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THE WEATHER. Forecast for October 28, 1905. San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Saturday, with light fog in the morning; light west winds, increasing. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS. ALCAZAR—"April Weather." CALIFORNIA—"The Star Show Girls." CENTRAL—"The Girl Engineer." COLUMBIA—"Tom Moore." CHUTES—Vaudeville. GRAND—"In Old Kentucky." MAJESTIC—"The County Fair." ORPHEUM—Vaudeville. TIVOLI—Grand Opera. Matinee at all theaters.

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TAFT'S TRIP TO PANAMA STARTS ROW

Chairman of Canal Board Likely to Retire. Shonts Will Not Serve Unless His Power Is Supreme. Refuses to Be Subordinated to Secretary of the War Department.

Special Dispatch to The Call. WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary Taft, accompanied by Major General Storr, Colonel C. R. Edwards, Colonel Black and Major Goethals, left Washington to-night for Hampton Roads, where he will to-morrow board the cruiser Columbia and proceed to Panama for inspection of the canal work. This trip promises to be of great importance to the future of the canal. Upon Taft's return what is at present a much unsettled condition of affairs in the canal commission will be definitely adjusted, as President Roosevelt will have returned to Washington at that time. Although the press agent of the canal commission denied the story to-night there are many strong indications that the crux of the whole situation is the desire of both Secretary Taft and T. P. Shonts, chairman of the commission, to be the supreme authority under the President. Each desires to have an absolutely free hand. Upon returning from the Philippines, Secretary Taft expressed his wish to turn the canal work over to the State Department and agreed to retain the direction of it only on the condition that he was to be supreme in authority, that the chairman of the commission was to be subordinate to him and should carry out his instructions or be answerable to him for the work. If the canal work was to be done under his department Taft declared his authority must be paramount on the isthmus. Shonts came back to find that Taft had taken the pains to impress upon the President that he was to be supreme and had planned a trip to the isthmus himself without waiting to hear the result of the trip made by Shonts and the international engineering board. Shonts has had little intercourse with Secretary Taft since he returned. He declared to-night, in response to inquiries, that affairs had come to a point where he would retire unless he had full powers, with accountability only to the President, and that his position had not changed since he accepted the chairmanship. This is taken to mean that he still believes that he should have "cut a swing," which he said to have stipulated as necessary to his acceptance of the chairmanship, which came to him unsolicited. Secretary Taft, at the earnest request of officials of Panama and the United States has timed his visit so as to be in Panama on November 3, the second anniversary of the independence of the republic of Panama. The officials believe that his presence on this occasion will do much to strengthen the relations between this Government and the isthmian republic.

BURGLAR NO MATCH FOR PLUCKY WOMAN

Matron Gets Thug's Fingers Between Her Teeth and Wins Fight.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SEATTLE, Oct. 27.—Mrs. B. H. Richards' bravery kept her from personal injury and robbery last night. The nervous woman fought a desperate criminal until he was forced to take to flight. At 9 o'clock Mrs. Richards, who was alone, heard the front door bell ring. She walked into the hall and turned on the lights. When she opened the door a rough-looking individual forced his way inside and immediately turned on the switch light. Mrs. Richards grappled with her foe, who threw her to the floor and attempted to pull from her fingers of her left hand two diamond rings. Mrs. Richards succeeded in getting one of the robber's fingers between her teeth. She bit it hard and the thief screamed with pain and ran away.

THIRST-CRAZED MAN SAVED FROM DEATH

Victim of Desert Is Found by Crew of Freight Train.

RANDSBURG, Oct. 27.—A man named Richardson was rescued from death by thirst yesterday afternoon by the crew of a freight train between Rodriguez and Kramer on the Santa Fe. The engineer saw what he supposed was a man lying between the rails and stopped his train. It proved to be a man's coat made into a bundle, with a blank draft pinned to the upper side. The man was found a short distance away, where he had crawled to die, and was taken on board the train and removed to Barstow. After getting some water he begged for more, and when a little recovered he said he had come from Death Valley. He said he had two burros, but they had both died for water near the railroad. He himself had been without water for forty-eight hours and was crazed from thirst.

HARRIMAN AND HILL DENIES SHE IS ENGAGED TO ANY ONE

Miss Alice Roosevelt Not About to Marry. Declares Story to That Effect Is Absolutely Untrue. Reaches the White House After Uneventful Trip From New York.

