

For San Francisco and vicinity: Fair Sunday; warmer; fresh west wind.



Read in next Sunday's Call the graphic story of a California woman's adventures in South American wilds.

Threat Is Weapon of Insurance Man

EXPERT WHITNEY, who is gathering data which will show up the welching insurance concerns, has been threatened with harm. He was told by the manager of an insurance journal that the companies would "make trouble for him."

Trouble Predicted for Expert Whitney



Receives an Intimation That He May Be Harmed.

AN INTIMATION has come to Professor A. W. Whitney that insurance companies may make trouble for him. Professor Whitney is the insurance expert of the University of California. He is engaged in preparing a report for worldwide circulation in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco relative to the settlements made by the insurers of losses involved in the San Francisco fire. This intimation of trouble ahead was dropped in the course of a conversation between Professor Whitney and C. I. Hitchcock, manager of the Insurance Field, a journal published in Chicago, Louisville and Atlanta in the interests of insurance companies.

Professor Whitney was astonished yesterday when he learned that it was known that the conversation referred to had taken place. He was averse to saying anything about it, but finally admitted that Hitchcock had said that the insurance companies could make trouble for him.

UNITED RAILWAYS' BONDS GO UP.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—There has been a good deal of quiet buying of the bonds of the United Railways Investment Company of San Francisco which has advanced them in about two weeks from 80 1/2 to 84. This buying came in fairly large volumes from San Francisco and is for the account of people who have a knowledge of the earnings of the operating company.

The publication of the earnings for the last seven months of 1906 shows that there was a decrease of only \$500,000, which is regarded as an insignificant amount as compared with what many expected would be the decrease in view of the situation. The actual earnings for the seven months ending July 3 were \$3,469,213, against \$3,920,110 in the corresponding period of last year.

Many persons thought the earthquake would about wipe out the company and consequently threw the bonds and stocks on the market, causing a heavy decline.

Noted Gunmaker Dead. SPRINGFIELD, Aug. 4.—D. B. Wesson, head of the firm of the Smith & Wesson Arms Company, died at 5:15 this afternoon.

PRICE OF BREAD WILL GO UP IN WEEK.

Master Bakers Vote to Charge More for Loaves and Increase the Pay of Men

CAKES ALSO WILL BE MORE COSTLY

Raise Result of Demand of Men for Addition of \$3 to Their Weekly Wage

ONE week from tomorrow the price of bread and cake will go up. The new schedule of wages granted bakery hands by the Allied Master Bakers' Association is responsible for the raise.

The members of the association held an executive meeting at 1730 Fillmore street last night for the purpose of considering the demands submitted last Thursday by the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America for a general increase of \$3 a week in wages.

William Meek of the Meek Baking Company and president of the association presided at the meeting, and representatives of all the large baking houses in the city were present. Owing to the fact that the demands of the journeymen had not as yet received the indorsement of International Bakers' Union, considerable discussion resulted before the master bakers finally decided to grant the demands of their employes.

Following is the notification received by the master bakers of the demands of the bakery hands:

"To the Master Bakers of San Francisco and Vicinity—Gentlemen: In view of the advanced prices of commodities, of which you are no doubt aware, the above named organization has been obliged to change its wage schedule accordingly. The sections affected by the change will read as follows and will go into effect with the week commencing Sunday, August 5, 1906:

"The minimum wages shall be for all foremen \$25 per week, for second hands \$21 per week, and bench hands \$20 per week.

"Foremen, when jobbing, shall receive not less than \$5 per day of nine consecutive hours or less, bench hands to receive not less than \$4 per day.

"In case no jobbers can be had on Fridays, overtime is allowed and is to be paid for at the rate of 75 cents per hour for foremen and 50 cents per hour for second or bench hands.

"Hoping the above will meet with your approval, we are, very respectfully,

"The B. and C. W. R. U. of A. Local 24.

"DICK SCHWARTING, Secretary."

Owl's Children Hold Jinks in Forest of Bohemia.



VIEW OF STATELY TREES IN THE HEART OF THE BOHEMIAN REDWOOD GROVE, NEAR RUSSIAN RIVER, WHERE THE CHILDREN OF THE OWL HELD THEIR JINKS LAST NIGHT. OPEN SPACE INDICATED BY THE PHOTOGRAPH REPRESENTS THE GREAT HIGHWAY LEADING TO INSPIRATION POINT.

LAND GRABBERS OPEN A BOLD CAMPAIGN.

