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NIXON IS VICTOR OVER RICKEY IN FINANCIAL FIGHT

Nevada Senator Defeats His Banking Rival in War to Obtain Funds

BOTH RETURN HOME

Statesman Able to Borrow Large Sums Here, but Rickey's Pleas Fail

ISSUES A STATEMENT

Head of the State Company Says That New Law Protects His Banks

The fierce fight for financial supremacy in Nevada, that has been waged for years between United States Senator George Nixon and Thomas B. Rickey, has reached its climax in the Fairmont hotel in this city, and Nixon has won first blood. The struggle has been conducted quietly in the big caravansary for nearly a week. Both sides have employed a corps of stenographers, agents, attorneys and messengers; the wires between this city and the mineral zones of the sagebrush state have been kept tingling with advices and messages. The first shock of the engagement subsided yesterday morning when Senator Nixon returned to Nevada, victor in the initial clash.

Nixon obtained the money he came to this city to get in order to carry his string of banks past the shoals of runs; Rickey has not been as successful. Nixon secured considerable sums from a local bank, which, with aid from New York, will enable him to open up his banks this morning with millions of dollars ready to meet any panicky flood of withdrawals which a timid throng of depositors might let loose. Rickey returned to Nevada last night without that aid, but confident that his banks at Carson, Manhattan, Blair, Tonopah and Goldfield were more than solvent. Nixon asks for no extension of the additional holiday which was granted yesterday by Governor Sparks, will throw open his doors and will ask no quarter. "If you want your money," says Nixon, "come and get it." Rickey, claiming and believed to be equally solvent, is forced, for the lack of immediate funds, to return and ask his depositors to be lenient and give him time.

HAVE FAITH IN RICKEY

Every one familiar with the situation in Nevada admits that it means a great victory for Nixon, but there is also firm belief that Rickey will be able to meet the emergency and retain the confidence of the people in his commonwealth in his financial soundness, which has not, even in the present crisis, been questioned. Rickey's private fortune is many times larger than the sum of his interest in the State bank and trust corporation, of which he is president.

Politics is back of the fight, say Rickey's friends—and Rickey himself would not deny it. Both men are republicans and have been so for years. Their policies in that party have been at variance a long time, and it is commonly known in Nevada that Rickey was named prominently for United States senator. Nixon, who has been the confidential agent of the Southern Pacific in the state for years, holds that honor and likes the work. Rickey, as one of the oldest and wealthiest Nevadans, would not, it is said, sniff at the honor of a seat in the national capitol. He would have secured the honor, too, it is claimed, if Nixon had not been nimbler on his political feet. So their commercial and financial operations have not fostered any friendly feeling. They have been bitter competitors for the business of the state.

When the tidal wave of depositors' clamor threatened both institutions; when the bottom of the stock market dropped out and securities went begging at pauperizing prices, both bankers came to San Francisco to get money. Both enjoy the confidence of the financial world; but Rickey obtained no money, while Nixon secured plenty. It is said that Nixon sold 20,000 shares of Merger last Saturday on the local stock market for $4. He offered $0,000 more, says Rickey, with no takers. Nixon realized $80,000 on the deal, which helped materially, and with the aid he got from a local bank was enabled to return to Nevada with the necessary "jingle."

How Nixon managed to get the money and how Rickey was unable to do so, the latter said yesterday that he did not know, but added that a senator wielded a wider influence than an ordinary banker. The fact that Nixon was waging a war on him, Rickey would not deny, either in its political or financial aspect. "But, of course," he said, "I could not say anything on that score. I am only concerned now in putting my banks on their feet."

Rickey was flooded with telegrams expressing the confidence of many of the largest operators and capitalists in

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PARENT UNDER ARREST ON CHARGE OF KIDNAPING

Benjamin McWilliams of Santa Rosa Is Accused of Having Stolen Two of His Own Children

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 27.—Word was received tonight from San Diego that Benjamin McWilliams is under arrest there on the charge of having kidnaped his own children from here 10 days ago. Sheriff Smith will leave for the south tomorrow to return the prisoner here for trial.