Special Dispatch to The Call. NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, and E. H. Harriman, head of the Union Pacific, opponents in the railroad war which is being waged in the West by rival interests, arrived in this city to-day from St. Paul and Harriman from his trip to the Orient. Each paid his compliments to the other in characteristic terms when asked concerning the mutual hostile attitude of the Union Pacific and the Burlington. The two roads have obtained restraining injunctions against each other in a dispute over the rights of way along the North Platte River Valley route. "We have started to build an old line along the North Platte," said Harriman. "We located the road a long time ago, but they tried to stop us. It is an old line, as I said, and a very small affair. I do not know," he added, "that we are apt to run into an era of competitive railroad building just as we passed through an era of railroading buying. In any event the Union Pacific is in the best position of any railroad west of Missouri. It has nothing to fear nor does it care." Hill, when informed of Harriman's remarks on an era of competitive buying, said that he knew nothing regarding the situation but presented himself to him. Retorting to his rival's belief that the Union Pacific was in the best position of any Western roads, Hill observed, with an air of mock seriousness: "I am glad to hear that Mr. Harriman is feeling so good. Yes, it is undoubtedly a reflection on the Hill roads, but then the Hill roads are all crippled and will soon be going out of business." Hill insisted that he knew nothing regarding the injunctions and he agreed that the North Platte extension was a small matter. "Three-fourths of those stories from the West are nonsense, and the one that the Burlington intends to reach Salt Lake is only one of the fables. I am on the Burlington board, and I do not know of any proposition ever submitted to it that the road should build two hundred miles in the direction of Salt Lake." Hill would not discuss the purpose of the Great Northern's new \$25,000,000 stock issue, saying he did not believe the public was interested in the matter. Harriman, in discussing his trip to the Orient, was enthusiastic in his estimate of the Japanese. "They are going to develop the Orient," he said. "The Japanese are the dominating factor there. Our best interests will be preserved if we operate with them. They are going to get their share of the trans-Pacific business in their own bottoms." Harriman added that he believed business conditions in the United States were better before he left than they are now throughout the country. "They are going to develop the Orient," he said. "The Japanese are the dominating factor there. Our best interests will be preserved if we operate with them. They are going to get their share of the trans-Pacific business in their own bottoms." Harriman added that he believed business conditions in the United States were better before he left than they are now throughout the country.

JUSTICE OF PEACE KILLS DRUNKEN MINER

Sends Two Bullets Into Man Who Tried to Slay Wife.

TUCSON, Oct. 27.—The little mining camp of Ammolith on the San Pedro River, in Pinal County, was the scene of a fatal shooting affair last night, as a result of which a woman lies at the point of death and her would-be assassin is dead, killed by an officer's bullet. Gill Ariza, a miner, who had been on a drunken debauch for several days, returned to his home last night and his wife upbraided him for his drinking. He struck her in the face and then drew a revolver and fired two shots at her, both of which took effect. He then began shooting indiscriminately. Justice of the Peace Kiegl attempted to arrest Ariza. Ariza resisted and Kiegl shot him, once through the head, a second time through the neck, killing him instantly.

PUNCHES EMPLOYER AND THEN RESIGNS

Counsel for Railroad Company Trounces Vice President of Line.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SPOKANE, Oct. 27.—That John M. Bunn, division counsel of the Northern Pacific, landed his right on the face of C. M. Levey, third vice president of the Northern Pacific and then resigned his office, is the story circulating in railway circles in Spokane. Bunn refuses to affirm or deny the report, saying simply, "Levey got what was coming to him." But to his intimate friends Bunn has told of an encounter in his office during the recent visit of Levey, the row arising because Levey objected to the manner in which Bunn had defended cases against the railway company. The report is given credence because it is known Levey and Bunn were on friendly terms.

SANTA FE PARTLY OWNED BY OIL TRUST

Nearly a Quarter of the Stock Held by Rockefeller Interests.

Special Dispatch to The Call. TOPEKA, Kans., Oct. 27.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company to-day it was admitted that the Standard Oil Company owns \$27,000,000 of a total of \$116,000,000 of common and preferred stock. This was brought out by a remark of one of the directors that the reason the Southern California Railway Company was not taken into the Santa Fe system at the last meeting was due to the Standard Oil interests not being represented. With the Standard Oil holdings represented to-day the necessary three-fourths vote was obtained and the Southern California road taken in.

OHIO CO-EDS CAUGHT IN A POKER GAME

Fourteen Women Students Try Their Luck in Hall at Night.

Special Dispatch to The Call. CLEVELAND, Oct. 27.—Clad in little more than the garb provided by nature and surrounding two large tables in a room in the dormitory, fourteen students of the Women's College of Western Reserve University were rudely interrupted by a janitress late last night while they were playing the great American game of poker. A lecture and a promise to bring the matter before the faculty should the offense be repeated sent the girls to their rooms and to bed. Matches were being played for chips, each match representing an investment of five cents.

NOME TUNDRA SCENE OF A BLOODY BATTLE

SEATTLE, Oct. 27.—On the tundra of Port Davis, near Nome, last Friday a bloody battle, from which one fatality will result, if not more, was fought by rival claimants to the Elco mine. The men fought with knives, clubs and axes and the ground about the claim was blood-soaked. D. O'Shaughnessy was stabbed three times and a wound in his abdomen will prove fatal. Homer Bounds was cut terribly in the head with an axe and his son, Lee Bounds, was also badly cut and clubbed. Walter Lanagan was stabbed several times.

