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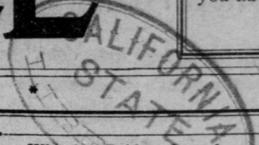
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Somebody has said that the girls who sell the candy are the prettiest girls in town. Draw your own conclusions when you have seen the photos in

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PRESIDENT'S FIRE STIRRED BY WAGE CUT

Roosevelt Foresees Industrial Strife as Railroads' Revenge for Drastic Laws

Gives Out Information Received Concerning Object of General Reductions in Pay

Commerce Commission Asked to Investigate and Give Facts to Public

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Serious industrial disputes in prospect were in the mind of President Roosevelt when he wrote the letter to the interstate commerce commission which was made public today, saying that information had reached him that on account of the enactment of drastic laws of congress and the various state legislatures it was regarded as necessary by railroad companies to reduce the pay of employees.

Roosevelt points out that under the law either party may demand the services of the chairman of the interstate commerce commission and of the commissioner of labor as a board of conciliation. He suggests, therefore, that the interstate commerce commission make such an investigation as will enable it to furnish data concerning wage conditions on various railroads that may relate directly or indirectly to the impending industrial strife.

The text of the president's letter follows: "To the interstate commerce commission: I am informed that a number of railroad companies have served notice of a proposed reduction of wages on their employees. One of them, the Louisville and Nashville, in announcing the reduction states that the drastic laws inimical to the interests of the railroads that have in the past year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures are largely or chiefly responsible for the conditions requiring the reduction.

"These reductions in wages may be warranted or they may not. As to this the public, which is a party, can form no judgment without a more complete knowledge of the essential facts and real merits of the case than it now has or than it can possibly obtain from the special pleadings certain to be put forth by each side in case their dispute should bring about serious interruption to traffic.

"If the reduction in wages is due to natural causes, the loss of business being such that the burden should be and is equitably distributed between capitalist and wage workers, the public and congress should know it, and if it is caused by misconduct in the past financial or other operations of any railroad then everybody should know it, especially if the excuse of unkindly legislation is advanced as a method of covering up past business misconduct by the railroad managers or as a justification for failure to treat fairly the wage earning employees of the company.

"Moreover an industrial conflict between a railroad corporation and its employees offers peculiar opportunities to any small number of evil disposed persons to destroy life and property and foment public disorder.

"Of course, if life, property and public order are endangered prompt and drastic measures for their protection become the first plain duty. All other duties then become subordinate to the preservation of the public peace and the real merits of the original controversy are necessarily lost from view. This vital consideration should be ever kept in mind by all law abiding and far sighted members of labor organizations.

"It is sincerely to be hoped, therefore, that any wage controversy that may rise between the railroads and their employees may find a peaceful solution through the methods of conciliation and arbitration already provided for by congress, which have proved so effective during the past year. To this end the commission should be in a position to have available for any board of conciliation or arbitration relevant data pertaining to such carriers as may become involved in industrial disputes.

"Should conciliations fail to effect a settlement and arbitration be rejected, accurate information should be available in order to develop a properly informed public opinion.

"I therefore ask you to make such investigation both of your records and by any means at your command, as will enable you to furnish data concerning such conditions obtaining on the Louisville and Nashville and any other roads as may relate directly or indirectly to the real merits of a possibly impending controversy.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Register NOW, Republicans

If you don't want Herin to rule you, get on the register before April 15.

Old registration has all expired—you must register again before April 15 or you can't vote at the May primaries.

Registration closes April 15.

Last day on which registered voter can move to another precinct and not lose his primary vote, April 6.

Registrar's office in the old city hall open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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M'KINLEY IS HERE TO FACE 100 CHARGES

Land Thief, Who Escaped Mukden Jail, Aided by Outlaws, Brought Home

"Little Egypt's" Companion Captured After Thrilling Career as Fugitive in Orient

Lay Hidden in Chinese Coffin by Day, and Dressed as Woman

Horace G. McKinley, a fugitive from justice, sailed from this port in November, two years ago, in company with "Little Egypt," on the liner Mongolia. He returned yesterday on the America Maru in custody of J. F. Kerrigan, deputy United States marshal, who left for Portland last night with his prisoner. There are more than 100 federal indictments against McKinley in connection with Oregon land frauds, and ever since he disappeared government detectives have been on his trail. McKinley was arrested at Mukden, but while waiting extradition escaped with the assistance of the most notorious robber band in the far east, who hid him for weeks and would have placed him beyond even Uncle Sam's reach but for the treachery of one of their number.