McWilliams and his wife lived on a ranch near the Sonoma-Napa line. A short time ago Mrs. McWilliams left her husband owing to alleged ill treatment and with her four children went to Guerneville. McWilliams followed, the couple were reunited temporarily and came back to Santa Rosa. The following day McWilliams disappeared with two of the children.

Mrs. McWilliams then brought suit for divorce, alleging that she married McWilliams while she was under his hypnotic influence.

DEATH OF NATE ROFF

RENO, Nev., Oct. 27.—Nate Roff, state auditor of Nevada, supreme representative from this state of the Knights of Pythias, and one of the most prominent men in Nevada, died at 10:30 o'clock at his home tonight as the result of internal injuries received in a runaway acident 10 days ago.

VICE ADMIRAL'S PENNANT MAY BE AWARDED EVANS

President Plans to Raise Rear Admiral Who Will Command Fleet

WILL ASK CONGRESS

Greatest Armada Requires Leader of High Rank Is Argument

GRADE EVANESCENT

New Rank to Cease on the Retirement of Man Who Merits Honor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The great battleship fleet which is to make its way from the Atlantic to the Pacific will probably be commanded by a vice admiral, and that officer is now Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans.

Of course this is conditional on congress giving its sanction to the proposal that will be made by the president to establish this new rank in the navy. Conditions now are believed to be more favorable than ever before for this project.

Rear Admiral Evans is going to sail in command of the most powerful fleet that ever gathered under the American flag. Not only that, he commands more battleships of modern type than any other naval officer in the world, and the only commander whose blue pennant floats over a more numerous fleet of all kinds of warships is Lord Charles Beresford, and he is of greater rank than a vice admiral, being an admiral, like Dewey.

On this cruise the American fleet will look upon many foreign powers and exchange courtesies with foreign fleets in Brazil, Chile, Argentina and other countries. The American commander, if he were to retain his present title of rear admiral, would be outranked, for the navies of all these countries contain officers of the grade of vice admiral, which would make the American commander's position humiliating.

It would be pointed out in Admiral Evans' case that not only is he by his remarkable service entitled to this advancement, but any objections to the creation of this new grade that might be broached in congress might be overcome by pointing to the fact that as Admiral Evans retires next August the office will be of short duration.

OPERATION PERFORMED ON ETHEL ROOSEVELT'S NOSE

Daughter of President Is Patient at Episcopal Hospital in Washington

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of the president, is a patient at the Episcopal eye, ear and throat hospital here, where a slight operation was performed on her nose today. Miss Roosevelt has been under treatment since her return form Oyster Bay.

Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied her daughter to the hospital and the president arrived shortly afterward. Both remained throughout the operation. It is not known how long Miss Roosevelt will remain at the hospital, but probably it will not be more than a day or so.

LORD NUNBURNHOLME IS DEAD

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Charles Henry Wilson, first baron of Nunburnholme, died today, aged 75 years. Before he was elevated to the peerage in 1905 he had represented Hull in parliament for 32 years. Lord Nunburnholme was head of the great Wilson line of steamers.

The Scavenger

Noted Criminal Waxes Fat Through Tube

Oliver Curtiss Perry Refuses to Eat While Imprisoned

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Efforts which are being made by a few of his steadfast friends to have the sentence of Oliver Curtiss Perry commuted have revealed the fact that for four years the daring criminal, who in 1892 startled the country with the boldness of his exploits, has not eaten a particle of food nor worn a stitch of outer clothing. They have also disclosed the fact that Perry is regarded as the most remarkable patient ever confined in the state hospital for criminal insane.

Once Perry was on the verge of starvation, but he absolutely refused to take a bite or drink anything and the physicians, satisfied that he would die rather than yield, fed him through a tube. Since November 19, 1903, he has received nourishment through a tube, not because it is necessary, but simply because he was determined to die rather than eat the regular prison fare. Perry declares he will never take a bite of food so long as he is in Dannemora hospital and Drs. North, Townsend and McDonald, his physicians, believe him.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the case, which has nothing even approaching a parallel in the prison records of the state, is that Perry now weighs more than he ever did and is in perfect physical condition.

