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HICKEY READY TO WAGE WAR IN CONVENTION

Attempt to Sidetrack District Attorney Causes an Insurrection

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Democratic Chairman Says Boss McNab Must Nominate Langdon

FIGHT IS IMMINENT

Bourbons Recognize Prosecutor as an Issue in Campaign

By George A. Van Smith
Gavin McNab's opposition to the nomination of District Attorney William H. Langdon has resulted in an insurrection in the democratic camp, which may end in taking the democratic crown from McNab, who has bossed the bourbons without more than an insignificant protest for years. McNab's anti-Langdon antics have resulted in an open rupture between himself and Thomas W. Hickey, who says McNab must withdraw his opposition to Langdon or prepare to defend his right to stay in command of the democratic party. Hickey favors the nomination of Langdon by the democratic convention. The chairman of the democratic committee is little more enthusiastic about Langdon than the man than are his fellow democrats; but Hickey has consistently maintained, before and subsequent to the primaries, that he declined to consider Langdon the man. He recognizes Langdon as an issue and sensibly enough realizes that the democratic party must meet that issue by the nomination of Langdon or stand before the electorate the confessed ally of the millionaire bribe givers.

HICKEY IS DETERMINED

Hickey has at all times given his personal indorsement to the Langdon nomination and has insistently decried every attempt on the part of McNab to stir up an anti-Langdon sentiment among the democratic delegates. Until recently Hickey thought McNab was talking solely for effect and that despite his anti-Langdon talk the democratic boss intended to advocate the nomination of the district attorney. Hickey based his opinion of McNab's ultimate attitude on repeated assurances that he would give the democratic nomination to Langdon. When McNab began to hedge Hickey got nervous, but was not apprehensive of the decision to be rendered by McNab until the boss told him flatly that he would oppose the nomination of Langdon. Even then Hickey hoped that McNab could be made to see the error of his way without a fight, which could not be kept from the public. Hickey endeavored to secure the co-operation of others, to whom McNab had given definite assurances prior to the primary elections that Langdon should have the democratic nomination.

Hickey thought that if the men to whom McNab had given his promise to nominate Langdon were to insist upon the fulfillment of that promise, "the only honest boss in the United States" would feel it incumbent upon him to make his word good. McNab's other promises seemed to think that the people of San Francisco would be entirely capable of taking care of any politician or political party that would decline to nominate Langdon, and refused to attempt to coerce McNab into doing the right thing. As a last desperate resort and to put themselves right with the public Hickey's friends gave publicity to the row between the chairman of the city and county committee and the heretofore unchallenged boss. This, too, was done without Hickey's sanction, as he hoped to win his fight for decency in the secrecy of the caucus and to keep the stench of an unsavory affair from the nostrils of the public.

BOSS REMAINS SILENT

McNab volunteered the assurance to The Call that he would nominate Langdon. This was before the primary elections. The chances of victory for the Ryan republicans were not bright then. Defeat of Ryan and his regular republican league forces meant a refusal of the republican nomination to Langdon. McNab was evidently preparing to loom up on the political horizon again as the one sinner pure advocate of good government. He has since denied that he made any such statement to The Call. He says The Call was mistaken about what he meant. That The Call was mistaken as to McNab's intentions is now only too apparent, but there was no mistake about what McNab said. McNab declined yesterday to submit to an interview touching the nomination of Langdon or his preparatory promises. "Is it true," I asked McNab, "that

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MOORS' CAMP IS CAPTURED AND MANY ARE SLAIN

Allies Advance in Fog to Put Large Force of Fanatics to Flight

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Smoke From Forests and Farms Marks Retreat of Vanquished

