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Supervisor Nicholas Involved in the Graft Scandal New Indictments Against Abe Ruef and the Mayor

THREE ARE HURT IN A TROLLEY ACCIDENT

Young Girl May Die as Result of Being Brushed Off Platform by Heavy Wagon

TWO MEN SEVERELY BRUISED BY FALL

Score of Passengers Hurlled Headlong From a Swiftly Moving Car in the Mission

A young girl was probably fatally injured and two men badly maimed and bruised shortly after 5 o'clock last evening when a heavy delivery wagon, running too close to a Mission-street car at Fourteenth street, brushed more than a dozen passengers off the rear platform. According to the stories of bystanders, the motorman tried to slacken the speed of the car when he approached the wagon, which was rapidly going in the same direction, but was unable to do so in time to avert the accident.

The young girl who may lose her life as the result of the collision, is Miss May Buckley of 276 California avenue. She was picked up in an unconscious condition by Officer E. J. Salamandine of the California Humane Society, who witnessed the accident from his office across the street. The officers who were badly hurt are E. Carlo, Orchard avenue, and J. Schreifs, 2963 Twenty-second street, both of whom are severely bruised and possibly suffering from internal injuries.

It is known that several other passengers were injured, but they were able to leave the scene, aided by friends, and did not give their names to the patrolmen from the Mission police station, who arrived on the scene shortly after the accident.

Miss Buckley was removed to her home by Salamandine, who summoned Dr. Evans. After a hasty examination the physician announced that the young woman was suffering from a possible fracture of the skull, contusion of the back and internal injuries and a severe shock to her nervous system. Little hope is held out for her recovery.

Miss Buckley is employed in a downtown business house, and was on her way home from work. She is an orphan and resides with her aged grandmother. She helped to support the household.

The wagon that caused the accident was driven by Thomas Killain, 1883 McAllister street. He said that the car was going at such a high rate of speed that he could not turn out in time to avoid the collision.

BOY RUN DOWN BY CAR

Fremont Williams Is Badly Hurt on Second Avenue

Fremont Williams, a thirteen-year-old boy living at 1283 Third avenue, was badly injured by an Ellis-street car at Second avenue and H street last night. The boy was crossing the track when westbound car No. 1418 collided with him, throwing him several feet. He was taken to the Park Emergency Hospital and treated for a possible fracture of the skull, bad lacerations of the face and several bruises, after which he was taken to his home.

The boy is a nephew of Policeman A. C. Williams of the Park Station.

Motorman Myles M. Sykes, who was in charge of the car, was booked at the O'Farrell-street Police Station on a charge of battery, but was released on bail.

OPPOSE MARRIAGE OF DIVORCEES

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. OMAHA, Nov. 16.—With four exceptions, Episcopal clergy of the diocese of Nebraska have signed an agreement that they will not remarry any divorced person who has a divorced wife or husband still living, the divorce from whom was secured for cause arising after marriage.

The rule is ironclad. It has been adopted by the Episcopal clergy after an ineffectual attempt to secure an agreement among ministers of all denominations.

The four clergymen who refused to sign are Dean Beecher of Trinity Church, and Rev. T. J. Mackay of All Saints, Omaha; Rev. M. Burgess, Nebraska City, and Rev. W. Smith, Central City. As their reason for not signing, they say the article goes beyond the law of the church in not allowing the remarriage of divorced people in cases of infidelity.

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Mrs. Herbert Parsons Urges the Scheme in Her New Book, "The Family"

BELIEVES IT WILL PROMOTE HAPPINESS

Wife of New York Congressman Makes a Deep Study of Marital Problem

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Trial marriage is one of the re-

forms advocated by Elsie Clews Parsons in a book published today by G. P. Putnam, entitled "The Family." The author is the daughter of Henry Clews, the banker, and wife of Congressman Herbert Parsons of this city. She is a doctor of philosophy, a Hartley House fellow, and was for six years a lecturer in sociology at Harvard College.

The volume just issued consists of fifteen lectures. It is a comprehensive, painstaking essay on the family relation from ancient times to the present day, and embraces a great mass of data concerning marriages among all civilized people.

For the infelicities which beset the institution of matrimony today Mrs. Parsons offers remedies to be applied before or after the nuptial knot is tied. The ante-marriage precaution that she advises is a legal supervision of the qualities of the would-be contracting parties, to the end that their fitness for the conjugal state may be determined before the license is granted.

She has much to say about trial, or time marriages. The trial marriage, as suggested by her, is a union in which the couple set a time limit on the partnership or fix a period of probation. At the end of such period, if the relation is found to be satisfactory, it may be continued.

