

TAYLOR LANGDON TICKET WINNING IN SAN FRANCISCO POLICE MAKE SENSATIONAL RAID AND CAPTURE OF FAKE SPIRITUALIST MEDIUMS

SPOOKSTERS RAIDED BY DETECTIVES

FAKERS CAUGHT DEFRAUDING GULLIBLES

WHITE ROBE SNATCHED FROM A "SPIRIT"

C. F. Baxter and Wife Locked Up After Exciting Struggle, Exposure and Capture of Paraphernalia

Spookdom received a terrible jolt last night. Two mediums were captured and the regalia of a ghost with three trumpets will rest peacefully at police headquarters ready to be placed in evidence against a gang of the most pronounced fakers ever seen in Los Angeles.

Prosecuting Attorney Guy Eddle yesterday afternoon issued a complaint charging C. F. Baxter, Mrs. C. F. Baxter and John Doe and Jane Doe with violation of the city ordinance in practicing without a license. The complaint was without a license. The complaint was without a license.

"Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton," accompanied Mrs. M. E. Walling and Mr. Murray—the latter a "cousin" of Mrs. Walling—to the Baxter house at 1369 East Twenty-second street, where they met about twelve people, waiting for the seance to begin. Detective McNamara and a number of officers followed in an automobile.

By 8:15 o'clock twenty people had gathered, and Baxter led the crowd to the familiar semi-circle. The Herald reporter, who took the part of "Mr. Hamilton," and Detective Murray were placed at the upper end of the room, facing the large green portieres covering the double doorway leading to the dining room. The crowd was exceptionally large and Baxter smiled as he agreed to stand up in his corner near the double doors, there being no room for further seats.

Chaudet Kisses a Spook

The portieres were drawn and the lights were turned out. Someone started "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and the second verse was barely finished when a white-clad body was seen coming toward the curtain. But it receded and the believers said the spirit was "not strong."

But a few words of another hymn were sung when the spirit of "Stella," Mrs. Baxter's guide, was seen. Mrs. Baxter's guide is quite small, probably one of her smaller children. The conversation between the woman and her spiritual leader soon faded away.

"Sister Emma," however, who came next, was strong. This spirit wanted to talk with a Mr. Chaudet, who was present with his wife, a son and a daughter. Mr. Chaudet, who was a spook, gave it a "kiss" and said good night.

"Mr. Hamilton's" turn came early last night. He was fortunate enough to be called by the "ghost," and his hands were not held as they had been on his preceding visit.

"Aunt Elizabeth," called Mrs. Baxter from her corner, and The Herald man walked forward, told "auntie" how glad he was to see her, and with the words "I have some good news for you, auntie," grasped the hand of the fake spook. The hand was covered with a solid piece of cheesecloth, which came off as the spook tore from the reporter's grasp. The Herald man held to the cheesecloth and as Detective Murray turned on the electric light the bare legs of a boy could be seen retreating behind the heavy portieres.

Woman Fights Desperately

Mrs. Walling, with rare presence of mind, rushed for the front door, which she threw open, admitting Detective McNamara and a number of other men in waiting outside.

Mrs. Baxter, realizing the value of the cheesecloth as evidence, suddenly grasped it as the reporter was showing it to Baxter and his wife and they were told to get ready to go to the station. This they did only after threats to call the patrol wagon had been made. Baxter and his wife with the trumpets and ghostly regalia were placed in an automobile and taken to police headquarters, accompanied by Detectives Murray and McNamara.

The gullibles gathered at Baxter's house were for the most part almost stupefied by the raid. Some of the men became belittled, but were soon quieted. As a rule there seemed to be a feeling of relief that Baxter's deception had been exposed before their eyes.

Woman Swats Detective

"I am glad it happened," said young Chaudet. "I am only waiting here to see that my sister gets home safely. She has fainted, and I am waiting until her condition is such that I can take her home."

The Baxter's have five children, ranging in age apparently between 8 and 16. It is quite certain that the children are the ones who take the part of spooks, and a talk with them last night showed they were well trained, their one answer to all question being almost invariably, "I don't know."

Neighbors of the Baxter's said last night that the children were shamefully abused. "I had almost made up my mind to appeal to the Humane society," said Mr. George Rainey, who lives next door to the Baxter's, after the raid last night. "The children are beaten every day and seemingly without reason. I never could understand what was going on in that house, but thought it was some sort of ruse, and that the gospel hymns were sung simply to put the neighbors off the track."

Spook is Barefooted Youth

To prevent the spook's escape via the back yard and the alley two men were stationed in the alley back of the Baxter home.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Sunday; light west winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 81 degrees; minimum, 56 degrees.