FAIL TO CUT COLUMN

Guns of French Cruiser Stop Frantic Rushes by Moslem Bands

CASA BLANCA, Sept. 11.—The allied Franco-Spanish army today made a sudden and successful move on Taddert, where the Moors were massed in force. The camp of the latter was destroyed by bombardment and the enemy was put to flight, leaving many dead on the field. The French lost one killed and six wounded.
The attack was carefully planned and was based largely on the observations of the Moors' positions from a military balloon.
The allied army, which was divided into two columns, left the camp at 6 o'clock in the morning, leaving several companies of infantry to defend the base at Casa Blanca. The first column was composed of four companies of regular infantry, several companies of sharpshooters, a battery of artillery and all the cavalry. The second column consisted of six companies of infantry and a battery of artillery.
The march was skillfully carried out under cover of a fog until half way to Taddert, when the fog lifted and disclosed several large bands of the enemy. The allies charged these at the bayonet's point.
The Moors resisted with their old time courage, but were compelled to retreat in the face of a superior force, and both of the columns of the allied troops advanced on Taddert.
After the bombardment of Taddert by the French artillery, as well as by the guns of the French cruiser Gloire, which fired 75 shells, the allied infantry advanced on the Moorish camp, where the enemy was making a last desperate stand.
The Moors fled in wild disorder, pursued for several miles by the irregular Algerian cavalry in the French service. The Moorish camp was completely destroyed. The exact loss of the Moors is not known, as they carried away many of their dead. When the Moors saw their camp in flames they set fire to all the farms and woods they could reach and the surrounding country was covered with smoke and flames.
The Moors endeavored to circle in front of the advancing troops, with the object of cutting off and surrounding a section of the allied forces, but the attempt utterly failed, largely on account of the rapid advance, which seemed to puzzle the Moors. When assailed by the long line of troops the Moors rushed for the front, where many of them fell under the accurate fire of the field artillery and the guns of the Gloire.

PARIS, Sept. 12.—The Tangier correspondent of the Matin telegraphs that Jews and Jewesses captured at the time of the sacking of Casa Blanca are being sold openly in the market place at Rabat in full view of the consulates and the city authorities, who are not taking the slightest notice of the trafficking.

Telegraphers' Strike Deemed Near End

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The New York Evening Post printed the following this afternoon:
"It was rumored today that the telegraphers' strike, now in its fifth week, probably would be declared off not later than next Tuesday. Both sides have become heartily sick of the fight and are said to be willing to bring it to an end, provided the situation can be adjusted gracefully and with honor to all concerned. The rumors came from an apparently reliable source.
"It was said that the action of the Western Union directors in failing to make the usual statement of the quarterly earnings was an admission of the strike's adverse effects upon the finances of the company. It was further remarked that the strikers had reached the stage where the lack of a regular salary was beginning to make itself felt.
"Strike benefits are being paid, but these are not equivalent to the salaries paid the men before they went out and some of the men have been drawing on their savings accounts."

Dr. Jordan Would Kill Two-Thirds of Race

Tells Stanford Students That Death of Many People Would Be Benefit to Mankind

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 12.—"If we could have a great drought killing off two-thirds of the population and great care was taken to see that the best third, mentally, morally and physically, were reserved, what a magnificent race of people we would have," said President David Starr Jordan at a student body gathering here this morning.
After making this surprising statement, the head of the institution shifted to a theme in keeping with the gathering and proceeded to tell the undergraduates of conditions in Australian universities, interjecting a code of "don'ts for the freshman class of this year."
"We are not all alike here, as they try to be at Yale," said Dr. Jordan. "Stanford men are not to be distinguished by the loss of their left eye teeth or by the fact they have bulldogs at their heels. Stanford men and women are all alike only in that they are all possessed of the Stanford spirit."
The rich students' and high life at the big eastern universities, especially Harvard, came in for a fling.
"We are not worried here with the tender rich," said he. "Neither do we want to cultivate the habit of borrowing what is not our own without the permission of the owners. Taking things in this manner leads to larceny."
President Jordan announced that while in Australia during the summer he had consulted with Thomas Welton Stanford, brother of Senator Stanford, who had assured him that the university would receive his entire fortune by will. Thomas Welton Stanford is known as one of the richest men in the antipodes and his fortune will materially increase the already splendid endowment of the university.

