

M'CARTHY IS NOMINATED

IS UNION LABOR SELECTION FOR MAYOR

DELEGATION BOLTS FROM THE CONVENTION

Thomas Egan Quits Hall with Followers to Hold Meeting on Street When Plan is Rejected

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—The Union Labor city and county convention tonight nominated the following partial ticket and adjourned to the call of the chair for its completion:

For mayor, P. H. McCarthy, president of the Building Trades council.

For sheriff, Thomas F. O'Neill, incumbent.

For city and county clerk, Harry L. Mulcrevy, incumbent.

For city and county recorder, John H. Nelson, incumbent.

The fact that former Mayor Eugene B. Schmitz is prisoner in the county jail under sentence for extortion did not keep from him the control of the convention. His program and his orders were carried out. One of the eighteen delegations rebelled and bolted, after Chairman Leonard had squelched a fiery effort by its leader to turn the tide of battle.

This futile effort, indeed, was the feature of an otherwise cut and dried proceeding. When the report of the committee on rules and order of business had been adopted and the platform affirmed, the chair entertained a motion that the convention proceed to nominations for mayor. This was the signal awaited by the Schmitz-McCarthy rivalry on the floor.

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TORRENT SWEEPS AWAY VILLAGES; MANY DROWN

Heavy Rains Swell River to Three Miles in Width—Bridges and Houses Go Down Before Flood

By Associated Press. MADRID, Sept. 26.—Unprecedented rains in Alusia have caused great destruction of life and property. The Guadalquivir river has been converted into a torrent three miles wide and bridges, houses and even entire villages have been swept away by the flood.

Thirty persons were drowned at Malaga, twenty-three at Velez de Benaomar, among them the mayor of today and thirteen at Coleman and about one hundred elsewhere in the valley.

1500 CHOLERA CASES IN JAPAN; GOVERNMENT ACTIVE

By Associated Press. TOKIO, Sept. 26.—Four cases of cholera are reported at Yokohama and other suspected cases are under observation. A total of 1500 cases of cholera throughout Japan have been reported up to today and the government is taking stringent measures to alligate the disease and prevent its spread.

BIG FIRE STOPPED TUNNEL TO VAULTS

Clever Thieves Had Almost Reached Selby Bullion When San Francisco Conflagration Forced Abandonment of Plan

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—A bold and daring effort to rob the vault of the Selby Smelting and Lead company in its building on Montgomery street, between California and Sacramento streets, of the vast amount of bullion and specie which was stored there prior to the big fire has been brought to light in a discovery of a secret tunnel which stopped within a few feet of the vault.

The indications are that the attempt was foiled by some unforeseen event. The presumption is that the thieves were forced to cease their secret work by the fire.

Workmen engaged in reconstructing the building have come across the tunnel, which had been started in the basement of an adjoining building, and following it up found that it had been dug to within four feet of the vault, its total length being about forty-five feet. The tunnel indicated months of labor and the work done by some of the cleverest crooks in the country.

VOLIVA RESIGNS ZION'S LEADERSHIP

ABANDONS FIGHT TO FOUND NEW COLONY

Dowle's Successor Makes Last Speech Assailing Receiver—Has Lost Options on New Mexico Land

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who successfully grasped the reins of government of Zion City from the hands of John Alexander Dowle and expected to reign in his stead after the death of "Elijah III," last night announced to a thousand of his followers in that city, torn by many factions, that he had given up the fight there.

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SAN FRANCISCO PREPARES FOR TRADE CAMPAIGN

Seven Hundred Firms in Movement to Regain Business That Has Been Lost—To Establish Traffic Bureau

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—Seven hundred large commercial houses in San Francisco, including virtually all of the leading wholesale concerns and representing the manufacturing and shipping interests of the city, have pledged themselves to pay regularly for the maintenance of a traffic bureau for the chamber of commerce of San Francisco. With this in implied, says President Bartley of the chamber, a great struggle to recover for San Francisco the trade territory that has been wrested from it by other cities.