MILK DRUGGED WITH HAIR DYE POISONS A BABY VICTIM.

Glady's May Tumalty, a six-months-old baby, was stricken with critical illness after being fed milk in which analysis by the city chemist disclosed hydrogen peroxide, a drug commonly used as a hair bleach. The Board of Health refused to arrest the dairyman, John Linehan, unless the infant's mother should herself abandon the sickbed of her child and inaugurate prosecution of the man she charges with selling poisoned milk. Mrs. Tumalty took samples of the milk to the Health Office.

HEALTH BOARD DECLINES TO MAKE ARREST

Leaves the Flagrant Case in Hands of Mother. CITY CHEMIST FINDS STUFF Gives Formal Notice and Closes the Incident. DEPARTMENT DODGES DUTY



SIX MONTHS OLD BABE CRITICALLY ILL FROM DRINKING MILK DRUGGED WITH PEROXIDE OF HYDROGEN, WHICH IS COMMONLY USED AS A HAIR-BLEACH. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THOUGH FULLY APPRISED OF THE CASE, HAS FAILED TO TAKE ANY STEPS AGAINST THE MILKMAN.

AMERICAN SHOT BY BANDITS IN SAN DOMINGO

Customs Officer Hurt While on Way to His Post.

Special Dispatch to The Call. WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Reassuring intelligence was received to-day by the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department from Colonel George R. Colton, receiver of customs receipts of San Domingo, regarding the recent wounding of David F. Morris on the Haytian boundary. The dispatch reads: "J. H. Edwards, just returned from Neyba, reports that David F. Morris, while en route with a guide and servant to take his station at Tierra Nueva, was ambushed by a band of robbers and wounded in the shoulder, left arm and left side. No vital point was touched. A small amount of money was taken. The native doctor attending says there is no doubt of his recovery. "As a precautionary measure a United States navy surgeon was sent by a Dominican gunboat. All the people in that section of the country went to the rescue of Morris and tried to capture the criminals. A good feeling was exhibited on all sides. Every assistance was given by the Government. I have extended thanks for their co-operation through the President. "Morris is in good spirits. He sent a full personal report. He had not taken up the customs work at Tierra Nueva. Thurston is with him. He will be brought here as soon as possible." The incident was such as may occur in any rough border territory and has caused intense feeling against the prevailing lawlessness and will result in strong Government control.

FELON TELLS OFFICERS WHO SHOT ROBERTS

Confession of Criminal May Lead to Discovery of Treasure.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SAN BERNARDINO, Oct. 27.—Fred Ziegler, noted throughout this section and Arizona as an all-round crook, has given important information concerning the identity of the express car robbers who last winter broke into a Santa Fe express car of a westbound overland train on the desert, and mortally wounding Messenger Roberts, looted the treasure box of \$5000. With Chief Detective Selvy of the Santa Fe secret service and Deputy Sheriff Franklin he has gone to the Arizona desert to corroborate his sensational disclosures by recovering the loot. "I was working at Needles when the car robbery occurred," said Ziegler. "On the morning of the robbery my brother Jim, a man known as Curley and a third person entered my room, threw on the bed a sack containing the loot. They counted it out and fell to quarreling over a division of the spoils. My brother charged Curley with having unnecessarily killed Messenger Roberts, for they thought he was killed outright, and declared Curley was entitled to but a fifth of the plunder because of his crime." Ziegler further stated that the robbers became frightened on learning that Roberts was alive and had given the officers a description of the man who shot him and they decided to bury the loot at once. They secured a wagon, and, pretending to start prospecting, they hauled the gold to the Arizona desert, thirty-five miles east of Needles, and there cached it. Ziegler claims to have been a member of the

DISCUSS NEW TRADE TREATY WITH AMERICA

Berlin Merchants and Officials Hold Important Conference.

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—A private conference took place Monday in the rooms of the Commercial Treaty Association regarding the proposed new trade agreement with the United States. It was attended by many representatives of important commercial interests. Representatives of the Foreign Office, the Interior Department and the Prussian Ministry of Commerce were present and stimulated discussion by asking suggestions as to the lines that Germany's requests to the United States should take. The prevailing tone of the meeting was serious and there was an evident desire to reach a basis that might be acceptable to the United States without impairing German trade.

SPANISH CABINET READY TO RESIGN

MADRID, Oct. 27.—According to a semi-official note, the meeting of the Cabinet to-night resulted in the Ministers unanimously offering to resign.

MOTHER TELLS HER STORY

Here is the mother's story of her experiences with poisoned milk: Gladys was taken seriously ill last Friday, I sent for Dr. Barbat, and he ordered me to stop her milk. After several days on rice water the baby began to improve, but she is still very ill. There were all the symptoms that I have read about the other children who were poisoned by adulterated milk. I have had had when two or three hours after sleep since baby was stricken. She has required constant attention, and I am almost worn out. When we learned it was the milk that caused baby's illness I sent a sample to Dr. Health Office. Continued on Page 2, Column 1.