LOCAL Discussion of religious aspects of Christmas. Selects attracts attention of many prominent churchmen. Inconsistent position of legislators shown. Examples of intolerance given.

Brigadier General Wankowski guest of honor at banquet at Lankershim given by officers of Seventh regiment. Fifty at table.

Sign painter beats bulldog and animal, springing at him, tears open cheek for two inches. Victim treated at receiving hospital.

Plant of Ocean Park Milling company totally destroyed by fire that does \$30,000 damage. Apparatus and water supply inadequate.

Charles Mulford Robinson, landscape architect, address improvement associations on plans for beautification of their district Monday evening.

Raid on banquet in honor of mlkado's birthday during wholesale activities of police Friday night throws Japanese of coast into furor. Liquor sellers plead guilty.

Tax receipts, amounting to \$46,533, for November 1, larger than collections on same date in any preceding year. Total for October, \$33,737, establishes record.

Instructive conflict between white blood and red, charges youth, led to attack upon him by pupils of Sherman Indian school.

At point of gun, youth holds up Star market at 248 West Pico street, robs till of \$200 and escapes in buggy thought to have been stolen, according to report of E. B. Fay.

National clearing house is needed, declares J. M. Elliott, president of the First National bank before the city club, in address on the financial situation. Minority of financiers responsible, he asserts.

Hot political campaign in San Francisco virtually ended last night. It is generally believed Taylor will be elected, the odds about two to one. Langdon is believed to have a safe lead in contest for office of district attorney.

By a collision of two cars on the Northern Electric railroad near Chico several persons are severely injured and it is thought one will die.

An entire town in Lower California is engulfed as the result of a terrific storm. Several persons have been blown out to sea and it is believed no fewer than sixteen perished by drowning.

Methodist Episcopal bishops are in session at Spokane. Conference deals with important problems of the church.

Five vessels of the San Francisco whaling fleet have not been heard from and are feared all are ice bound in Arctic waters. Last vessel out reports narrowly escaping being hemmed in.

Attorney General Webb has been asked for permission to begin an action to revoke the telephone franchise of the city club, in San Francisco on the ground that the franchise was secured by fraud.

Bribery graft cases in San Francisco are postponed on account of the holidays declared by the governor.

A New York man gave a beggar \$1 nine years ago. Yesterday he received through the mails a \$100 bill and a letter of thanks from the beggar, whose identity no one knows.

President Roosevelt rewards a New Jersey town with a postoffice and good mail service for its record along the lines of an anti-race suicide. Out of 300 families, nine-tenths of them have children, and in one week the stork visited nearly fifty houses.

Louisiana congressman calls the attention of the country to the necessity of improving the great waterways of the lower section.

A Chicago negro who murdered a woman refuses to tell a lie even to save himself from the gallows.

Retail coal dealers in Colorado are accused of being in a trust. An effort is being made to compel them to reduce their prices.

United States Senator Dooliver, speaking at Topeka, Kas., says he is confident the army canteen will not be re-established.

Lives of hundreds of hotel guests in Chicago endangered by fire, which breaks out early in the morning. Women are carried down ladders to safety by firemen and police. All escape.

E. H. Harriman believed to have secured control of the Central of Georgia railroad, which he will use as a connecting line for the Illinois central railway.

Chicago man believed to be dead, and declared so by courts, appears and convinces the officials that he is very much alive.

Two negroes in Alabama are lynched for attack on an officer. Effort is made to burn the men at the stake, but wiser counsel prevails.

MAY AVERT BIG STRIKE IN ENGLAND

RAILWAY EMPLOYES LISTEN TO PEACEMAKERS

PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT FACTIONS ARBITRATE

President of London Board of Trade Asks Disaffected Men to Delay Action Until Conference is Held

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The prospects that the president of the board of trade, Lloyd-George, may be able to avert the general railway strike by arranging a compromise were brighter today.

A full meeting of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was held this morning, and it was decided to postpone all action on yesterday's resolutions in favor of a strike until after the conference to take place with Mr. Lloyd-George on November 6, to which he has invited the society to send representatives.

Richard Bell, M. P., general secretary of the society and leader of the strike movement, probably will head the delegation.

A meeting of the parliamentary committee of the trade union was to have taken place next Monday and a joint meeting of this committee with a committee representing the general federation of trades unions and of the Labor party had been arranged for next Tuesday, but Mr. Bell has written to the secretary of the first named organization suggesting that the meetings be postponed, adding: "Owing to a change of circumstances I do not think it will be necessary to call them together at this stage."

