

large supplies of provisions are being laid in. Ammunition is being assembled to be taken to Honolulu by the Mohican, to be kept there for use in case of emergency. It is understood that Admiral Kirkland has received orders to place the Philadelphia and Yorktown in readiness for sea.

On the way home from the funeral of wife and sister W. H. Weeks and W. P. Rogers engaged in a deadly struggle on the in-bound overland train near Port Costa, Cal., at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night. Rogers attacked Weeks with a keen-bladed pocketknife, and, beating down his resistance, sank the weapon to the hilt in the left side of his face. Without removing the blade he forced it down to the neck, cutting veins and minor arteries as it went. Weeks would probably have bled to death but for immediate medical attention.

A dispatch from San Francisco says that the United States circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit has just rendered an opinion that is of great interest to seamen and owners of vessels. In the case of William Grossett vs H. C. Townsend, the court holds in cases of shipment of seamen before a United States shipping commissioner, allotments of wages in the coasting trade and in trade between the United States and the Dominion of Canada or Newfoundland or the West Indies or Mexico, are illegal and should not be allowed.

A man named Joseph H. Wayne—wanted in Cherokee county, Ga., for killing William Bice—was arrested on the Salvation army farm near Antioch, Cal., Wednesday night. Wayne killed Bice last August with a shovel in a fight while working on a road. Deputy Sheriff Reese Jones, a constable and William Woolbert located Wayne yesterday, and, in company with Sheriff Purviss of Stanislaus, captured Wayne Wednesday night without a struggle. Wayne now claims to be very religious, and a large Bible is his constant companion.

The ship Sintram sailed for Dutch Harbor from San Francisco this (Monday) morning. She was well crowded with freight and has 140 passengers. The vessel has been chartered by the Alaska Exploration company to carry their steamers and barges to Dutch Harbor. The crafts were built in San Francisco and will be put together when the Sintram reaches her destination. The steamers are four in number and there are six barges. It was intended to take all ten crafts on the Sintram but it was found that the ship could not carry them all and a second ship has been chartered.

The whaling steamer Karluk, at San Francisco, sails for Point Barrow next Tuesday. Captain McGregor is taking extra supplies as he thinks he will reach the imprisoned whalers in time to be of great assistance. The Karluk is also taking up supplies for the steamers Orca, Jessie H. Freeman, Belvidere, Jennie and Newport, the schooner Rosalie and bark Wanderer. Captain McGregor expects to find all the men of the fleet and the vessels that wintered at Herschel Islands, but he has very little hope for the steamers that were caught in the ice off Point Barrow.

Acting under special orders received from the officials in the war department at Washington, the commanding officer at Fort Logan, Colo., has distributed among the various companies stationed there tents sufficient to provide them shelter, should they be called to move. The officers have also issued to the soldiers the regulation equipments they will need if called upon to move. As the result of the orders received from Washington the men at the fort are prepared to start at a mo-

ment's notice and are prepared for any kind of service. The same preparations are being made at all the posts in the department of the Colorado.

Jackson Deering, the proprietor of a furnishing goods store at 62 San Pablo avenue, Oakland, Cal., committed suicide at a late hour Sunday night by taking laudanum and stabbing himself with a common plate knife just below the heart. His body was discovered Monday morning by two of his employees, who notified the coroner and chief of police at once. Deering was troubled with pains in his head, which seemed to grow so severe at times as to rob him of reason. He was well enough Sunday to call upon some of his relatives, but toward night the pain returned and in desperation he ended his life.

Information of the killing of C. H. Leadbetter, a newspaper correspondent at Dawson City, was received in Stockton, Cal., Wednesday. A letter from one of the party, Drals by name, states that the killing was most sensational. It accuses Leadbetter of using more than his share of provisions and thereby endangering the lives of the other members of the party. A quarrel ensued and young Hewitt, son of M. L. Hewitt of Farmington, shot and killed Leadbetter. A mob immediately seized Hewitt and nothing has been heard of him since. The letter does not refer to him again and his relatives are anxiously awaiting information as to the decision of the vigilance committee.