A. Everett Ball and Associates Sue to Secure North Beach Blocks

RIGHTFUL OWNERS READY TO FIGHT

Grand Jury May Be Asked to Take Quick Action Against the Claimants

THAT the "claim jumper's" cheerful calling is not an industry peculiar to mining countries or to lands newly settled is shown by the papers in an action filed in the Superior Court of this city and county on July 19 and bearing the number 33 on the files of the County Clerk. The plaintiff is the Potrero Nuevo Land Company, of which A. Everett Ball is secretary, and it is his affidavit that states the cause of action. Of defendants there are more than a score. They are persons and corporations who for varying terms of years have been in undisputed possession of the realty comprised in the city blocks bounded by Mason, Powell, Francisco and Vandewater streets and by Mason, Francisco, Powell and Bay streets.

As is well known, most of the public records were destroyed in the great conflagration. This fact appears to have compassed the belief of A. Everett Ball and his fellows that they and not the persons who have held the property for, in some cases, more than fifty years are the rightful owners thereof. In fact, the affidavit recites that Ball and his fellows not only own the property but that they have been in "undisputed possession thereof for more than ten years."

SUE ALL THE WORLD.

Nearly two-thirds of the block bounded by Mason, Francisco, Taylor and Bay streets are claimed. Incidentally the suit is brought against "all the world," but the defendants specifically named are A. Deprette, the California Fruit Canneries Association, Henry Wreden, L. Boicigalupi, Dominico Esposito, C. C. Parnau, Teresa Cuneo, S. Tamburini, John Everding, D. D. Maggiori, A. Jacobi, W. F. Whittier and Antonio Bustach.

In the neighboring block the defendants named are John Everding, Giam Cardano, G. Delucci, A. Cozzoso, H. Fautz, Dan Bohn, G. Ratto, F. Arata et al., Caroline E. Stevens and Margaret Nichols.

So far as is known none of the defendants has yet been served with a summons in the suit. Those whom the Call representative interviewed had never heard of the matter before. Of course, should the answer not be filed the plaintiff will take judgment by default. In any case as the matter now stands there is a cloud upon the title to each parcel of land involved, which may embarrass the holder should he wish to sell or lease. Unless proper defense is made the Potrero Nuevo Land Company may establish a claim which can be removed only by the payment of a sum of money, large or small, as the circumstances may appear to warrant.

HISTORY OF SECRETARY.

The history of J. Everett Ball, secretary of the Potrero Nuevo Land Company, is interesting in this connection. In days gone by this same Mr. Ball was an associate of John Bensley of Mason & Bensley, whose land transactions in the Potrero were of a character somewhat shady. In fact, the present complaint recites that the land sued for was owned by John Bensley in 1855 "and by him through divers conveyances conveyed to the Potrero Nuevo Land Company, which is now the owner and holder thereof and has been for ten years or more."

Edward J. Linforth appears as attorney for plaintiff in this remarkable suit. Of Linforth but little is known except that he practiced law in an obscure way for several years before the fire and appears to have continued in practice, although his address appears in none of the directories that have been issued by the telephone companies or other publishers since the disaster that changed nearly everybody's residence and business quarters.

The firm of Mason & Bensley has however, an interesting though by no means brilliant record. It was their practice to bring just such suits as the one under consideration, and then to dismiss the action upon payment of whatever sum could be exacted from owners who saw in compromise the easiest way of avoiding a lawsuit that might entail heavy expense.

TRIPP A TRICKSTER.

In the same matter with Mason & Bensley was Clinton C. Tripp, who for many years waxed fat upon spoils won in the same sort of buccannery, sailing under the colors of the law, and winning his plunder under cover of the courts. This man Tripp once brought suit against upward of 1500 property-owners in San Francisco to secure the resignation of every city employe.

WHY "DIVINE SARA" LOST HIGH HONOR.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. PARIS, Aug. 4.—Her financial carelessness, which, according to French standards, constitutes the greatest possible stain on a person's character, turns out to be the reason why the chancellery of the Legion of Honor has refused the cross to Sarah Bernhardt. The decision is permanent.

A member of the council of the order said today that the insistence of M. Briand, Minister of Public Worship and Instruction, will result in a dispute which may end in the abolishment of the order, since Socialistic as well as other opposition against it as an undemocratic institution was never stronger than now.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN VERY ILL AT HOME IN BRITAIN

Former Colonial Secretary's Serious Condition Subject of Gossip Among Parliament Lobbyists.

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LONDON, Aug. 4.—In the parliamentary lobbies a rumor is current, that Joseph Chamberlain's health is in a most precarious condition. It has been said that after the fatigues of the Birmingham birthday celebration he had a fit, and some days before his son Austen's marriage he was very ill. He is ostensibly confined to his bed with an attack of gout. It is known that Mrs. Chamberlain (whose mother, Mrs. Endicott is with her) scarcely leaves him. The hour's drive a day which the doctor prescribes is the sole relaxation she permits herself.

Horse Runs Him Down.

MONTEREY, Aug. 4.—F. L. Carter of San Francisco, a representative of the Dupont Powder Company, was run down by a horse attached to a buggy on the street last night. He was badly bruised, but no bones were broken.

