

Lincoln-Roosevelt League Forms Solid Phalanx Against Boss Herrin

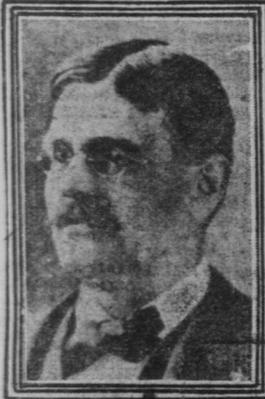
ANTIMACHINE REPUBLICANS TO BE A UNIT

Byron Mauzy, Intrepid Enemy of Railroad Rule, Chosen as State Leader

Factional Differences Have All Been Eliminated by Meeting of Executive Committee

Shows That Battle Against Herrin's Domination Is Greater Than Local Differences

Byron Mauzy (upper), elected first vice president of Lincoln-Roosevelt league, and Marshall Hale, made member of executive committee.



Through the efforts of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league the antimachine republicans of San Francisco will present a united front to the Herrin forces in the coming primary elections.

Byron Mauzy was elected yesterday first vice president of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league of republican clubs, vice Daniel A. Ryan, resigned. W. D. Fenimore, a forty-first district leader, was elected to membership in the state executive committee for the fourth congressional district, and Marshall Hale became a member of the central body as executive committeeman from the fifth congressional district.

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THE BETTER WAY "UNQUESTIONABLY we have had what looked like a panic. Every one is shouting, 'return your money to the banks, and prosperity will go on as if nothing had happened.' Well and good, but—there is a brisker, a better, a bullier way to stay the retreat of prosperity before it becomes a panic stricken rout. Let every business man advertise for the next sixty days as he never advertised before—two, three, five fold—and force the hoarded money into circulation by the most direct route, the most telling method. Compel the hoarder, by advertising the merits of your goods, to let go his hoardings in exchange for the seductive attractions and the homely necessities of daily life." —Robert Frothingham.

MASTER ROGUE, SAY FINANCIERS OF C. W. FRENCH

Promoter Tricks Coast Capitalists Out of Half a Million

\$100,000,000 Steel Corporation Used as a Vehicle of Plunder

Ulysses Grant Loses \$150,000, H. G. Otis, \$10,000, and Others More

C. W. French, promoter and head of the Pacific steel company, capitalized at \$100,000,000, who was arrested in San Jose Friday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and subsequently brought here and imprisoned in the city jail, was released on bail yesterday. In the capture of French the hand of the law has brought up with a sharp turn a man Pacific coast capitalists and financiers declare has earned, by his meteoric career on the western slope and his record in eastern states, the title of master rogue in the art of swindling on a monumental scale.

French appeared on the Pacific coast less than three years ago and represented himself to be the secret emissary of the Astor and Vanderbilt interests of New York and also confidential agent of Andrew Carnegie and other Pittsburg steel magnates. He is supposed to have tricked from Pacific coast financiers since his first materialization here a sum approximating \$500,000. Investigation of his record in Ohio, whence he came to California, brings to light shady transactions in which he figured and in which he is believed to have cleared literally millions.

The principal victims of French on the Pacific coast are men who have always been considered of keen acumen and shrewd discernment. Harrison Gray Otis, proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, was induced to lend his name to French's enterprise, the Pacific steel corporation, and in addition was loser by \$10,000 when he was forced to pay a note he had indorsed for French. Ulysses S. Grant of San Diego was tricked out of \$150,000 by French, a group of four San Francisco capitalists lost \$200,000 altogether, and other individuals lost smaller sums. C. H. Geldert, who had French arrested, lost \$1,000. The full extent of French's operations probably will never be known, for the financiers who have been victimized by him prefer to take their losses in silence rather than confess how they were duped.

OPERATIONS IN EAST In the east French is said to have secured \$800,000 from Zepha W. Davis, a Cleveland (Ohio) multimillionaire financier. At Akron, Ohio, he was indicted by a grand jury for issuing a mortgage for several hundred thousand dollars against a railroad of which he was the president while the railroad was in the hands of a receiver. The indictment was quashed and the case dismissed by the prosecuting attorney of the county for some mysterious reason.

At Pittsburg, Pa., French, it is declared, got into trouble for fraudulently representing that the Union trust company of that city had underwritten and guaranteed the stock of his \$100,000,000 steel company. J. M. Schoonmaker, president of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad, is also said to have been duped by French.

French's vehicle of revenue was the Pacific steel company, which he organized and had capitalized at \$100,000,000. The incorporation fee alone on this vast capitalization was \$10,000. It was the most heavily capitalized corporation ever organized in California. But its tangible assets consisted principally of French.

The scheme of the corporation, as French glibly explained it to prospective victims, was for it to act as a holding company for various subsidiary manufacturing concerns of all kinds, which existed in the rosy future. DUPES PROMINENT MEN French induced some of the most prominent and influential men on the Pacific coast to act as officers for the association and to serve on the board of directors. Harrison Gray Otis of Los Angeles, became vice president; A. A. Purman, a leading attorney of Los Angeles, became vice president; George W. Fishburn, cashier of the First national bank of San Diego, was appointed on the board of directors;

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FISK'S CASE IS LAID BEFORE THE PRESIDENT

Substance of Charges Against Postmaster Causes Order for Investigation

Senator Flint Greatly Interested in the Outcome of the Probing Process

Strives to Aid Perkins in the Effort to Save Scalp of Accused Official

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The substance of the charges made against Postmaster Fisk of San Francisco was laid before the president today by Representatives Hayes and Kahn. The president read the paper very carefully and said the allegations were very serious and demanded a thorough and impartial investigation. He requested the congressmen to take the matter to Postmaster General Meyer, with instructions to make a complete investigation. This was done immediately. The postmaster general said he would wait for the arrival of San Francisco papers containing the articles relating



to Fisk and would then investigate every allegation.