ROOSEVELT WILL CONFER WITH NEILL ON STRIKE

Executive is Awaiting Documentary Statements from Operators—No Further Arrangements for Move Toward Peace

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt said today that he had consented to receive some documentary statements from the striking telegraph operators and that he would undoubtedly call in consultation Commissioner of Labor Neill. Further than this he said that no arrangements had been made for any conference regarding the strike.

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Many Booding Supervisors Testify in Ford Trial—Testimony Is Stereotyped—Dr. Boxton's Examination Grilling

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—In the case of T. L. Ford, chief counsel for the United Railroads, charged with bribery, there was today a long procession of former supervisors, each of whom ascended the stand and recited the circumstances under which he accepted the money which Chairman James L. Gallagher admitted having paid them for their votes.

Although the witnesses numbered no less than eight, it was not until late this afternoon that there developed any testimony that was not a practical repetition of what had gone before.

This was when Andrew M. Wilson, at present a member of the state railway commission, who confessed to having received \$10,000 as a supervisor, undertook to explain, at his own request, the part he had taken in preparing the way for passage of the ordinance.

Wilson declared that he had been misrepresented in the papers and that his actions were due to his loyalty to Abraham Ruef, who, he said, had procured his election as supervisor and later as railroad commissioner.

Wilson added that he himself made no arrangements for payment of money to other members of the board, but that he had confirmed, as a representative of Ruef, at least some of the statements made by Gallagher, as well as some of the announcements made and the order conveyed through the same source.

By a large crowd which attended the trial during the day, surprise was manifested at the utter nonchalance exhibited by the witnesses as they told of their corruption. Not one of the former supervisors betrayed the slightest emotion, even under cross examination, and several of them participated in the humorous exchanges that occurred between the opposing counsel.

Wilson stated that he had first heard of the overhead franchise matter when Gallagher and Ruef came to the board rooms in an automobile and Gallagher invited him to walk around the members of the board I told them I owed my appointment to Ruef and George Keane and that when I could no longer be faithful to them I would resign from the board.

"What do you mean by saying that you were faithful to the administration? That you would not take any money except from Gallagher?"

"I do not know. I was told by Ruef when I took office that there was to be no grafting on the municipality; that if I knew of any I was to report it to him, and that he would prosecute any person who was grafting."

"But that did not prevent your grafting on corporations, did it?"

"I wish to explain that also," replied Wilson. "I told one of the incorporators of the Parkside hotel, and he had not offered me a cent. When the Home Telephone company was granted a franchise the result was agreed with approval."

"But you had taken \$3500 to vote for that franchise," said Henry, "and then you took \$5000 from the Pacific States Telephone company. Now was it your idea that you were loyal to Ruef only when you were taking money of which he was aware and approved?"

"It was," replied Wilson.

Wilson testified that he had first been told that he was to receive \$12,000 in the trolley matter, and that he had talked it over with Gallagher during a buggy ride.

"But when it came through," said Wilson, "there was only \$10,000."

In reply to questions Wilson admitted having received \$10,000 in two equal installments. The first package was given him in the ruins of the old city hall and the other about the end of August, just about the time the witness had to make a note.

On cross examination Wilson admitted that after he had sounded the members of the board, before any monetary consideration was mentioned, the supervisors were all in favor of granting the franchise. Further than this, Wilson explicitly stated that the privilege might have been obtained without the use of a dollar.

"What official office do you hold?" asked Henry after the cross examination ended.

"State railroad commissioner," said Wilson.

"To whom do you owe that nomination?" persisted Henry.

"To Ruef," replied Wilson.

"And to Mr. Herrin?" asked Henry.

"I never saw or talked to Mr. Herrin," replied Wilson. "I was given the nomination because I was loyal to Ruef and Mr. Herrin tried to have Eddie Wolf elected to the place."