The story of McKinley's escape from the Mukden prison is straight melodrama to which McKinley yesterday added the finishing touch by begging that no mention be made of the part played in his release and subsequent protection by his friends, the outlaws.

While in the Mukden jail McKinley, feeling safe in the knowledge that no extradition treaty existed between the United States and China, learned that Secretary Root had requested the Chinese government, as a matter of courtesy, to allow his extradition on a legal basis. He learned that the request was likely to be granted and when his friend, Billy Read—the same William E. Read who was arrested upon his arrival here a few days ago on the transport Crook—paid him a visit in jail he asked Read to take a note to his friends of the Hung Hu Tse.

The Hung Hu Tse is an organization of outlaws from all parts of the world, with headquarters at Mukden, which is a sort of oriental Honduras. The Hung Hu Tse acted promptly. Read took their reply to the prisoner. It was brief but explicit. In substance it told McKinley to enter the toilet room attached to his cell at 8 o'clock on the evening of November 11, press against the north end and the wall would fall out.

Hanging his coat where the guard could see it McKinley followed directions. He fell out with the wall and was seized by his friends of the Hung Hu Tse, who put him in a sack and carried him away.

The discovery of his escape was followed by great confusion and an energetic man hunt. By day McKinley lay hid in a Chinese coffin. He took air and exercise by night, dressed as a Russian woman. He was smuggled out of Mukden later and was getting on the train at Harbin December 27 when he was arrested. He was disguised as a Russian tourist and would have made his way safely to Siberia but for the cupidity of the Russian jew who had supplied the wardrobe. A reward of \$3,000 had been offered by the Chinese government for McKinley's apprehension and this money the Russian earned by pointing McKinley out to the authorities.

He was taken to Tientsin by Vice Consul Marvin and held in the British jail until the arrival of Kerrigan from Oregon.

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TAKE WILL TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The will of Mrs. Ellen M. Colton was brought from Santa Cruz today and filed for probate. The local courts having decided that Mrs. Colton's domicile was in Washington, it was necessary to file the document here.

Horace G. McKinley, Oregon land grafter, who arrived yesterday from the orient in charge of United States marshal, who traveled 27,000 miles on his trail.



Rickey Held to Grand Jury as Embezzler

District Attorney Accuses Nevada Financier and Two Members of Bank Commission

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
CARSON, Nev., Feb. 19.—T. B. Rickey, head of the State bank and trust company, whose branches in the Nevada goldfield towns have been suspended, rests tonight under formal charges of embezzlement. He is at liberty under \$10,000 bail demanded by Judge Folsom. His case will be taken up tomorrow by a special grand jury, which was summoned by the court this afternoon.

Rickey was placed in his present predicament after a session marked by the prosecutor's bitter denunciation of Rickey's operations, frenzied finance, he said, that was winked at by the bank commission, which also was hotly arraigned as criminally negligent or incompetent. Judge Folsom put an end to the apologetic exchanges between prosecution and defense by declaring at the close of the day that the evidence at hand was sufficient to hold Rickey for the grand jury. Then the court fixed bail at \$10,000, which the accused banker promptly furnished.

Among those who signed Rickey's bond were State Secretary Douglas, former Governor Adams, former Governor Colcord, S. P. Davis and Deputy Treasurer Wildes. The new grand jury will be drawn tomorrow morning, as Judge Lagdon will be in this city.

In Rickey's defense today the banker's counsel, Attorney Chantz, asserted that Attorney General Stoddard had declared the bank solvent and held that under such testimony there could not be anything criminal to hold Rickey.

Roberts, the district attorney, in summing up his address to the judge made a number of serious charges, both against Rickey and the bank commission. He stated that at the time the state board was investigating the banks two of the members were interested in the bank, Ryan, one of the members, being still president of the Nye bank, while Douglas was associated in a measure with the Fallon bank. He further stated that in case any indictments were found by the grand jury against Rickey charges would be made against every director and clerk.

Roberts reviewed the testimony of Bank Examiner Miller in which he declared the bank insolvent.

Several times both attorneys were on the floor at the same time and it kept the judge busy to maintain order. Before the court session this morning a new sensation was sprung in the Rickey case. Mrs. Sadler, widow of the late Governor Sadler, filed an attachment for \$10,000 against the State bank and trust company. The sheriff at once took charge and placed a watchman in the bank.

Mrs. Sadler had the money as a deposit and has refused to trade or transfer the account. It is believed that this is the forerunner of a receiver, which all admit cannot be held off much longer.