Father Falls Dead on Way to Bury Son

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 12.—Tragic was the scene enacted today at the funeral of Arthur A. Smith, who died in Lane's hospital, San Francisco. As the funeral cortege was winding its way along Soquel avenue to the Catholic cemetery, Charles H. Smith, the father of the dead man, suddenly fell backwards into the arms of his son and daughter in the mourner's carriage. He was removed to the lawn of Ivy Lodge and physicians were summoned, but he never regained consciousness and soon expired. The body of the father was removed to an undertaking parlor and the funeral of the son completed. The decedent was 70 years old and leaves a son, J. G. Smith of this city, two sons in Modesto, a son and daughter in the east and a daughter in Oakland.

WILSON MIZNER JAILED FOR USING BLACKJACK

Ex-Husband of Mrs. Yerkes Knocks Man Into an Alligator Basin

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Charged with using a blackjack on Edward W. Knight, a salesman employed by J. C. McKnight & Co., real estate brokers, and his friend Britton W. Varden, Wilson Mizner, one time husband of Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, was locked up for two hours today in the West Forty-seventh street station. Mizner's trouble arose over a woman who, under the name of Isabel Lindsay, had been in the hotel for two weeks. According to Mizner the dispute was over the refusal of the latter to allow the woman's baggage to be moved.
During the fight Varden, a friend of Knight, was knocked out by Mizner. He landed in a fountain basin filled with young alligators. Mrs. Lindsay appeared in the office with an armful of bric-a-brac, including an ormolu clock, which she proceeded to fire at Mizner's head. At this point the police interfered. Altogether it was the liveliest fight seen in the tenderloin region for many a night.

TRAIN WRECK IN TUNNEL BRINGS ON A LANDSLIDE

Car of Extra Freight Jumps Track and Stops Up Bore on Coast Line

SANTA BARBARA, Sept. 12.—A portion of tunnel No. 7 on the Southern Pacific coast line, about four miles north of San Luis Obispo, caved in at 10:25 a. m. today. While an extra freight train was passing through the tunnel a car jumped the track, struck one of the walls and tore out several supports. No one was hurt, but traffic will be suspended for many hours.

TAFT SAILS FOR ORIENT

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—William H. Taft and his party sailed at 1 o'clock today for the orient on the steamship Minnesota.

William J. Biggy, chief of police of San Francisco, who, following his appointment yesterday by the board of police commissioners, declared that his policy would be to enforce the laws without fear or favor.



W. J. Biggy Is Appointed Chief of Police and Will Enforce Laws

Work of Reform Is Likely to Cause Many Changes in Department

William J. Biggy was appointed chief of police at the meeting of the police commission yesterday afternoon, in secret session. Just before the conclusion of the meeting Secretary Skelly said that he had been instructed to announce that Biggy had been appointed chief. President Sweigert later said that the appointment of Biggy was unanimous, but when asked whether any other names were balloted for, as ballots were taken, he only smiled.
Secretary Skelly was instructed to notify Biggy of his appointment.

The appointment did not cause much surprise, as it had been acknowledged generally that Biggy would ultimately be the choice of the board after General Woodruff's elimination through being a nonresident. It will cause many of those in the upper office some anxious moments, as it is well known that the commission was only waiting for the appointment of a chief before inaugurating numerous changes.
The most important changes will be those concerning the chief's clerk and the property clerk.

Both of these positions carry a salary of \$200 a month. Sergeant O'Meara undoubtedly will be appointed to one of these positions. He is a close friend of the new chief and for some time was associated with him in business. While Biggy was acting chief in January, 1906, he placed O'Meara in the upper office, where he has remained since. O'Meara is one of the most capable and courteous men in the department and his friends are legion. He is suited admirably for either the position of property clerk or chief's clerk.

