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ATTEMPTED CAUCUS NOT GREAT SUCCESS

But Nineteen Senators Meet to Gravely Receive the Orders From Organization

By Geo. A. Van Smith

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.—Nineteen Republican Senators gravely received the organization programme at what was intended to be a caucus this afternoon. After Walter Parker had conferred with Lieutenant Governor Porter in the morning everything was settled but the chaplaincy. The minor matter of who shall do the praying for the Senators and the State while it received some consideration is queerly enough in the air, but this too, will be settled at the formal caucus at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

As forecasted by The Call on Saturday morning, Senator Edward I. Wolfe will be President pro tem; Louis Hilborn of Sacramento, secretary, and Lou Martin will succeed himself as sergeant-at-arms. Chaplain C. L. Miel notified Senator Leavitt tonight that he would arrive in Sacramento to open the first session, but there seems to be some doubt about his accepting reelection. Should he desire to retire the place lies between Rev. Oehler of Sacramento and Rev. Darling of Shasta.

CAUCUS RATHER FROSTY

The attempted caucus this afternoon to complete an organization that would be ready to handle Pardee without gloves and in record time tomorrow noon did not develop a pronounced success. Nineteen Republican Senators appeared in person, and Senator Charles W. Bell of Pasadena, elected as an independent, was represented by a letter in which he announced his undying fealty to the Republican cause and party and requested admission to the Republican caucus. Senator Bell will be permitted to serve under the regular colors.

The caucus tomorrow morning will not be a prolonged affair. The little unfinished business will be promptly disposed of and the Senators will have an hour in which to prepare themselves for the ordeal of canvassing the vote on Governor and receiving Gillett and incidentally bidding Pardee farewell.

It may be considered as definitely settled that Senator Charles M. Belshaw will succeed himself as chairman of the finance committee, with Senator Frank Leavitt of Oakland in second place. As forecasted by The Call, Senator G. H. Lukens of Oakland will head the judiciary committee, with probably Senator Edward I. Wolfe of San Francisco as second man and the head of the committee until Senator Lukens is able to return to the Senate. Senator Lukens, after being injured in an automobile accident, went to Japan, but he is expected to arrive in Sacramento not later than January 20.

NO ANTI-RACING LAW

One question of prime importance and especial interest to impecunious legislators is apparently definitely settled, though it will not be taken up in formal caucus. There will be no anti-racing law enacted and the racing and pool selling interests will not be compelled to make a general distribution of the season's profits to prevent legislation inimical to their business. This is given out by the parties primarily interested with a decisive finality calculated to inspire confidence in their claims and which has acted like a wet blanket on the order of the hopeful spirits who could see campaign expense coming their way, hastened by the Ebleman bill or similar measures.

The Assembly may, if it choose, and it is not unlikely that it will pass an anti-racing measure. When it reaches the Senate it will be consigned to an unnumbered grave in a committee-room pigeonhole. And while the claim that this funeral will not cost a cent is probably inaccurate by a considerable number of dollars, none of it is to find its way into the Assembly.

Grab for the Legislative Patronage Begins

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.—The grab for legislative patronage has already begun. Many of the State Senators are talking of \$25 a day for each member, \$5 more than the upper House voted

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Not Greatly Damaged in Her Battle With the Gale Off the California Coast

PASSENGERS WIRE NEWS OF SAFETY

American Consul Is First to Bulletin Arrival of Vessel at Mexican Port

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 6.—According to a telegram from Mazatlan, the City of Panama arrived at that port at 6 p. m. today. She experienced a rough trip but sustained only slight damage. All on board were safe. The message was sent by Louis Kaiser, United States Consul at Mazatlan.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 6.—The parents of W. G. and R. B. McPherson, passengers on the City of Panama, have received a cablegram from Mazatlan, Mexico, announcing their safe arrival. The message indicates that the senders were unaware that any fear existed for the safety of the steamer.

Either the City of Panama was sounding signals of distress when she encountered the terrific storm off Halfmoon Bay Monday evening, or some other steamer was in serious trouble with the elements there at that time. Miss Agnes Struthers, her father, John Struthers, and Edward Frey, who live at Lobitos, a hamlet six miles south of Halfmoon, are positive that they heard the distant moanings from the sea that meant an appeal for aid.

