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RIFLES READY.

Militia Sent to the Race War.

PEACE IS PROMISED.

Seven Men Killed During the Feud.

DETAILS OF THE UPRISING.

Negroes Banded to Exterminate the Whites.

WHO ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION

Fugitives Cornered in the Swamps and Murderer Pike's Mistress Held as Hostage.

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Details of the terrible state of affairs growing out of the murders of T. N. Malden and Joseph Isom, which were unmistakable yesterday, are being brought to light. In their desperation the good, substantial people of the Marion district took the law in their own hands and failing to find the negro, Waverly Pike, who murdered Mr. Isom, they have taken the lives of several of those who aided the murderer in making his escape. Last night 300 men were around Red Bay swamps, where it is supposed Pike is in hiding. It is the hope of the conservative people of the county that there will be no further bloodshed, but the coming of the military may have an opposite effect, as the whites who are under arms claim that it means protection to the negroes, while the white people here have been unable to secure themselves from negro desperadoes.

The call for the troops came from the Sheriff, who found he could not accomplish anything without the aid of the militia.

The killing of Malden, to which the wholesale murders are attributed, was a most brutal one. Malden was a constable and went into one of the turpentine camps, which abound in this section. Two brothers named Jeffrey, desperadoes, set upon Malden and shot him to death. Malden was an old Confederate soldier and belonged to a prominent family. His murder created widespread excitement, and a posse set out after the murderers. There was talk of lynching, but wiser counsel prevailed and the Jeffreys were captured and jailed.

Prominent among the posse that caught the Jeffreys were Joseph Isom and his brother-in-law, Henry Tillman, who is kin to the late Governor and now Senator from South Carolina. These gentlemen were warm and persistent in the chase and thus incurred the enmity of the negroes of the section. The Jeffrey boys were gamblers and idlers, and yet they were respected by the negroes of the vicinity. Their arrest caused the negroes who knew them to form a band, and that band made Waverly Pike its leader. Pike was, like the Jeffrey negroes, an idler and worthless character, and led that section of the negro settlement of the county, like Brewer did at Jessup five years ago to-day.

The band, under Pike's leadership, pledged themselves to take revenge upon every one who had a hand in the arrest of the Jeffrey brothers. Of this there is no doubt. McCall, the negro who was Pike's lieutenant, and who is in jail for killing Isom, so declared in an open and free confession. The band of negroes, after selecting officers, subscribed to a promise that every one that was instrumental in capturing the Jeffrey brothers should die. Each member declared that he would deal out death to any one of the party on the first opportunity. To the organization was given the names of men who were wanted to be dealt with particularly. That is the way McCall's confession goes, and that is the way the names of Isom and Tillman. The negroes kept their counsel well and nothing was done to indicate that the mark of death hung over the dozen, or so, of people of the county after the death of Isom when McCall told the story.

The killing of Isom last Thursday was, according to the McCall story, the first chapter of what was to be a regular slaughter. The details of that have been told in these dispatches. As soon as Isom's body had been taken home Judge F. W. Tillman and Henry Tillman, his brother-in-law, organized for the search for the murderers. There were four negroes in the party, two named Herring, McCall, who has confessed, and Pike, who is still at large. McCall and the Herings were caught the first night and jailed. Then the search for Pike, the murderer, began in earnest. It was kept up, but he could not be found that evening. Friday McCall acknowledged that he was present and told of the pledge that the negroes of that section had made to deal out death to every one who had a hand in the arrest of the Jeffrey brothers.

The statement created a great deal of feeling in the county and when it reached the house of Isom and the Tillmans, it aroused a feeling that had not manifested itself before. It was then that the whites would have taken revenge if they could have found some one upon whom to get it. The efforts to capture Pike were redoubled and people came from Colquitt, Worth and other counties around, armed for the search. No threats were made, however, by the searchers until Saturday, when it was learned that about thirty negroes, armed, had congregated about thirty miles from where Isom's body was to be buried that evening and that they were there to protect Pike if he were found.

It was given out among the whites, too, and that by a negro, that Pike was in hid-

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The seals hisilly betook themselves from the rocks and sought refuge in the sea.

Mayor-elect Sutro, Lessee Wilkins, the employees at the Cliff House and Sutro Heights and a small crowd which had gathered on the beach and the signal and life-saving stations watched the walls fall in after a vain attempt to save the building.

Toward midnight hacks from the city began to arrive with those curious to view the destruction of one of the most noted resorts in the world.