This is regarded as a significant step because the two meetings were to have been considered in order to support the railway men if they went out on strike.

Plans for Peace The circumstances to which Mr. Bell referred were Mr. Lloyd-George's invitation to the conference of November 6.

The plan of the president of the board of trade is to form a permanent board of conciliation, with an equal number of representatives of the companies and of the men, and having an independent chairman. The railroad directors apparently are willing to adopt the plan, but the question arises whether the men, having demanded complete recognition of their unions and direct dealings between the men and the management of the roads, will accept such a substitute.

The partisans of the railways refer to yesterday's resolution as being a bluff, intending to frighten the railway magnates, and the supporters of the men say the atmosphere has not actually cleared away, it has given its executive a mandate for war.

Public feeling against the strike is so strong that the men are bound to go along so long as the companies show any disposition to arrive at a compromise arrangement.

The railroad men will hold a mass meeting at Albert hall here on Sunday night, and deputations from all parts of the United Kingdom will be present.

SEVEN HURT IN CRASH OF ELECTRIC CARS

Discrepancy in Time Shown by Watches of Two Employes Causes Serious Collision on Northern Railroad

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—In a head-on collision at 7 o'clock this morning on the Northern railway at Live Oak station, thirty miles south of Chicago, seven persons were injured, two severely.

A passenger coach leaving Marysville at 5:20 o'clock ran into a southbound freight train on a curve. The passenger coach was almost completely demolished and the freight motor was badly wrecked. The accident was caused by a discrepancy of five minutes in the watches of conductors.

E. O. Nideffer, passenger car motorman, residence Sacramento, leg broken in several places and injured internally; may die.

W. Mercer, freight brakeman, left arm broken and badly bruised.

C. B. Kimball, Chico, knee wrenched.

George Budenes, Oroville, back sprained.

F. Kirkpatrick, Marysville, back injured.

F. A. Tolson, Chicago, cut about the head.

J. J. Doyan, 1307 O'Farrell street, San Francisco, back injured.

KID WEBSTER'S VICTIM IDENTIFIED AT INQUEST

By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, Nov. 2.—Inquest on the body of the man who was beaten to death by Kid Webster, the prize fighter, and two companions last night, developed the fact that the man was Eduardo Cota of Lower California, and that death was caused by a hemorrhage of the brain, resulting from blows on the head. Webster and two others are under arrest charged with murder.

Relatives and friends in this city stated last night that the man under arrest at San Diego for the killing of Cota is not the Kid Webster who has been boxing before the Pacific Athletic club and who lives in Los Angeles.



YOUTHS HOLD UP MARKET

ESCAPES WITH \$200 IN STOLEN BUGGY

E. B. Fay Reports to Police That Armed Man Rifled Till of Butcher Shop on West Pico Street

The Star market, a butcher shop conducted by E. B. Fay at 248 West Pico street, was held up at 8:20 o'clock last night, according to the report made by Fay, and robbed of \$200.

Fay at the time of the robbery was putting away in the ice box a number of pieces of meat. The only other person in the shop was a youth named Edwards, who was scraping a cutting block.

The robber, who is described as about 24 years of age, smooth shaven and dressed in dark clothes, drove up to the front of the place in a buggy.

He left the horse unhitched and walked into the butcher shop with a revolver in his hand. Ordering the two men to throw up their hands, he walked behind the counter and backed them into a corner.

Coolly he opened the till and abstracted the day's receipts and a sack containing a large sum of change, the whole amount being over \$200.

He then turned and ran from the shop and, jumping into the buggy, drove west on Pico street and disappeared before an alarm could be given.

Although the robbery occurred at a few minutes after 8 o'clock, it was not reported to the police until more than an hour later. It was telephoned to the University station.

Detectives were assigned to the case, but no clue to the robber could be found.

An hour previous to the robbery a horse and buggy answering the description of the one used by the robber was stolen from Hill street, between First and Second streets. It may have been the vehicle used by the robber.

MURDERER PREFERS DEATH TO LIFE SAVED BY A LIE

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Judge Brentano received a remarkable letter yesterday from Richard Walton, the negro slayer of Mrs. Lillian White Grant, who is under sentence to be hanged December 13. Walton, who had been sentenced four times to the penitentiary, expressed his forgiveness of the court as well as Assistant States Attorney E. J. Short, who demanded the death penalty in his trial. He expressed thanks to Attorney Patrick Carr, who was appointed by the court to defend him.

In his letter Walton declared he would rather go to his death speaking the truth by pleading guilty than to go to prison by telling a lie, because he knew he caused the woman's death.