Comely Miss Struthers, 18 years of age, was the first one to detect the distress signals, and when she called the attention of her father and Frey to them they both heard plainly for over an hour the succession of whistle blasts.

"It was at 8 o'clock in the evening when I first heard the whistling of the steamer," said Miss Struthers. "We were sitting about the fire, for it was a cold and stormy night, when the faint sounds of the whistle blasts came from off the sea. I at once spoke to father about it, and he then could hear the signals. "Mr. Frey came in to visit us, and he, too, could hear the whistling plainly. We were all much concerned, for we knew that there was no fog at sea. We frequently hear the warning signals of vessels passing in the fog. We talked of the storm at sea, and then we came to the conclusion

FEDERAL AGENTS HERE TO PROBE RAILROADS

Inquire Into Car Shortage and Question of Rates Through to the Orient

COMMISSIONER LANE WILL COME WEST

Investigation Is Directed Primarily at Harriman Rail and Steamer Lines

Two agents of the Interstate Commerce Commission have been in California for the last week investigating the car shortage and the question of through rates from Eastern points to the Orient. The greater part of their inquiries has been directed at the Harriman holdings, both railroad and steamship lines. Particular attention was given to the discrimination in favor of the Rockefeller interests in the distribution of oil cars. There have been cars in abundance for the trust, but none for the independents.

The presence of representatives of the Interstate Commerce Board in California is regarded as significant at this time in view of the rigid investigation begun in New York into the Harriman system and the intention of the commission to visit San Francisco to complete the inquiry.

If the commission reaches San Francisco it will be asked by local shippers to take up the question of rates affecting the Pacific Coast. Whether the commerce board will go deeply into this phase of the investigation is not known, as the chief purpose of the inquiry is to bring to light the financial organization of the system and the relations borne to each other by its various branches.

The ground for the inquiry into the car supply was paved by the Garfield report, wherein it was shown that the Standard Oil Company not only received large rebates, but was furnished with all the oil cars it needed, whereas the independent producers were forced to shut down their wells because of their inability to secure the necessary transportation facilities.

The representatives of the commerce board have been in conference with oil and steamship men in San Francisco and have gathered an abundance of data.

MEETING IN CHICAGO

Attorney Peter F. Dunne, counsel for the Southern Pacific Company, when asked yesterday in regard to the report that testimony regarding the Harriman lines would be taken in San Francisco

by the Interstate Commerce Commission, said: "I should say that it is extremely improbable that the commission will take any testimony in San Francisco, although I am not prepared at this time to say that such testimony will not be taken. A meeting is to be held in Chicago on Tuesday, January 8, when Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Kruttschnitt will testify before the commission. The taking of this testimony will probably re-

JOSEPH RABLEY murdered his two sisters-in-law in McAllister street last evening and then killed himself. The dead women were daughters of Mary Kelly, the refugee agitator, and are said to have been great granddaughters of President Zachary Taylor.

Murderer Threatened That He Would Kill Entire Family of Wife



Triple Tragedy in McAllister Street
 Two women, daughters of Mrs. Mary Kelly, the refugee agitator of Jefferson square, were shot to death last night at 8:25 o'clock in McAllister street, near the corner of Octavia, by their drunken brother-in-law, Joseph Emiel Rabley, who, after putting bullets into the hearts of the women, turned the weapon on himself and fired a shot, tearing off the top of his skull. He died at the Central Emergency Hospital at 1 o'clock this morning. The dead women are Mrs. Martha Krueger, aged 23, wife of Herman Krueger, a bartender, who spent yesterday drinking with the man who subsequently killed the wife, and Elizabeth Kelly, aged 16 and unmarried. Rabley was jealous of his wife, whom he married in October, and at once with the entire Kelly family. He threatened yesterday afternoon to kill them all. There appeared to be no definite cause for the tragedy. Mrs. Mary Kelly declared herself to be the granddaughter of Zachary Taylor, twelfth President of the United States, and, if that be true, the two women who lay dying in the mud and



JOSEPH RABLEY.



WILLIAM KELLY



MRS. MARY KELLY