DIAZ PROPOSES GENERAL COALITION OF AMERICAS

MONROE DOCTRINE, SAYS MEXICAN STATESMAN, SHOULD BE POLICY OF ALL NATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—James Creelman, in an article published in Pearson's magazine, quotes President Diaz of Mexico as saying:

"The Monroe doctrine as a vague claim of power by the United States, easily associated with armed intervention in Cuba, is a cause of profound suspicion. There is no good reason why the Monroe doctrine should not be made a general American doctrine rather than a mere national policy of the United States.

"The American nations might bind themselves for self defense and each nation agree to furnish its proportion of means in case of war."

WAINWRIGHT TO COMMAND FLEET NEXT

Man Who Sank Spanish Destroyers Will Succeed "Fighting" Bob Evans Here

All Present Admirals Will Have Retire Before Globe Circling Trip Is Ended

Sperry Will Have Four Big Battleships on the Philippine Station

By Ira E. Bennett

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—"Fighting Bob" Evans will bid goodby to the Atlantic fleet after the festivities in San Francisco. Captain Richard Wainwright of the Louisiana, who will be a rear admiral by that time, will hoist his flag and command the fleet.

Positive announcement of this was made by officials at the navy department today, although no orders have yet been issued. The fleet is scheduled to arrive at San Francisco late in May and target practice and maneuvering will take up much of June and July.

It was announced officially at the navy department this afternoon that Rear Admiral Sperry, now commanding the fourth division of the battleship fleet, had been selected to command the new Philippine naval station on his arrival there. He will take the Kentucky, Kearsarge, Illinois and Alabama with him.

Although Evans is slated for retirement August 18, it is said he will be relieved of command before that date. Rumor has it that the admiral will be relieved a few days before Captain Wainwright's promotion.

Wainwright will take the fleet to Manila. After that port is reached President Roosevelt and Secretary McCall will say in what direction the Connecticut shall proceed, but nothing yet is known of the destination of the battleships.

It was generally believed that Evans would continue in command until he hauled down his flag upon the day of his retirement when the flag of Rear Admiral Thomas, next in rank by seniority, and commanding the second squadron, would break out from the masthead of the Minnesota. Admiral Thomas also will retire, however, before the fleet is far advanced on its cruise around the world. Rear Admiral Emory, commanding the second division of the first squadron, will retire December 16, 1908, thus placing him out of the service before the fleet could complete its tour.

Wainwright, when the changes come, will not jump over the heads of any of the senior rear admirals, because of their retirement. Admiral Sperry, the only one left then, will have a command of equal, if not eventually greater, importance.

Wainwright commanded the converted gunboat Gloucester at the battle of Santiago. Single handed he fought the two Spanish destroyers Pluton and Furor, and sank both. One shell from the Gloucester struck the Pluton amidships and split the destroyer in two.

PERU ORDERS HOLIDAY

CALLAO PREPARES FETE FOR AMERICAN FLEET TODAY

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 19.—The American battleship fleet is expected to reach Callao about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Two wireless messages were received here this morning. The first conveyed the information that the fleet then was 234 miles from the port; the second, timed much later in the day, forwarded a message of thanks from Rear Admiral Evans. He expressed his appreciation of the warm welcome by the Peruvian nation and the president.

Admiral Evans said he considered the Peruvian escort to Callao a great honor and thanked the government for its offer to transmit his messages to the navy department at Washington, but added that he had nothing at present to communicate.

The government has issued a decree making Saturday a holiday in honor of Washington's birthday and the American fleet's visit, and it has ordered the Peruvian warships to salute the American flag at noon. The banks and commercial houses have decided to close tomorrow and great crowds are expected to greet the fleet when it steams into port and to take part in the later festivities. President Pardo will give a public reception to Rear Admiral Evans and the other officers at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The wireless message from the Connecticut said that Admiral Evans has not yet recovered his health.

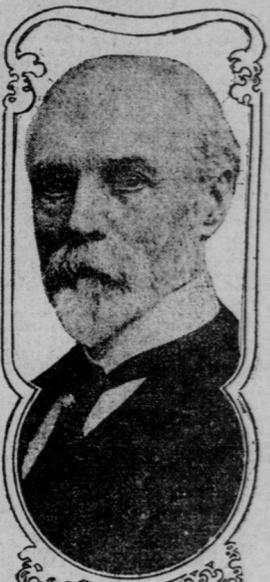
CLASH OVER FLEET

STATE AUTHORITIES YIELD BAY TO THE GOVERNMENT

Called together at the behest of telegraphic orders from high officials in

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Whiteclaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, who ridicules talk of war with Japan as utter nonsense.