Bernard J. Hildebrand, son of Alexander Hildebrand, a well-known architect, and the trusted clerk of the firm of Montelegre & Co., committed suicide some time between midnight and an early hour Tuesday morning in Sausalito, Cal., at Claudinos' hotel. When news of the suicide first reached San Francisco, Hildebrand's best friends were at a loss to assign cause for his act, but they soon learned that for the past few years he had been leading a double and a troubled existence. He was the tenderest of lovers to Miss Gussie Gericke, but at the same time permitted himself to become hopelessly involved with a woman who has demanded of him every farthing he could earn or borrow.

Those on duty in the sheriff's office at Salinas, Cal., were given a surprise Monday afternoon when M. Long, a man well known in that city, walked in and asserted that he was crazy and that he wished to be taken into custody at once, claiming that if the officers did not lock him up he would injure somebody. Long's story is rather a peculiar one. Only a few months ago his wife was found to be mentally deranged, and is now in San Francisco, undergoing treatment. The cause was reported to be cruel treatment by her husband. Long denied this. Soon after his wife's departure he drank very heavily, but about two days ago stopped suddenly. The reaction is supposed to be the cause of the derangement.

The San Francisco Call says: The Mexican government will attempt to compel the Oceanic Phosphate company to pay an indemnity of \$1,500,000 for unlawfully shipping guano from Clipperton Island, in the Pacific Ocean. Although the Mexican government claims the ownership of this island and presumes to the right to demand this indemnity for the foreign encroachment upon its territory, the phosphate company is equally convinced that it has as much right to the island as the Mexicans. The company took possession of Clipperton Island in 1885 and since that time has been steadily shipping guano to San Francisco and Honolulu, receiving from \$10 to \$20 a ton for it. In August of

1896 several shiploads were sent from the island, the revenue from the sale of which the Mexican government demands.

The battleship Oregon at San Francisco is to receive at once 400 tons of ammunition. This quantity will prove a full complement for the forty-two magazines of the ship. Today (Friday) the powder, shot and shell will be brought from Mare Island to the Oregon's anchorage in Mission Bay. Officers of the navy comment on the fact that the ammunition must be brought to the ship, because the vessel cannot go to the naval station at Mare Island to receive supplies, owing to the shallow water in the channel there. Estimates are on file in the navy department showing that the sum of \$250,000 would enlarge the dock at Mare Island so as to accommodate a big battleship and deepen the channel. It is believed by naval officers that the Oregon will remain for a considerable length of time near San Francisco.

Frederick, better known as "Fritz" Hartman, was killed Tuesday by a cave in the Mount Shasta mine, about ten miles west of Redding, Cal. The young man was working his first shift at the mine on the floor of the southeast slope at the time of the accident. He was engaged in breaking rock when a large piece of quartz, estimated to weigh 1,100 pounds, fell from the ledge above. Striking the unfortunate miner on the back it crushed him to the earth, breaking his back and both legs. His two companions vainly tried to remove the rock from the unfortunate man, who heged piteously to be killed and put out of his misery. Outside assistance was necessary to extricate him from his position, however, and he died a few minutes after being taken to the surface. Hartman was a resident of Shasta, being the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hartman, and leaves a widow and two children.

A counterfeiting plant has been discovered within the walls of the state prison at Folsom, Cal. The work was done in the engine room by convicts H. L. Coyne and James Brown and so far as known only nickels were coined; presumably no precious metals could be obtained. The men were discovered in the act of manufacturing bogus coins by guards who had been told of what was going on. When the officers rushed in, Coyne and Brown leaped through a window and threw their dies and crucible into a canal leading to the American river. A large number of well executed five cent pieces were found. They were made of babbitt metal, taken from the engines which run through the prison grounds for the purpose of hauling rock from the quarries. It is thought that the dies or moulds were not made by the men who coined the money but by some of the expert counterfeiters in the prison. The impression prevails among the officers that it was the intention of the convicts to coin a great quantity of nickels, and then slip them out on the freight cars, where their friends on the outside could receive them in exchange for opium. Several of the bogus coins have been found in circulation in the town of Folsom.

The San Francisco Chronicle of today (Thursday) says that for some weeks it has been known to members of the family of ex-Mayor Adolph Sutro, the multi-millionaire who was recently declared incompetent, and to a few professional gentlemen connected with the conduct of the estate, that a woman calling herself Mrs. Clarise Kluge has been declaring that she is Sutro's contract wife and claiming to possess the strongest of evidence to back up her claim. Recently she visited one of the ex-mayor's attorneys and told him the story of her alleged relations with Sutro, which, she said, had existed for