SALT LAKE AND S. P. VIOLATE SAFETY LAW

By Associated Press. SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 2.—The government brought suit in the federal court here today, through District Attorney Booth, against three railroads for failure to obey the safety appliance law bearing on railroad rolling stock.

There are three counts against the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road and one each against the Oregon Short Line and the Southern Pacific.

THE GHOUL

PRESIDENT REWARDS HOME OF STORK

Village Has 300 Families, and in Nineteenth of Them There Have Been Births—Forty-two in One Week

By Associated Press. ROEBLING, N. J., Nov. 2.—President Roosevelt has granted this place a postoffice on account of the wonderful activity of the stork hereabouts. A delegation of citizens called at the White House and told the president that there had been births in nine-tenths of the 300 families since the place was established as a manufacturing center two years ago. Before the delegation got back here Mr. Roosevelt had abolished rural free delivery in Roebling by appointing A. L. Major postmaster.

Forty-two births in the last week brings the town to the front as the champion stork community of New Jersey.

HARRIMAN BUYS GEORGIA CENTRAL

WILL JOIN IT WITH THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL

Plan of the Railroad Wizard is to Make Complete Line from Chicago to South Atlantic Coast

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—According to the Times today E. H. Harriman was the buyer of the Central of Georgia stock sold last week by Oakleigh Thorne and Marsden J. Perry, and he has plans for the road in connection with the Illinois Central lines.

The two roads connect at Birmingham, and the possession of the Central of Georgia will give the Harriman line another outlet to the Atlantic.

A close associate of Mr. Harriman, when questioned regarding the purchase of the Central of Georgia by that capitalist, remarked that Mr. Harriman had not been idly watching recent events.

The Times says further that in the recent annual report of the Illinois Central November 1 was fixed as the date on which its line to Birmingham was to be completed and that with that date comes the news that Mr. Harriman's influence in southern territory is to be extended eastward to Savannah and westward via Chattanooga, Birmingham and Montgomery.

It is known that Messrs. Thorne and Perry paid about \$3,000,000 for the \$5,000,000 of Central of Georgia stock, which they bought last summer at the Richmond Terminal reorganization, and it is presumed in financial districts, the Times says, that the Harriman interests took over the road at not far from the same figures.

BOY MAYOR OFFERED \$1000 WEEKLY TO GO ON STAGE

By Associated Press. MILWAUKEE, Nov. 2.—Mayor Becker of Milwaukee has received an offer of \$1000 a week for forty weeks from Klaw & Erlanger.

If the young boy mayor accepts he will be required to do a fifteen-minute stunt in advanced vaudeville, telling audiences what he knows about the young mayor's politics and his personal experience in campaigns.

WHALERS MAY BE ICEBOUND

FIVE VESSELS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN ARCTIC WATERS

Ships of San Francisco Fishing Fleet Venture Too Far and Probably Hemmed In

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Venturing too far to the westward in the Arctic ocean in the quest for whales five vessels of the whaling fleet sailing from this port a year ago and having on board 25 men may have been caught in the northern winter.

The information was brought to this city by the whaler Jeannette, Captain Hoffman, the last vessel out of the Arctic sea. The missing vessels are the Herman, Captain James Tilton; Beluga, Captain Porter; Belvedere, Captain Cottle; Thrasher, Captain Foley, and William Boyles, Captain W. H. Bodfish.

Each carries about forty-five men. None of these whalers was seen by the men of the Jeannette. The latter vessel was several times hemmed in by the ice, and in one instance had to make a path through the solid ice by the use of gunpowder before the open sea was reached.

All of the whalers went farther to the northwest this season than usual, the Jeannette plainly sighting Prince William's land. But one other vessel of the fleet, the Bowhead, managed to gain the open sea after the Jeannette had escaped and at noon today this whaler was sighted off this port, twenty miles outside the heads.

It was known positively that the missing ships were hunting in the same grounds, far to the westward.

Captain Cottle of the Belvedere has his wife on board.

MINERS' PRESIDENT IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

By Associated Press. LA SALLE, Ill., Nov. 2.—It was stated today that John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers' union, is in a seriously weak condition following an operation for abscess at St. Mary's hospital last night. This was the fourth operation, performed in the last two weeks.

The crisis is expected tomorrow.

POPE PIUS SUFFERS ATTACK WITH HEART

By Associated Press. PARIS, Nov. 2.—Advices from Rome to the Elclair say that Pope Pius is suffering from an attack of heart trouble.

He is very weak, according to the correspondent, and is obliged to take to his bed and abandon all appointments.

