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NO OTHER VERDICT POSSIBLE

NO other verdict than "guilty" was possible in the case of Schmitz. Perhaps, in the history of criminal jurisprudence there never has been a conclusion so absolutely driven home and clinched.

The result is a notable triumph for the prosecution. Francis J. Heney, William J. Burns, District Attorney Langdon, Hiram W. Johnson and Rudolph Spreckels have done a monumental work for San Francisco.

The Call has never entertained any doubt of the result. We have attached small importance to the cheap cynicism of those whose creed is that a rich man never goes to jail in California.

To believe that any other conclusion was possible would be to lose faith in human nature, to destroy all credit or trust in democratic institutions and popular government.

JAPANESE MONKEYSHINES

THE monkeyshines of the Japanese continue to amuse. It may be that this is neither a polite nor a considerate word for international consumption, but the behavior of Japanese political agitators shows an unfortunate disposition to ape the manners of a world power without having learned the game.

If these manners of the Japanese were good there would be little criticism, but the headlong indulgence in bad manners presents these half baked politicians in a light that is purely grotesque.

It is memory still fresh that when the peace of Portsmouth was made the Japanese in Tokyo threw rocks at the sacred person of our Mr. Harriman and other Americans.

When the Japanese complained that their "innocent children" were excluded from the schools of San Francisco—which was not true—this country, through its highest officials, took extraordinary and unprecedented action to pacify a touchy people.

Quite possibly, this judgment is unfair to the Japanese nation as a whole, but it is warranted by the behavior of the crowd that appears to be doing politics and is making all the noise.

There is one inexorable conclusion enforced by these occurrences, and it is that the Japanese are undesirable neighbors. They are trouble breeders and their presence in this country is a constant menace.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMMERS

IN the noble army of colonels training with the democratic party, J. Ham. Lewis, once of Seattle and now of Chicago, stands pre-eminent in point of brains and whiskers, as becomes a legacy of populism.

In passing we will not ignore the "debate" going on between my excellent friends, Mr. Bryan and Senator Beveridge, on what is idly termed national issues and state rights.

Resenting these academic debates, Colonel Lewis tackles one side of the tariff in a gingerly, careful sort of fashion.

The Shackles Broken



for instance, have free trade in raw materials. We may easily imagine the popularity of this platform in the wool and leather producing regions. But it would please Massachusetts.

Boiled down, that is about all Colonel Lewis has to offer. To be sure, he has some vague phrases about "legitimate regulation of public agencies, transportation and the like, by the local authorities."

We fail to see that the Chicago idea is greatly superior to the Kentucky battle cry, "Back to the constitution," which means nothing at all.

Senator Rayner of Maryland, like Colonel Lewis, offers to play Moses for the democracy. Like Colonel Lewis again, he resents Mr. Bryan's fads and fancies, his visions of government ownership of railroads and his other aimless wanderings in the domain of untested policies.

Mr. Bryan has never cared a button about the tariff. It is not an issue to inspire enthusiasm or set the prairies on fire. General Hancock was not far wrong when he said the tariff was a local question.

DANGEROUS FIRECRACKERS

THE proverb that "a burned child dreads the fire" does not appear to have much honor in San Francisco. Already the small boy is at large, disturbing neighborhoods and threatening homes with a devilish ingenuity of noise and fireworks.

We appeal to fathers and mothers to put some restraint on the propensity of their boys to set the town on fire. Within a week we have had at least one serious blaze, and, owing to the necessary erection of so many temporary buildings, there is a more than usually large supply of inflammable material about.

Answers to Queries

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS—S. E. Soledad, Cal. There is no national holiday in the United States, not even the fourth of July, Congress has at various times appointed special holidays.

A FIGHT—Subscriber. This correspondent wants to know when "Dippy Kid and Salomon fought in Fresno." The pugilistic records do not give any account of this remarkable pugilistic encounter and the files of The Call have been destroyed.

ALKALINE WATER—G. L. Novato, Cal. The best books say: "If you have sunk a well and the water is charged with alkaline, fill up the well and sink another."

GREEN BE THE TURF—S. city. The author of the verses commencing "Green be the turf above thee," was Fitz-Green Hensleeck, to commemorate the death of Joseph Rodman Drake, the poet.

Gossip in Railway Circles

THE travel to the east and Europe has been phenomenally large this season, according to the reports of the agents of the foreign lines doing business in this city.

The death of M. H. Burkhalter, general superintendent of the McCloud River railroad, is said to be due to heart failure. Burkhalter with two men went into the mountains to look at some timber land.

Captain Payson, assistant to the president of the Santa Fe and also president of the Northwestern Pacific, has a new automobile of which he is extremely proud.

Captain Payson left the Santa Fe office several days ago and started for Geary street.

W. B. Wells, northwest manager of the Sunset Magazine, is in this city arranging for the August number of the issue.

E. B. McCord, the veteran city ticket agent of the Southern Pacific, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is said to be recovering rapidly.

A special train carrying 600 Druids will leave this city at 8:40 a. m. tomorrow for Los Angeles, where that order will hold its annual convention.

J. R. Keith of the Illinois Central, who has been spending his honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, is expected back in a few days.

The line of the Western Pacific is now 140 miles west from Salt Lake City.

Personal Mention

C. C. Richards and son of Ogden are at the Hamlin. Edwin A. White of Santa Barbara is at the Fairmont. A. G. Stearns of Wheeling is a guest at the St. Francis.

George Scarte, a merchant of Nevada City, is at the Imperial. William G. Waters of New York is registered at the Majestic.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dix and daughter of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, registered at the Hamlin yesterday. Captain J. W. Morrell, a resident of Forest, accompanied by his wife, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

Mr. Richard Sprague and her family, who recently arrived from their home in Louisiana, have taken a house in Berkeley for the summer to be near Mrs. Sprague's mother, Mrs. Wallace, who has made her home across the bay since the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oxnard, who have been in New York for some weeks past, have returned to California, accompanied by Miss Lillie O'Connor, who is their guest at present.

Miss Martha Calhoun and Miss Margaret Calhoun and their mothers have gone to Yosemite valley for a stay, accompanying Miss Florida Green.

Judge and Mrs. James A. Cooper will go a little later in the season to Tahoe for a stay of several weeks.

The many friends of Mrs. Edward Barron are rejoicing in the fact that she has recovered from her recent illness, which detained her in a sanatorium for more than two months.

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Teacher—Harry, a mother has five children and but four potatoes. How can she divide the potatoes so that each will receive an equal portion.

Harry (quickly)—Mash 'em, Harper's Weekly.

Teacher—George wanted to know last night whether the roses on your cheeks were real.

George—Well, what did you say? Teacher—Nothing—I merely winked.

Teacher—They tell me Jones has got himself into bad odor.

Teacher—He has bought an automobile—Princeton Tiger.

Teacher—Mamma, is Uncle Jake very wealthy? "Enormously so, dear." "What is he guilty of?"—Life.

The Smart Set

MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN was the hostess at a very enjoyable dinner Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Calhoun.

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Major and Mrs. Andrew Rowan (the latter of whom was formerly Mrs. Josephine Morris de Greyser) will not return to the Philippines, as was feared by their friends in the United States, but will be stationed in or near New York.

Major Rowan has been detailed for duty as recruiting officer at Coney Island, N. Y., and will enter upon his new duties very shortly.

The wedding of Miss Maybelle Phillips and Monroe D. Green will be celebrated Wednesday evening, June 19, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. M. Phillips, 2326 College avenue, Oakland.

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Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired the following to its eastern bureau in New York yesterday: California temperatures for the past 24 hours: San Francisco... Minimum 61... Maximum 90