Standing upon the winding path outside the big fence that Sutro built to shut out the non-paying public, as the hated octopus had shut prosperity out of California, one could see a faint glow slowly enveloping the roof. Quickly it turned from a rosy red to a bright orange. Jets of flame followed it until the bold brow of the cliff shone out as if the sun had not hidden in the waste of waters of the Pacific Ocean beyond hours before. It lit up the white forms of the plaster gods and goddesses of the parapet, and revealed the low house of the master and the ghastly figures under the trees.

The wind blew the flames oceanward and if any ship passed in the night its passengers beheld a shower of brilliant sparks descending upon the created breakers and falling into the black waste beyond to sheen for a moment with the waning reflection of the stars.

Far down the beach to the spot where the wreck of the Beebe lay groaning and quivering beneath the onslaught of the waves, the golden radiance flickered. It burnt the tops of the pine trees

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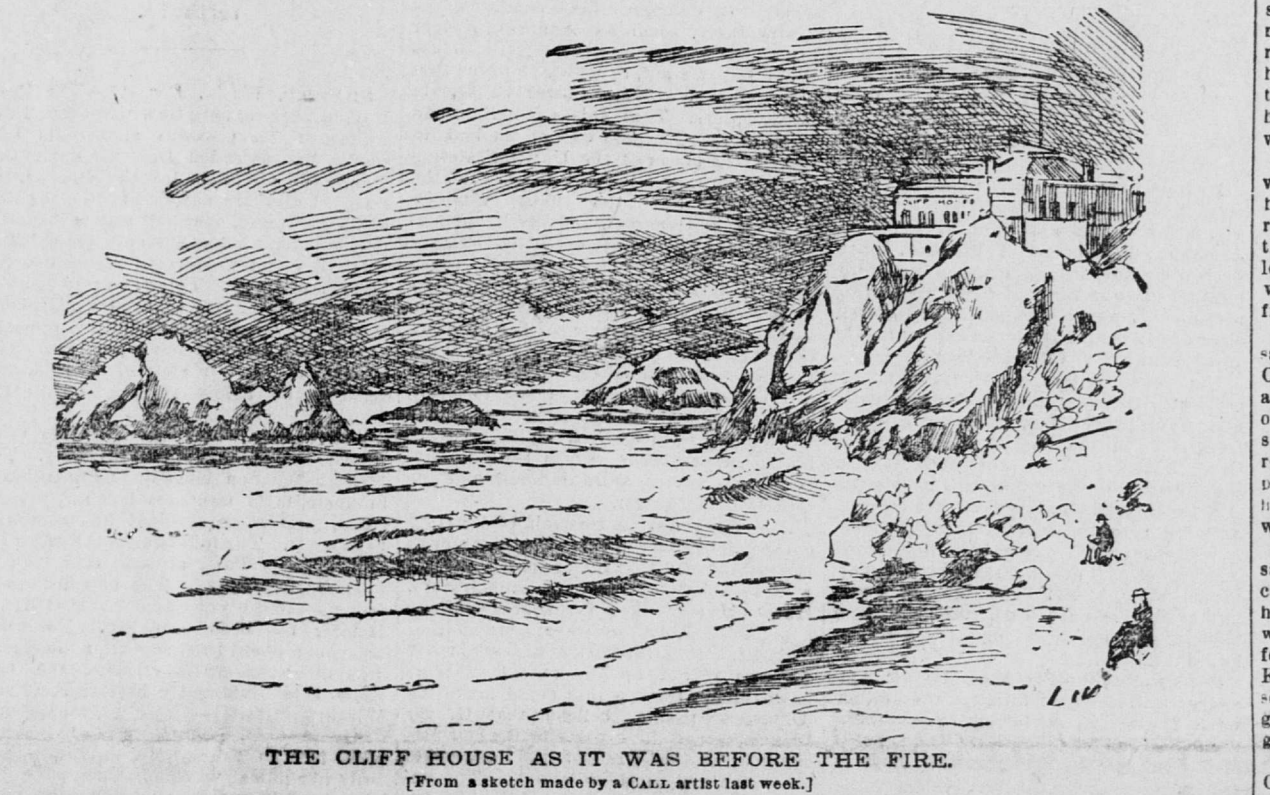
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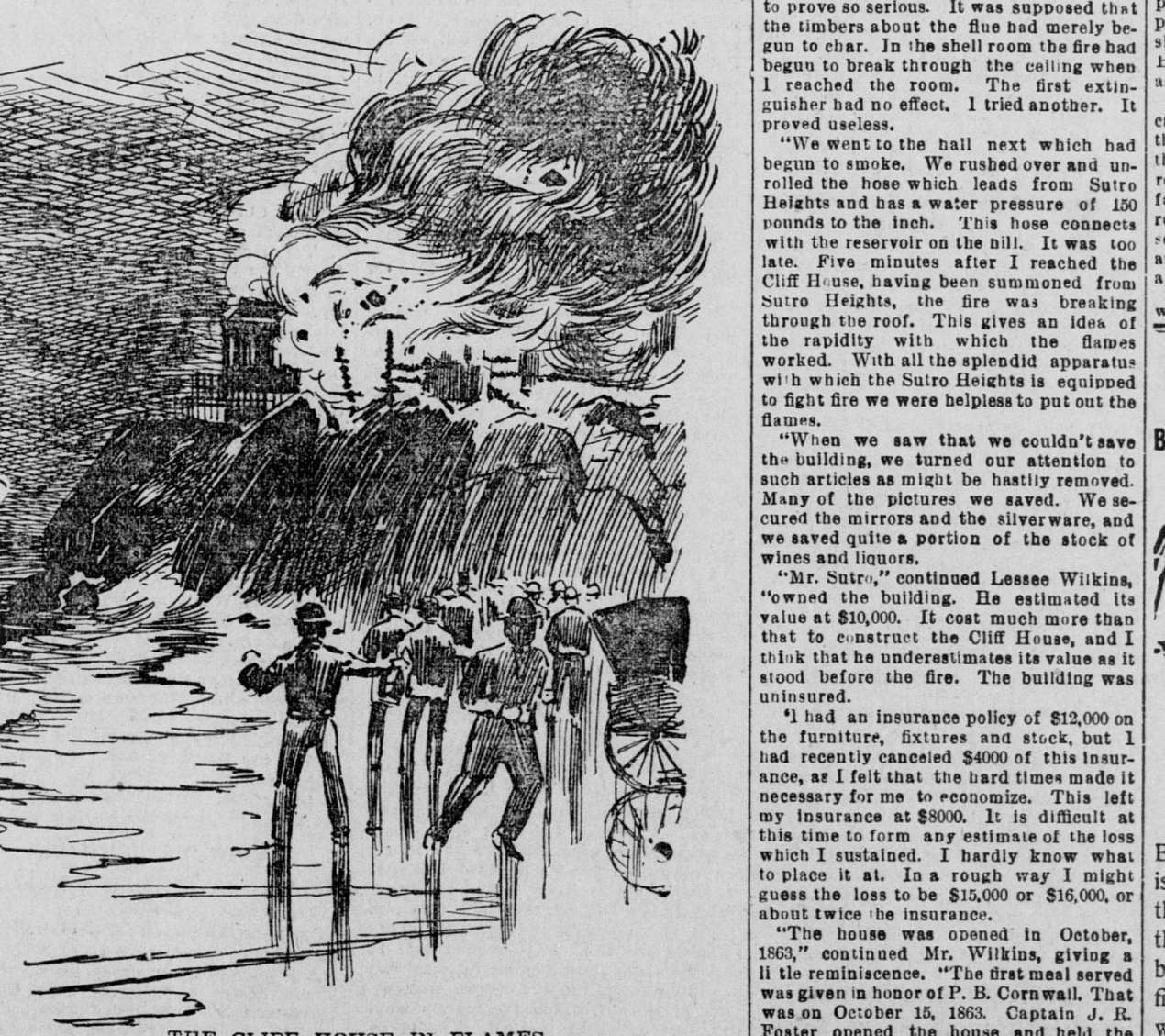
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scending to the lower floor, charred timbers and ashes are all that remains of the Cliff House. The rest is reminiscence, for the Cliff House is a thing of the past. A million dollar structure of steel and stone will be erected on its site. Fire destroyed everything last night, except a few souvenirs, the mirrors and easily movable furniture, the silverware, choice vinegars and liquors and a part of the bar fixtures. The fire was a hidden one between ceilings and walls. It started from a defective flue, and when the flames found a vent there was a rush and a roar of fire that could not be controlled. It was nearly 8 o'clock when the fire