King of Spain Shows Signs of Weakening

Alfonso's Health Is Subject of Deep Concern to His People

Special by Cable and Leased Wire to The Call

MADRID, Oct. 27.—Spain is disturbed by the physical condition of the young king. Public anxiety is aroused because of the emaciation apparent in the monarch, which seems to grow week by week.

The restlessness which marked the beginning of the fatal malady in the case of the father is particularly marked in Alfonso. The supreme hope of the king's physicians lies in his love for the beautiful young queen. It is hoped that open air life may eradicate the seeds of consumption, which all fear have been implanted.

The visit to Nice subsequent to Alfonso's visit to England was planned upon the advice of his physicians, who dreaded the effect of the rigorous winter weather of Madrid. Whether the king of Spain will go is a grave question, for there has been friction between Spain and France over the Moroccan affair.

FOREST RESERVE INCREASED

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The president has ordered the withdrawal of 34,965 acres of land in Trinity, Shasta and Glenn counties, along the eastern border of the Trinity national forest, and it is proposed to add this acreage to the forest.

Army of Clerks Works on Divorce Data

Classifies Aggregate of 1,300,000 Cases of Last 20 Years

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—An aggregate of 1,300,000 divorce cases during the past 20 years will be shown by a report being prepared at the census bureau. A total of 2,900 clerks and special agents have been at work for months gathering this data and about 140 are still engaged in the task.

There are about 40,000 cases to be investigated out of the number stated before the field work is finished and the work of compilation proper can begin. It is estimated that two-thirds of the persons seeking divorce have been successful in their suits. The report in detail is not to be made public until early next spring.

DEATH CLAIMS CONGRESSMAN

LEXINGTON, Mo., Oct. 27.—John Welborn, member of the fifty-ninth congress from the seventh Missouri district, died at his home here tonight, aged 51 years.

GREAT GAINS MADE BY MAYOR

Final Week of the Campaign Brings Stampede

Slide of Ryan to Defeat Nears Inglorious End

McCarthy's Friends Demand 2 to 1 in Betting

Union Men Work Hard to Increase Langdon Vote

Political Meetings Today

FOR TAYLOR
Duveneck's hall, 24th and Church streets.
Columbia hall, Harrison and Harriet streets, near Sixth.

FOR M'CARTHY
Noonday—Broadway dock.
Night—Cascade hall, Dwight st. and San Bruno av.
Sackenreuder's hall, Eugenia av. and Wool st.
Open air—Stillman and Goettingen sts., San Bruno district.

FOR RYAN
New Washington hall, 2011 Fillmore st.
Hamilton hall, Geary and Steiner sts.
Foresters' hall, Tenth av. and I st., Sunset.
Green's hall, 1843 H st., near 19th av., Sunset.

FOR LANGDON
Night—Mission Rink, Mission st. near 19th.

"Let's make it a clear majority over all opponents" is now the slogan of the prominent workers in the cause of Taylor and good government. They believe this can easily be done and will work harder than ever during the final week, which begins today. It is pointed out that Saturday night's great meeting in Dreamland rink furnished convincing proof that Mayor Taylor has made great gains since his opening meeting.

Then the rink was crowded and an overflow meeting was necessary. Saturday not only was the rink packed to its utmost limit, but many thousands were turned away and the overflow meeting was much larger. Even more convincing was the

Prosecutors Heney, Johnson, Langdon Speak Tonight

GREAT public interest has been aroused by the announcement that Francis J. Heney and Hiram W. Johnson would speak tonight in Mission rink in Mission street, near Nineteenth, at a meeting to be held under the auspices of the Langdon Central club. Preparations to accommodate a record breaking crowd have been made.

Heney, who is a wonderfully forceful speaker, will tell the audience what the re-election of District Attorney Langdon and the continuance of the graft prosecutions mean to San Francisco. He can also be counted upon to shoot some large holes in the "no immunity bath" plan advocated by Frank McGowan.

Hiram W. Johnson, who has been associated with Heney and District Attorney Langdon in the graft prosecutions, will be chairman of the meeting and will address the gathering. His ability as a public speaker and his earnestness in behalf of the prosecution promise to arouse the enthusiasm of the assemblage. District Attorney Langdon is also on the list of speakers. He will present convincing proof that his opponent stands not for even handed justice, but for the salvation of rich bribe givers.

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