Creel Ordered to Washington

By Associated Press. EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 2.—Enrique Creel, ambassador from Mexico to the United States and new governor of Chihuahua, has been ordered by President Diaz to proceed at once to Washington and attend the conference of Southern and Central American republics.

It is believed he will remain at Washington as ambassador, at least through the winter.

TWO TO ONE ODDS LAID ON MAYOR

BETTING FAVORS THE GOOD GOVERNMENT MAN

FRISCO'S CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE IN RED FIRE GLOW

Foreigns Indicate That Voting Will Be Heavy—Contest for District Attorneyship is Bitterest Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Tonight will see the close of the municipal campaign so far as public meetings are concerned.

As a finishing flourish the supporters of the Union Labor ticket have arranged a street parade and demonstration for Monday night, when it is promised 50,000 standard bearers and their allies will march in line.

All of the parties have planned for overflow meetings in various parts of the city and with street corner bonfires and a light to set them off.

Five tickets are in the field and thirty-two offices are to be filled, those of mayor, district attorney, eighteen supervisors, auditor, treasurer, assessor, tax collector, recorder, city attorney, public administrator, county clerk, sheriff, coroner and two police judges. But the great public interest is centered in the district attorneyship and the mayoralty in the order named.

District Attorney Fight Hot District Attorney William H. Langdon's name appears three times on the official ballot, he having been nominated for re-election by the Republicans, Democrats and Good Government league. His chief rival is the Union Labor party's nominee, Frank McGowan.

Between him and Langdon lies the bitterest fight of the campaign, the real issue of which is "shall Francis J. Heney be retained a special prosecutor of indicted corporation officials?"

For district attorney the Socialists have placed in nomination Ernest E. Kirk. Three rivals are in the race for the mayoralty. Dr. Edward R. Taylor, who succeeded Schmitz, heads the Democratic and Good Government league columns on the official ballot. Daniel A. Ryan, leader of the regular Republican forces, and Patrick H. McCarthy, standard bearer of the Union Labor party, contest with him. The socialists have nominated Ernest L. Resch.

Foreigns indicate an exceptionally heavy vote on Tuesday with the results wholly in doubt. Bets are being freely made that Dr. Taylor will be elected. The odds on this are 2 to 1 and some heavy wagers have been laid.

This is the way the five chief candidates sized up their own chances in statements dictated by them tonight:

Taylor is Confident Mayor Taylor: "I shall be elected by a very large plurality because I am satisfied that the people of San Francisco are in favor of certain reforms which I have carried out in my non-partisanship in municipal affairs, but never till now has the opportunity been presented to the people of San Francisco of having that policy carried into effect. The ticket of which I am the head has on it a Democrat, Republican and Union Labor man and is in its personnel the best ticket that has been placed before the voters of this city for years. I sincerely trust that every man on the ticket with me will be elected."

The city owes its deepest debt of gratitude to William H. Langdon, the present district attorney, under whose administration the present prosecution policy was carried forward. I am not here for his conduct as district attorney San Francisco today would still be under the rule of Schmitz and Ruef and the rest of the criminals who made her a byword and a mock before the whole world. I am most heartily in favor of Mr. Langdon."

Ryan Optimistic Daniel A. Ryan, Republican nominee for mayor: "I shall be elected for these reasons: It is generally known that the Republican ticket was nominated by a convention wholly unbossed and absolutely free of corruption. The nomination was the free expression of a convention elected by the people, the ticket is composed of the best citizens, representatives of all classes. The people of San Francisco know it is necessary to get away from class fights; it is believed the Democratic and so-called Good Government forces represent the moneyed class, and that the so-called Union Labor party is not truly representative of labor but of certain politicians and also of corporate interests."

The Republican ticket is clear of the prejudices which naturally exist in the two other camps, and it holds out to the people a safe and conservative middle course, as against the radicalism of the other two. It is free from all the bitterness engendered by contending extremes. While it is true that never before in San Francisco was an approaching election so difficult to predict, I am willing to venture the following estimates as embodying my best judgment: Of a total vote of 57,000 there will be cast for me 23,000, for McGowan 17,000, for Taylor 15,000 and for Resch (socialist) 1000."

Patrick H. McCarthy, Union Labor nominee for mayor: "I believe now that I shall get more votes than will be cast for Taylor and Ryan combined. Of the 57,000 to 57,000 votes to be expected I feel confident that 30,000 are against me. For me, my friends, the enemy, can have the others. They are welcome to them. I can afford to stand some knifing within my own party and among the business element. The actual labor vote in San Francisco is on account of the distressed conditions caused by the earthquake and fire, difficult to determine, but it may be (Continued on Page Seven.)