BEATEN TO DEATH DURING BRAWL.

William O'Hea, a bartender, was beaten fatally during a drunken row in a saloon at Potrero avenue and Twenty-second street last night by Eugene Whelton, proprietor of the place. Whelton admits his crime. He says O'Hea was drunk, and that he administered the beating while ejecting the man from the saloon. Whelton, his wife, his nephew, John Whelton, and Maurice Flynn, the bartender, were booked at the Mission police station pending an investigation.

O'Hea entered the saloon shortly after 10 o'clock in an intoxicated condition and began to raise a disturbance. Whelton ordered him to leave, and when he refused the saloon man struck him in the face and threw him out of the place.

An attendant of the City and County Hospital found O'Hea lying in a pool of blood a few minutes later. He was removed to the hospital, but died while the physicians were examining his wounds.

O'Hea was terribly beaten. His head was practically mashed to a jelly and his body bore many black and blue marks. From appearances the unfortunate man had been stamped upon many times.

O'Hea was formerly a bartender in a saloon at Fourth and Clementina streets. According to his friends he had been drunk since the fire and lived as best he could. He was about 40 years old.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY IS ABOUT TO BE FRAMED

Negotiations Begun by Foreign Ministry at St. Petersburg for Conclusion of Commercial Convention. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 4.—Negotiations have been begun by the Foreign Ministry for the conclusion of a new Russo-Japanese treaty of snipping and commerce.

Mirth Reigns Supreme and Care Is Banished by the Revelers.

CURNEVILLE, Aug. 4.—Joy reigns supreme in the Bohemian Grove tonight. Care, the vexatious intruder, has been banished to the flames, the cremation being attended with faithful adherence to the old-time ritual of the early campers in the woods of Bohemia. Early this evening the Spirit of the Forest and the Spirit of the River came to Sire Field and High Priest Bromley and whispered that Care was in camp. No one who had noted the genial revelries of life in the woods since the tents were pitched two weeks ago could imagine how "old Care" could get in, but the whispered warning of the spirits that dwell in the grove and abide by the stream was accepted. No one paused to inquire whether Care was smuggled in with the band or came over the hills alone; the only thought was that the disturbing interloper should be destroyed by fire and the ashes cast to the winds.

CREMATION OF CARE.

Charles Field, the sire; Dr. H. J. Stewart, leader of the musicians; Uncle George T. Bromley, high priest, and others of high degree in the dominion of Bohemia gathered at the big fire of the camp and gave the signal for the march to the funeral pyre. So thus it happened on this night that the "cremation of Care" was the crowning ceremonial event of the midsummer high jinks even as it was in the beginning. The full list of Bohemia's appointed undertakers for the conduct of these high obsequies would be a long one. In it are the names of such as Henry Edwards, Joe Tilden, Jim Bowman, Charles Warren Stoddard, Hugh Burke, Henry George, Frank Pixley, John H. Boalt, Paul Neumann, Jules Tavernier, Virgil Williams, Toby Rosenthal, Joe Strong, John W. Taylor, Marion Wells, Fred Somers, E. W. Townsend, Dr. Swan, Jerome Hart, Joseph D. Redding, Theo Payne, Clay Greene, Frank Unger, Joseph Grismar.

WESTERN AUTOISTS MEET MISHAP.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. PITTSFIELD, Mass., Aug. 4.—After going across the continent from the Pacific Coast to Boston without a mishap, a party of automobilists started from Boston yesterday on the return trip and were disabled on Windsor Hill, in the Berkshires. Half a dozen of them arrived at the Wendell Hotel in Pittsfield at 1 o'clock this morning in a whirling shower, while the others, after spending the night in Windsor, legged it to Pittsfield this noon.

The tourists are Mrs. F. G. Henshaw, the Misses Ella and Florence Henshaw and Miss Grimes of San Francisco, Miss Ruth Houghton of Oakland, Harry Chickering of Tonopah, Nev.; Howard Homans of New York and E. W. Fiske of Boston. The two machines in which they were traveling are 35-horsepower Pope-Toledos.

As the machine in which were the Misses Henshaw and Chickering and Homans was approaching Senator Murray Crane's estate in Windsor it broke down on a steep grade. For half an hour in the pitch darkness they tried to repair the automobile and finally decided to spend the remainder of the night on the mountain. It took them more than an hour during the shower that came up just then to find a farmer's house where they could stay and get dried.

The others, not knowing their friends were stranded, came on to Pittsfield. The mishap was really due to the fact that the party took the wrong road from Springfield to Pittsfield and got lost in the wilds of the Berkshires. They are staying over Sunday at the Wendell. They left Oakland, Cal., early in June.

Asks All City Employes to Resign. HAVANA, Aug. 4.—In order to carry out his plans for complete reorganization Senator Cardenas, the new Mayor of Havana, has requested the resignation of every city employe.