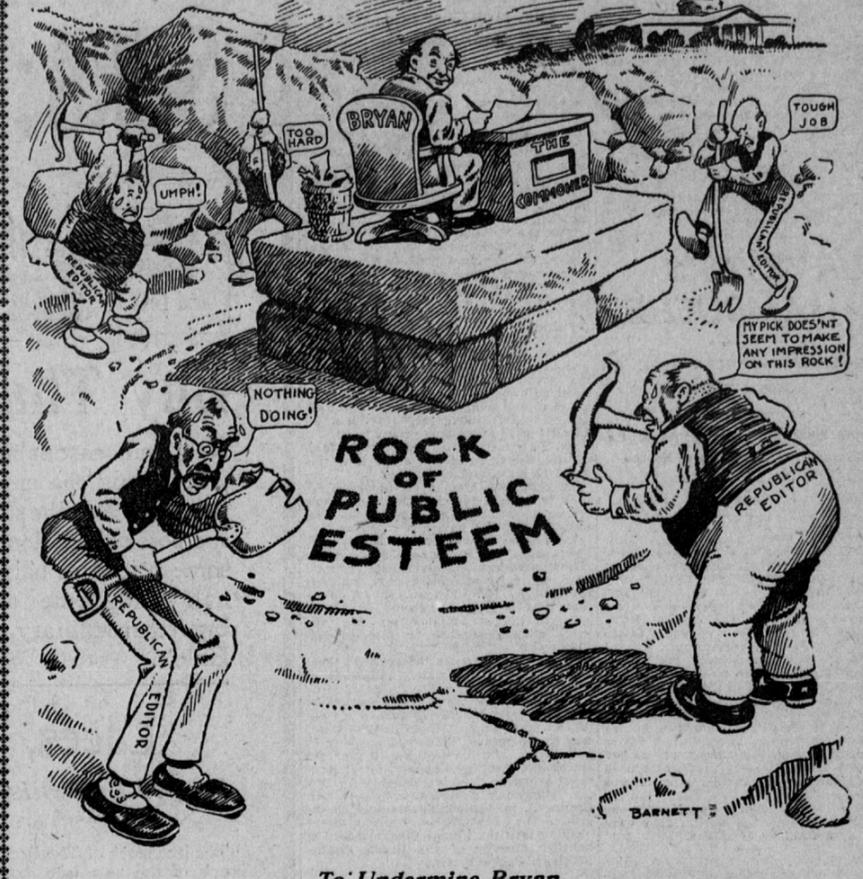
Railroad Commissioner Wilson was succeeded by ex-Supervisor Mamlack, now engaged in the auto livery business. The latter reached the cross examination stage without incident further than the admission that he had accepted \$4000 for his vote.

Denies Interference. Mamlack vehemently denied that he had been instructed to make any changes in his testimony, as suggested by Earl Rogers. The witness was still under cross examination when court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

M. W. Coffey was called to the stand this morning. Coffey testified that he had been a hack driver before becoming a supervisor. He corroborated the testimony of his colleagues who have already affirmed that there was some general discussion of trolley franchise matters, but

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Political Grave Diggers Find It Difficult



To Undermine Bryan

CUBAN CHIEFS ARE JAILED

AMERICAN BACKERS OF REVOLT KNOWN

Governor Magoon, with 10,000 Troops, Prepared to Handle Situation. Tie-up of Railroads Feared

By Associated Press. HAVANA, Sept. 26.—The secret police today arrested Gen. Maso Parra, Gen. Juan Ducassi and Gen. Lara Miret, charged with conspiracy against public order.

Gen. Parra is the alleged leader of the conspiracy to start a revolution against the Americans in Cuba with the use of funds supplied through some firm in New York. Simultaneously with the arrival of Parra at Havana three Deputies were known on account of their previous experience in revolutions, also arrived.

It is known that the conspiracy was hatched in New York by Americans whose names, it is said, are in the possession of the United States government, and it is stated that the leaders were professional revolutionaries hired for the job, which it is believed will result in a lull.