Coeds Send Soul Lover to Napa Asylum

Russian Nobleman, Pupil of Tolstoy, Who Annoyed Berkeley Girls, Adjudged Insane

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The theory of soul love, as it may be advocated in Russia, was crushed by the stern insistence of American women upon fair treatment and the right to choose their friends, when Robert Livingstone, Tolstoy pupil, Russian philosopher and member of the czar's nobility, accused of annoying the coeds at the University of California, was committed to the state hospital at Napa for treatment as insane. Superior Judge Ellsworth made the order. About 15 coeds, who were in court, triumphed over the philosophical faction, who could see justification for Livingstone's habit of writing letters to young women he did not know, and of bowing to them on the street and in the libraries. Young women members of La Solana club said that Livingstone had annoyed and confused them, staring at them while they were in public libraries. He also wrote them letters, they said, in which he set forth the fathomless nature of his feelings.

Livingstone was arrested on complaint of Miss Elizabeth Wolfe of 1117 Euclid avenue, Berkeley, who said he had sent her four letters and insisted upon staring at her whenever he met her.

GIRLS TELL OF LETTERS

Testimony was given today by Miss Mae Burckhalter, daughter of Prof. Charles Burckhalter, who has charge of the Chabot observatory, in which she said that Livingstone had annoyed her in the Oakland library and had also sent her a queer letter three years ago. At that time Livingstone was taken before the chief of police and promised to leave town and write no more. This letter, Livingstone said, was the translation of an article written in Russian by his sister, and which he had translated and sent Miss Burckhalter. It purported to relate the experience of a susceptible young woman in a public reading room, whose soul was touched by the laughing gaze of a Prince Charming. Portions of the composition follow:

"Now am I sorry? Never before have

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WAR TALK MOONSHINE, SAYS REID

Ambassador to Great Britain Sees No Chance of Hostilities With Japan

British Alliance Only to Aid Island Kingdom in Case of Attack, He Says

Ravings of Sensational Press Are Deemed Nonsense by Diplomat

Mark Twain Says Morgan Can Be Discharged When the Motto Is Restored

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Whiteclaw Reid, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, in a speech tonight at the dinner of the Pilgrims of the United States at Delmonico's, declared that talk of the obligation of Great Britain to sustain Japan in war against the United States was nonsense. The ambassador said that there was not the ghost of a possibility of war with Japan, and that there was every reason to think the Japanese sincerely our friends.

Our relations with Great Britain, the ambassador said, were cordial, and there were no serious complications. The ambassador was given an ovation when he arose to speak by the 400 members of the Pilgrims of the United States and their guests. Joseph H. Cheate, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, was toastmaster. Ambassador Reid, who was the principal guest of the evening, said in part:

WAR TALK IS MOONSHINE

"In dwelling on our peaceful and cordial relations I am not forgetting the nonsense you have read in the sensational press about the obligations of Great Britain to sustain Japan in war against the United States. If all that ignorant and foolish talk were not mischievous you might dismiss it as merely another bit of yellow moonshine.

"There is no war and not the ghost of a probability of war with Japan any more than there is of war with Russia or with Tibet or with Paraguay and Patagonia. We have every reason to think the Japanese sincerely our friends, as we are theirs. If they are not, there is one thing you may be sure about—they certainly are not fools; and you have to think them entirely without common sense before you can imagine them capable of seeking war with a powerful and friendly nation, half way around the globe, absolutely without a grievance or a motive.

NO CAUSE FOR HOSTILITIES

"The treaty between Japan and Great Britain simply provides that in case of aggression upon Japan's recognized territorial rights in the east Great Britain would sustain her. Now that grown man outside a lunatic

Impertinent Question No. 39

Why Do Men Prefer Blondes?

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

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\$5 prize to Isabella Ingalis, 228 North Market street, San Jose.
A dress rehearsal of a camel passing through the eye of a needle.
\$1 prize to R. F. McLaughlin, 919 Sutter street, Vallejo.
—A limited stopover on the Henry & San Quentin Short Line.
\$1 prize to F. A. MacLean, 1061 Oak street, city.
A blowhole in the armor plate of justice; usually detected by the graftedoscope.
\$1 prize to Vincent P. Harbman, Palo Alto.
Grounds for Ruff's Faith, Schmitz' Hope, the appellate court's Charity.
\$1 prize to Mark J. Mitchell, St. Helena.
An excuse for an excuse.
\$1 prize to Mrs. M. O'Haire, 1619 Clay street, city.
A splitting of hairs to escape a shaving of heads.