If for any of the many reasons Mrs. Parsons permits, the man and wife deem it best to part they may do so by mutual consent without the intervention of the courts. The author favors also the removal of legal restraint on either the man or woman so divorced from remarrying.

The main part of the book is given to the story of social origins and developments, particularly in respect to the family relation. In the closing chapter, which is an ethical consideration of what has gone before, the author points out present day matrimonial evils and suggests reforms. The work as a whole, Mrs. Parsons says, is intended to prove a useful guide for the intelligent mothers, "who, single-handed, undertake the responsibility of fitting their daughters for joyous and useful womanhood."

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PLENTY OF WORK IN SIGHT FOR CONGRESS

Unfinished Labor of Last Session Will Leave Little Time for New Measures

IMPORTANT BILLS ARE ON THE LIST

Hope Is Expressed That the Question of Immigration Will Be Speedily Settled

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—If Congress attempts to do at the next session what it began to do and left undone at the

last session, there will be little time left for the consideration of new measures which the President in his wisdom, or the members in theirs, shall see fit to recommend.

The list of matters which went over from the first session of the present Congress to be taken up at the second session is formidable. Here it is:

Immigration restriction (in conference).

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Isle of Pines treaty.

Morocco treaty (upon which a vote will be taken December 12).

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Grand Jurors Learn of Furniture Rake-Off

Foremost among the matters considered by the Grand Jury yesterday was the sale of furniture to the city by the firm of Holmes Brothers and the arrangement by which one of the members of the Board of Supervisors profited to the extent of ten per cent of the bills.

Grand Jury Can Free City From Grafters' Rule

Charter's Defects Cured Through Penal Code

Unhindered by a charter which by absence of unequivocal provision to the contrary might enable Mayor Eugene Schmitz to finish the unexpired portion of his term even if convicted under the indictments returned against him, the Grand Jury may under the Penal Code institute direct proceedings to relieve the city of his government.

This is the opinion of competent legal authority, interested in freeing the city of a criminal government, and appreciating that the charter is so drawn as to permit even a convicted criminal to retain the reins of government by invoking the slow machinery of the law of appeal.

The charter provides no person shall hold or be eligible to any office who has been found guilty of malfeasance in office, bribery or other infamous crime, or who in any capacity has embezzled public funds. But any officer convicted of a felony in a proceeding for the offense itself could stay the sentence by appealing to the Supreme Court. The long-drawn-out procedure of appeals would prevent conviction in the fullest legal sense until such time as the Supreme Court had sustained the judgment of the lower court. The result would be to nullify the provisions of the charter or at least quite indefinitely.

In this connection the finance committee, of which Acting Mayor Gallagher is chairman, is to be called upon to explain how these furniture bills could be passed without question.

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Special attention was devoted to the furniture purchased through Supervisor F. P. Nicholas immediately following the April fire for Mowry Hall, which has been used as a meeting place by the Board of Supervisors. After the evidence had been presented, the Grand Jury voted an indictment charging bribery, but decided to make no formal announcement of the fact until the document could be drawn up by District Attorney Langdon and his assistant, Francis J. Heney. Two other indictments were voted yesterday. They accuse Ruef and Mayor Schmitz of extortion in connection with the case of Max Adler of the Bay State restaurant, who was forced to pay \$2175 to Ruef in order to continue his business. The case of the Belvedere Music Hall was also taken up by the Grand Jury, but only one witness gave evidence on this topic.

While the size of the furniture graft brought to the attention of the Grand Jury yesterday involved a total amount of about \$1000, it is understood that subsequent revelations will show that this graft was of vast proportions and that it involved men high up in the School Department and other important branches of the city government.

Supervisor Nicholas, as chairman of the building committee of the Board of Supervisors, had personal control of the purchase of office furniture and fittings for the city. As President of Carpenters' Union No. 22 and head of the District Council, he has become one of the most prominent figures in the industrial life of San Francisco. Nicholas, who was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November, 1905, has worked in San Francisco as a carpenter for several years.

The furniture graft will be sifted to the very bottom. When Detective Burns first became aware of the scandal he set a large force of men on the case. The Holmes Brothers displayed a readiness to co-operate, and for the past week have gone over their books with Burns. They have made known every instance in which a city official profited or sought to profit through the purchase of furniture for the city. The extent to which this graft could be carried may be appreciated when it is known that almost every office in the city government lost its furnishings in the fire. The amount involved in the rehabilitation of the various departments is estimated would reach \$100,000.

The evidence is declared to be of a very positive nature. It is even stated that the books of furniture firms contain such items as "10 per cent paid to Supervisor."

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