Governor Magoon, however, is amply prepared with 5000 American soldiers and 5000 rural guards to crush any movement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Official word reached the war department today in the following cablegram addressed by Governor Magoon to Acting Secretary Oliver: "Information more specific and certain than heretofore was received late tonight that Maso Parra, angered by his failure to bring about an uprising, had threatened to dynamite buildings in Havana and then escape. The local police arrested him and two of his gang named Lara Miret and Ducasi, and they are now in jail."

War department officials, while admitting that agitation is rampant among the negro population in Cuba because of their failure to receive their proper share of the offices, discredit the probability of any uprising against the provisional government on that account.

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DEATH EVERY 15 HOURS NEW YORK CARS' FARE

5500 Killed and Injured in 26 Days, According to Statistics of Public Service Commission

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Every fifteen hours a life is lost in this city under the wheels of a passenger, surface, elevated or steam car. This fact has been brought out by Secretary Travis H. Whitney of the public service commission in a table giving a record he has kept of transportation from August 5 to September 1.

In these twenty days 16 persons were hurt in car collisions and 465 in collisions between cars and vehicles. Once in each hour and twenty-nine minutes of the period some person was struck by a car, making a total of 65. Sixty-four persons were injured in boarding cars and 133 were injured in alighting from them.

Employees to the number of 64 were hurt, thirty-three persons were hurt in derailments, twenty-six prospective elevated passengers fell down stairs and 338 persons were hurt in unclassified ways. A total of 550 were either killed or injured in twenty-six days.

'ASIATICS WILL COME IN HORDES'

FAMOUS MISSIONARY MAKES PREDICTION

Bishop James M. Thornburn Declares America Will Soon Swarm with Chinese, Japanese and Koreans

By Associated Press. PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26.—Speaking before the Columbia River branch of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, the aged missionary, Bishop Dr. James M. Thornburn, today declared that America will be swarming with Hindus, Chinese, Japanese and Koreans within a few years.

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HARRIMAN INDICTED

SAN FRANCISCO FEDERAL JURY RETURNS COUNTS

Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail Officials, Including J. D. Stubbs and R. P. Schwerin, Said to Have Been Named

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—It was reported tonight that the federal grand jury had found six indictments in this city against officials of the Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail Steamship company for violations of the rate law.

The indictments are said to contain 140 counts and it is understood that E. H. Harriman, J. C. Stubbs and R. P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail are included among the officials named.

The indictments are said to be based on the charge that the companies have bought shipments for the Orient through this city at a rate lower than the one published.

CREDENTIALS DO NOT PREVENT MAN'S ARREST

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 26.—D. A. Maginnis, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., who came here recently bringing excellent business letters, was arrested on Tuesday by Sheriff Jennings on a charge of embezzlement in having come away from Grand Rapids without paying for a piano he had purchased.

This morning Maginnis applied for a writ of habeas corpus and was released. He was immediately rearrested on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice and with having brought embezzled property in the state.

POLICE FIND TRACE OF MRS. COVINGTON'S SLAYERS

Men Answering Description of Those Wanted in Trun: Mystery Thought to Be on Their Way to Alaska

By Associated Press. SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 26.—Information reached the police authorities today that two men answering the description of Covington and Burison applied at an employment office in this city on Monday last for passage to Katalla, Alaska.

One of the men, it was learned from the employment agent, was signed under the name of Moran. Later in the day he appeared at the office again and asked that his name be changed to Eugene Deselley. The other man, who was signed, professed to be a friend of Deselley's.

Chief of Police Wappenstein today sent a cablegram to United States Commissioner Britton at Katalla, asking him to place the pair under arrest immediately upon their arrival.

As a further incentive to the hunt for the murderers the commissioner of King county today offered a reward of \$500 for the capture and conviction of the murderers.

Battleship Disabled

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The battleship Alabama arrived at the navy yard today and reported a cylinder of her port engine cracked while at sea off Barnstable, Mass., September 13. The cause is unknown.

