; they dare not open the safes until they are

thoroughly cooled. In cases where floors fell, five or six safes are often jumbled together in the basements. The owners get them all out and identify their property. They will be left in the streets to cool for the present. The work of razing the dangerous walls goes on smoothly. The next important stage of this work will be the laying of railroad tracks down the main business streets to get out the great masses of wreckage.

The Fire-Swept Area.

After a careful survey the engineers of the Board of Public Works estimate that the area swept by the fire is about 15 square miles. There are few cities in the world where so much valuable property was contained in an equal territorial area. Within the district were nearly 100 banks alone, some of the finest office buildings outside of New York, thousands of mercantile and manufacturing establishments, and about 250,000 inhabitants, together with about 25,000 transients.

These facts may give some idea of the size of the ruin and of the loss involved, but they also emphasize the small loss of life from earthquake, fire and shooting. For the death list may not go over 700, and will almost certainly not reach 1,000. This is a striking proof of the mastery manner in which the authorities, civil and military, ran things.

Many Residences Uninjured.

The homes of more than 150,000 are standing practically uninjured. There still remain the great shanties at the Potrero, the Pacific Mail docks, and the busy district immediately surrounding them, the stock yards at South San Francisco, the wharves along the water front, the factories along the water front from Mission Creek to Hunter's Point, the Mint, the Postoffice, and the large retail district on Filmore and Divisadero streets. After all, a big city remains in San Francisco.

The Chinese Consul-General regis-

ters a kick. He says that the soldiers have been collecting graft from his countrymen. When the first crowd of refugees was taken from the ruined districts the soldiers made the Chinamen pay toll, usually \$5 a head, to be guided to the ferry. He makes a further charge, that the military guard was withdrawn from Chinatown yesterday, allowing a crowd of white toughs to poke through the ruins and help themselves to the stocks of Chinese stores. He says that a large amount of property was stolen in this way, while the Chinese stood by and took it all in. Being Chinese and in California, they had to.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CANADIAN

The Canadian Northern is adding 33 locomotives to the motive power on its western lines.

Toronto carriage and wagon workers threaten to strike if their working hours are not reduced.

The Government will introduce a bill to increase the pay of Police Magistrates Denison and Kingsford.

For sending in a false fire alarm a young man named Harris was fined \$25 in the Brantford Police Court.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered Victoria College \$50,000 on condition that the college issue a similar sum.

A freight train between Ingersoll and Port Burwell was cancelled yesterday owing to a strike of the crew.

The steamer Iroquois, which grounded below the Soo and blocked the passage for several hours, was released yesterday afternoon.

While operating a planing machine in the carpenter shop at the Toronto city yards yesterday, Edward Quatz had his right hand so badly mangled that the injured member had to be amputated.

The appointment of Mr. J. W. Seymour Corley of Toronto as Crown Attorney for that city, was officially confirmed yesterday afternoon. It takes effect on May 1, from which day the resignation of Mr. Curry dates.

Several parties from Belleville, were summoned for being at a cock fighting scene in Deseronto on Good Friday, and were yesterday morning fined \$5 and \$50 costs. A Deseronto hotel keeper, who lost \$200, gave the thing away to the authorities.

Miss Jean V. Sinclair of Indore, Central India has resigned her position as missionary under the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church, in order to marry Rev. J. S. MacKay, another member of the Canadian mission staff in Central India. Miss Sinclair was in mission to Madoc, Ont., and has been in mission work in India since 1889.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 3 1/2 per cent.

The steamer Marco Minghetti arrived at New York to-day nearly a week overdue. Apprehension had been felt for her safety.

Kings Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helene to-day opened the International Congress of Chemistry at Rome. There were 1,800 members present.

The British portion \$85,505,000, of the Russian loan has been covered and the subscriptions list closed to-day. Applications were received from Germany and elsewhere on the continent.

A deed conveying to the National Railroad Co. of Mexico the property of the Hidalgo & Northeastern Railway will be signed to-morrow. The price paid is \$8,300,000. The road has 27 locomotives and 300 cars.

Reports from the correspondents of the Associated Press throughout Russia and the Caucasus show in general a thoroughly favorable outlook for crop conditions and the prospect of a good yield of grain for the coming year.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived to-day at Naples, after a stormy voyage. It is feared that they will be unable on account of the weather to make the proposed ascension of Mount Vesuvius.

In connection with the celebration of Stanton Day at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, yesterday, the degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Andrew Carnegie.

The New York Tribune says: The Government of Venezuela is to establish a national bank and substitute a paper currency for the gold basis on which the country has been operating.

The Franklin celebration, preceding the unveiling to-day of the statue of Benjamin Franklin, presented to the city of Paris by John H. Harjes, the American banker, of Paris, was held in the Palace of the Trocadero this afternoon.

The Canadian syndicate which recently purchased the street railway lines of Mexico City, Mexico, it was said yesterday, has purchased all properties in Puebla of the Puebla Tramways Co. with some 27 kilometres of track. A change will be made to electric power and 34 kilometres will be added.