Senator Flint has become intensely interested in the outcome of the Fisk case. He joined Perkins in recommending Fisk's reappointment without much personal interest, regarding the position as part of Perkins' patronage and not his own. But since the onslaught upon Fisk started, Flint has made it a personal matter, and is anxious to see Fisk reappointed. He is understood to have suggested to the president that the two senators having joined in the recommendation, it would be very distasteful to them to be turned down and would injure their standing at home.

The president does not feel particularly friendly toward Perkins at this time, but he is a warm friend of Flint, and is disposed to favor him in every way. If the forthcoming investigation leaves Fisk unscathed it is very probable that he will owe his salvation to Flint.

Kahn and Hayes have done nothing apparently toward suggesting a new candidate to the president. Kahn says he still has a hope of obtaining favorable consideration of John J. Deane's name, although he is aware that the president is not disposed to make any appointment that will give M. H. De Young an opportunity to set up the claim that he has any influence at the White House.

The president has made it very plain that Deane's relationship to De Young is a heavy handicap, and Postmaster General Meyer has informed both congressmen of the fact in so many words. The congressmen will probably await the result of the Fisk investigation before they try to suggest his successor.

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Edna Sorocco, aged 3, who saw her parents, photographed below, fight terrible duel in which woman was slain by husband, who kills himself over wife's dead body, while neighbors cowered outside the house, afraid to interfere.



Sixteen Children Die During Mad Rush

Forty Also Injured During Stampede at Entertainment in a Public Hall

BARNESLEY, England, Jan. 11.—Sixteen children were trampled to death and 40 others, several of whom cannot live, were injured in a mad rush for better seats at an entertainment given in the public hall this afternoon.

There was a great crush to secure admittance to the entertainment, and when the doors opened every seat was taken and the gallery was literally packed with children, who filled the aisles and who were dangerously massed against the lower railings. With a view to relieving this crowding in the gallery, the attendants decided to transfer some of the children to the body of the house, and one usher called out "Some of you children come downstairs."

Immediately the rush started, and within a few seconds hundreds of children were being trampled under foot. Even those who had seats in the gallery, doubtless being panic stricken by the screams and struggles of the crowds fighting to reach the staircase, joined in the stampede. The scene was a terrible one, the cries of the injured and moans of the dying causing the greatest excitement among those gathered in the body of the hall. Police and ushers rushed to the head of the staircases, which were literally strewn with dead and dying, and by the most desperate efforts managed to drag scores of the struggling children to the corridors below. It was with the greatest difficulty that a panic among the children in the lower part of the house was averted, all of these eventually being taken to the street in safety. When the reserve police arrived they found the narrow stairway practically blocked with bodies, which were

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KILLS WIFE IN SIGHT OF HER CHILD

Jealous Italian Hacks Woman to Death With Butcher Knife in Room

She Fights Back With Razor Till She Falls With Many Wounds

Husband Takes Weapon From Her Fingers, Slashes Throat and Dies at Her Feet

Three Year Old Daughter Is Mute Witness of Terrible Duel to the Death

OAKLAND, Jan. 11.—Pietro Sorocco, an Italian iron worker, hacked his wife, Rena, to pieces with a butcher knife in a desperate fight in the bedroom of their little home at 4191 Montgomery street this morning, with their 3 year old daughter, Edna, a witness. He inflicted 14 wounds on the body of his wife, then slashed his own throat from ear to ear, falling dead across her corpse. The couple fought for 15 minutes in the closed room, Sorocco hacking at the woman with the knife and she grasping at the blade or striking back with a razor. The screams of the woman and the curses of the husband alarmed the neighborhood.

Sorocco slew his wife because of jealousy. She eloped with another Italian last March, going to Los Angeles, where she led a checkered existence, on one occasion attempting suicide when her lover deserted her. Yesterday Sorocco returned with her, and the man and wife and the little daughter were under the same roof again for the first time in nearly ten months.

QUARREL IN DARKNESS

This morning Sorocco revived a quarrel which was said to have smoldered over night. They were heard to dispute last night by Joseph Trenetro and wife, who live in the same house, and the oaths of the man were heard in the early hours. This morning, when the couple are supposed to have been rising from their beds, the man was again heard cursing, and the woman remonstrating.

Suddenly there came a piercing scream from Mrs. Sorocco, followed by her wild cries of terror, and which were mocked by hideous growls and even coarse laughter from the man.

HEAR WOMAN'S PRAYER

Trenetro and his wife were alarmed.

Shoots Bandit Through Hand of Passenger

Car Conductor Slays Robber Whom Courageous Man Had Grabbed by the Throat

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—Charles Gray, a man with a long police record, was shot twice and instantly killed tonight while attempting to hold up a saloon on the Redondo elec-

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Impertinent Question No. 33

What Is Your One Best Bet?

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

Winning Answers to "Why Do Women Kiss When They Meet?" \$5 prize to H. M. Kiser, 2746 Fulton street, Berkeley. They don't! It's a bluff! \$1 prize to Walter Scott Haskell, 1708 Shattuck avenue, Berkeley. To make Adam's mouth water. \$1 prize to D. M. Speed, 51 St. Mungo building, city. Not when they meet me, worse luck. \$1 prize to A. L. Lowe, Redwood City. So that they may have an even break for the first word. \$1 prize to Miss A. Lee, 2327 Dana street, Berkeley. Lest we forget—how. \$1 prize to Mrs. E. Martin Miller, 26 Jordan avenue, city. That's their business. Don't meddle.

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