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GREEKS IN RIOT PURSUE CREWS FOR REVENGE

HALF OF SCORE INJURED WILL SUCCUMB

Mistake in Orders Causes Frightful Collision on Tehachapi—Armed Guards Sent with Physicians

By Associated Press. BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Sept. 26.—Eight killed and twenty injured, half of them fatally, is the result of a collision between a Southern Pacific work train and freight on Tehachapi mountain, near the entrance of tunnel 17, two miles west of Tehachapi, this evening at 7 o'clock. The dead were all Greek laborers.

Enraged by the death and injury of their comrades, the Greeks who escaped from the smashup gave chase to the engine and train crews of the freight train, whom they ho... at fault, and with rocks and other missiles drove the trainmen into the surrounding hills and threaten destruction of much railroad property.

On the relief train that left here at 8 o'clock tonight were twenty armed men, who may have to rescue the refugees from their perilous position and protect the company's property.

A west bound freight in charge of Engineer Carnes plowed into the work train, which was conveying fifty Greeks, who were all on one car, to their quarters at Tehachapi. The work train was backing up the hill and the car upon which the Greek south-bound train was mangled, it receiving the full force of the collision.

The train crews jumped in safety. In the turmoil which followed the Greeks began an attack upon the railroaders, who headed by Engineer Frank Woody and Conductor Pote Calmes, fled for their lives. At 9 o'clock tonight they were still refugees in the hills.

Organize Relief

A relief train was organized and Doctors Kellogg, West and Owens of the Southern Pacific hospital service, with four trained nurses and twenty armed guards, were dispatched to the scene. Surgeons at Tehachapi were soon administering to the injured. It is announced that traffic will not be delayed, the wrecker and a large crew having been called out immediately.

At 12:15 a. m. definite information was received that the list of the dead totals eight. Between sixteen and twenty are injured and at least half of these are fatally injured. At that hour it was expected that the relief train would arrive in Bakersfield with the bodies of the dead and injured about 2 a. m.

The wreck was caused by the confusion of trains. Two west-bound trains were proceeding up the hill and the west-bound freight coming down had orders to pass a work train. It passed the first outfit and then continued on its way, crashing into the second train without warning.

Although the railroad officials declared that traffic would be uninterrupted, train 25, the north-bound Owl, is stalled behind the wreck and will run into Bakersfield five hours late. Train No. 3, leaving here at 11:30, will be held at Caliente, while the south-bound Owl will pass the wreck three hours late.

From last accounts the wrecker had not succeeded in clearing the track. Division Superintendent Worthington is on the scene and is personally overseeing the clearing up of the wreckage. So far as known no further clash has occurred between the Greeks and trainmen and the railroad property is unharmed as yet.

SAN FRANCISCO PREPARES TO ENTERTAIN SQUADRON

Wireless from Vessels on Way from Hawaii Declares They Will Pass Through Golden Gate Today

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—A wireless message received at 1 o'clock this afternoon by the United States naval training station on Goat Island from the cruiser Colorado gave news of the approach of the armored cruiser squadron under command of Rear Admiral Dayton and comprising the flagship West Virginia, the Maryland, the Colorado and the Pennsylvania. The message was: "Will leave 5:30 Friday afternoon. Uneventful voyage from Honolulu. All well. Ninety-nine men to be transferred to Mare Island and paid off immediately upon arrival."

Officers of the chamber of commerce and the Merchants' association will meet this afternoon and arrange a program of welcome and entertainment for the officers and men of the four cruisers due tomorrow and the five cruisers already in this port. A committee will call upon Admiral Dayton and submit the program to him for his approval or revision.

The cruiser squadron, when it assembles upon the arrival of the four ships due, will be composed of the armored cruisers West Virginia, flagship, Capt. J. B. Moran; the Maryland, Capt. C. Thomas; the Colorado, Capt. S. A. Stanton; the Pennsylvania, Capt. A. Ward; the California, Capt. T. S. Phelps; the first-class cruisers Charleston, Commander Beatty; St. Louis, Commander N. R. Usher, and the third-class cruisers Raleigh, Commander G. H. Peters,