was discovered. The news reached town first from the signal observer at Point Lobos. The rumor spread that the baths were smoking and were probably doomed. This was an error. In less than two hours the walls of the Cliff House had been consumed and the flames were feeding on the wooden supports and beams of the foundation. A sharp, steady breeze from the northeast drove the flames and smoke directly across the Seal Rocks. As the wind stiffened the flames spread oceanward in a horizontal line and the sparks fell in a continual shower on the breakers and first to seek refuge from the falling embers, and his offspring speedily followed him. When Sutro, known to the gulleful Mongolians as the "Sea Lion Bessee," appeared upon the scene, not one of his following was in sight. "They're safe, anyhow," the Mayor-elect muttered with a sigh of relief, as he looked beyond the furnace at his feet to the gray rocks, from which the seas had fled. The engine that is nearest the Cliff is a chemical recently placed in the heart of the Richmond district. The people clamored for it first, but the city clamored

flames—a portion of a counter, little knick knacks and curios, some of the furniture, and heaped in an angle in the fencing a goodly stock of wines and liquors. The silverware and paintings had been taken to Sutro Heights for safekeeping. In itemizing some of the souvenirs and articles of value saved Mr. Wilkins remarked: "We saved one souvenir belonging to Mr. Sutro for which I am very thankful. That was a photograph of the pioneers of California. There are but two or three of the kind in existence. It is a very rare photograph, as it was taken in the '50's and contains the pictures of 452 pioneers. It was originally the property of Captain Foster, from whom Mr. Sutro secured it.

"All old Californians will remember 'Uncle Billy's Dream,'" continued Mr. Wilkins. "Unfortunately that picture was burned. Every old-timer remembers Billy and George, who kept the saloon where the Sacramento River steamers used to land. Uncle Billy was immortalized in that picture.

"One of Colter's fine paintings, belonging to Mr. Sutro, was saved. My collection of shells and unique jewelry, which I valued very highly, was destroyed by the fire."

Mr. Wilkins declared that there was no doubt of the fire being accidental, and Mr. Sutro agreed with him, declaring that none would be vandals enough to destroy a property so rich in reminiscence and so closely connected with the city's early days, as well as with its later history.

Standing under the heavy port of the hill a few feet from the ferry portal of the blazing Cliff House, Adolph Sutro stood and watched the progress of the destroyer. If he grieved over the loss of his treasure his sorrow was confined to his heart, for neither by voice nor look did he betray regret, save for one brief moment, when he declared that if his employees had used the hose leading to the reservoir in the hill instead of the extinguishers, the house would have been saved.

His memory traveled back through the vanished years to the bright places in the history of the burning structure and he remembered the famous men and women that had stood upon its balcony and looked with rapture upon the shining waves of the majestic Pacific and the frolicking amphibia on the rocks.

"I bought it about fifteen years ago," he said. "The place was then known as the Cliff House ranch, and I believe there was a dilapidated little farm house down there on the beach. The Cliff House was a resort in those days that had a rather shady reputation, but after the property was improved and distinguished visitors came here it became famous throughout the world."

"No one has been here? Why, I might say every famous man and woman who came here since it was built. Grant came here when he was making his tour of the world. President Harrison was here a few years ago. The immortal Patki, King Kalakaua, Ezeta, poets, artists, sculptors and scientists. Men distinguished in the world of letters have been guests at the Cliff."

"When I bought the place it belonged to C. C. Butler, the Buckley estate and a Mr. Austin.

"Will I rebuild the Cliff House? No, not the Cliff House as it was, but one of the greatest hotels in the land. I think I will build upon the site of the old house, but not immediately."

"Was not the Cliff House on fire several years ago?" the next Mayor was asked.

An emphatic negative was the reply. "It was not burned, nor do I think it was ever on fire, until now," he declared.

"And I think, as I said before, that it would have been saved if the water in the reservoir had been used at the appointed time."

"There was no fire here, but there was one of the greatest explosions of dynamite 500 feet from this spot, and I was in my room up there on the hill at the time. It was on January 16, 1887, that 80,000 pounds of dynamite were accidentally exploded on board the schooner Parallele. It shattered the western wall of the Cliff House, the Point Lobos signal station and an old building that stood near."

The Parallele was outward bound and was caught by a current that drove her upon the rocks. Captain and sailors knowing the deadly peril of their position if they remained abandoned the schooner to its fate. The Parallele pounded upon the rocks until 9 o'clock in the evening, when some of the dynamite caps were exploded and the boat and her cargo went up with a terrific crash.

Many expressions of profound sympathy were received by Mr. Sutro, and many

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