BAN ON DINAN'S MEN

It was announced by President Sweigert a few days after assuming office that all of Dinan's appointees as detective sergeants would be relegated to street duty. Others holding "soft" positions in the upper office or outside details were included in the president's note of reform. About 11 detective sergeants were appointed by Dinan, but some of them have done good work and may not come under the ban.
It also was asserted freely yesterday afternoon that there would be another captain of detectives soon who would not be so favorably disposed to the interests of Calhoun as the present incumbent of the office. Just which captain would be selected as head of the detective force was a poser, but friends of Captain Duke did not hesitate to express the belief that he would be the lucky one. Duke's friends claim that he had no opportunity owing to Dinan's methods and hostility to show his mettle as a sleuth and that he would prove acceptable to all parties concerned.

DOUBT CONCERNING EX-CHIEF

If Duke should be selected it would be a curious circumstance to have him detaching Dinan to ferret out crime. But a question has arisen as to what position Dinan may occupy after he reports for duty. When he was made chief he was allowed a year's vacation as detective sergeant, which was con-

END BOYCOTT ON TROLLEY LINES

Members of General Strike Body Call Off Embargo

Union Men Are Expected to Crowd Cars to Limit

Committee Hopes to Cripple Calhoun's Railroads

Issues Statement Giving Reason for the New Move

The boycott which has been waged against the United Railroads for over five months was lifted last night, and union men and their sympathizers were urged to ride upon the trolley coaches of Calhoun's traction monopoly. The general strike campaign committee concluded to "call Calhoun's bluff" and test his boast that he has men and cars enough to restore complete service on all the lines in the city if left unmolested. The unions will not molest him, said their leaders last night; they will test him. The strike is still on, and assessments on the unions will still be levied for the support of members of carmen's local No. 295; but the boycott is off.
An argument for the new departure last night it was urged that the lives of the nonunion platform men would be made a burden to them by the enormous business they will have to handle with crippled rolling stock and inadequate service, and that they will be glad to quit their jobs, thus throwing Calhoun on the mercy of the carmen's union.

BUSES TO BE TAKEN OFF

According to members of the strike campaign committee all the buses will at once be taken off the streets. The immense traffic which has been handled by these union conveyances will thus be diverted to the cars of the United Railroads. When the hosts of labor, their wives and sisters and sweethearts, are added to this volume without any addition to the number of cars nor to the number of platform men the result will be, it was claimed, an utter demoralization of the public transportation system, and Calhoun will be forced to make peace with his former employees in order to get men enough to handle his cars.
The action of the strike campaign committee was indorsed by the building trades council, the president of which, P. H. McCarthy, is also prominent in the strike committee. For some time O. A. Tveitmo and others on the committee have been urging the action that was taken last night, and rumor has been busy with the facts for several weeks. The labor leaders deny emphatically that the action taken last night is indicative of any weaken-

Impertinent Question No. 16

What's the Matter With You?

For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—and the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS. For the next five answers The Call will pay ONE DOLLAR each. Prize winning answers will be printed next Wednesday and checks mailed to the winners at once. Make your answer short and address it to IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, THE CALL.

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- \$5 prize to Emilie J. Lachmann, 1970 Mission st., city. Nm strong in the arms and weak in the head.
 - \$1 prize to C. M. White, 150 Truckee st., Reno, Nev. Six valid reasons—all girls.
 - \$1 prize to John S. Mackay, 1801 Franklin st., city. How do you know what I've got in my plush lined box?
 - \$1 prize to F. B. Wilson, Hughes block, Fresno, Cal. It took all I had to get the experience.
 - \$1 prize to E. W. Atkins, 1200A Fillmore st., city. Because the races are not always to the swift.
 - \$1 prize to Miss C. Laplace, 1428 Corbett road, city. Because my hand always reaches into my own pocket easier than into other people's.

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