The Chicago Chronicle (Daily) says: Prosecution of the suit against the Armour & Swift interests in Texas for the purpose of securing a \$12,000,000 penalty for violation of anti-trust laws may result in the closing of all packing plants in Texas and the withdrawal of the Chicago concerns from that State.

The civil marriage of Spencer Eddy, secretary of the American Embassy at St. Petersburg, and Lurline Spreckels, daughter of C. A. Spreckels, of San Francisco, occurred to-day at the Town Hall of Passy, France, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The church marriage will take place to-morrow.

A remarkable feature of the second degree elections in the Baltic provinces was the complete defeat of the Germans, who compose the noble, or land owning class. Even the Russians entered into combination with the Letts, Estonians and Jews against the "German Barons" in choosing Radicals and Constitutional Democrats as electors.

## TO INSPECT FALLS.

CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES.

The House Committee on Rivers and Harbors to Visit Niagara To-day—Mr. Gibbons Says No Action Has Been Taken Yet.

Buffalo, April 30.—"We have no statement to make regarding the question of preserving the scenic beauties of Niagara Falls, because the commission took no definite action in the matter to-day," said Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., of London, chairman of the Canadian section of the International Waterways Commission, this afternoon. The Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House of Representatives will visit Niagara Falls to-morrow to make a personal investigation of the conditions there.

The committee has the Burton bill under consideration. It is expected that Messrs. Gibbons, King and Coste, together with the American commissioners, will visit Niagara Falls with the committee.

## CRAPSEY'S CASE.

HEARING OF THE CHARGES OF HERESY AND VIOLATION OF VOWS.

Batavia, N. Y., April 30.—The court of five clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which is hearing the charges of heresy and violation of his ordination vows against Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, opened its second day's session to-day in the Batavia court house. The prosecution to-day will call a number of divines, who will testify as to their views in the matter of Dr. Crapsey's orthodoxy. Some members of the vestry of St. Andrew's are expected to testify.

Asking a question by Mr. O'Brien, Congressman Perkins, chief counsel for the defense, admitted as evidence that Dr. Crapsey had taken all his ordination vows.

Mr. O'Brien then called the Rev. Francis Wadard, rector of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, and asked him to recite the substance of a conversation held with Dr. Crapsey, in February, 1905. To this Mr. Perkins objected, on the ground that this conversation was not in the presentment against Dr. Crapsey, citing as precedent the case of Dr. Williams, in which the prosecutor was the Bishop of Salisbury. Mr. O'Brien contended that Mr. Perkins was confusing evidence to support the charge with the charge itself. After further argument by the prosecution and the defence on this point the court decided to exclude the evidence in question.

## STEAMER SUNK.

RUN DOWN BY STRATHCONA IN HALIFAX HARBOR.

The Crew of the Havana Had Barely Time to Clamber Upon the Strathcona When Their Boat Went Down.

Halifax despatch: A serious marine accident occurred in Halifax harbor to-night. The coasting steamer Strathcona struck and sank the steamer Havana, which was lying at anchor near Point Pleasant. The Strathcona left her wharf at 10 o'clock for eastern ports, and half an hour later ran into the Havana. The crew of the latter, who had been engaged in salving the cargo of a submerged schooner, were asleep in their berths. They hurriedly rushed on deck and had barely time to clamber aboard the Strathcona, the bow of which was jammed in the Havana's amidships.

The Havana was showing the usual riding lights and the collision is inexplicable. The Havana was owned by Capt. Farquhar, of Halifax, and was worth \$30,000. She had just returned from a successful sealing trip on the Newfoundland coast.

## LIFE SENTENCE.

GUNNER BARRY FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Quebec despatch: The trial of Gunner John Barry, a former member of the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, who is charged with the murder of a comrade named Gunner Richard Kidd Hall, at the Citadel in November last, concluded to-night at 7 o'clock, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter and the presiding judge sentenced him to the penitentiary for the rest of his natural life. The jury took it into consideration that the prisoner was insane when he committed the act and is still suffering from dementia, which influenced their verdict.

The Minister of Justice may have the condemned man examined, and, if found insane, incarcerated in the Kingston Penitentiary lunatic asylum. The prisoner was oblivious of all that was passing during the trial, and even when the verdict was rendered and the sentence pronounced he did not realize his position, and when the guards sought to remove him from the dock he resisted, though he uttered no words, but gazed about him with a vacant stare.

## FOILS ATTEMPT TO ELOPE.

Wanted a Runaway Marriage With Farmer's Daughter.

Neepawa, Man., April 30.—A new-comer named McCracken, from Horning's Mills, Ont., was frustrated to-day in an attempt to elope with the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, James Poole, living near Brookfield, who was attending high school here.

He got a license and went to the rector to have him marry them, saying that he had the consent of her parents, as she was under 18. Mr. Poole was one of his parishioners. He phoned a neighbor, and the parent came in immediately for his daughter. McCracken has disappeared.



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