

Of the True Ghost Stories being published none surpasses in intense interest the story of the ghost of Andy Bannerman, which will appear next Sunday in THE SUNDAY CALL

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Edwin Booth was once a negro minstrel and danced for his dinner at Yuba Dam. The sole survivor of that occasion tells about it next Sunday in THE SUNDAY CALL

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FREE GRAFTERS GRAVE MENACE TO REPUBLIC

Pastor Scores Court Decision as a Blow to Morals of Young Men

Release of Schmitz and Ruef Warps Conception of Dishonesty and Theft

Rev. J. E. Wright Declares Money Getting Means Are Not Considered

We branded Schmitz and Ruef first, but now we want to take the brand off. The conduct of those men who stooped so low as to take money which did not belong to them was dishonest and reprehensible, but we are now led to conclude that they committed no crime.

The spectacle of such men as these walking with free and honest men on the streets of San Francisco, or any other city, leads me to fear for the future of this nation. All history shows that when a nation reproaches itself its doom is certain.—Extracts from sermon preached last night by Rev. J. E. Wright, pastor of the Twenty-fourth avenue Methodist church of East Oakland.

OAKLAND, March 15.—Fear lest the youth of today shall conceive false ideas of money making led Rev. J. E. Wright, pastor of the Twenty-fourth avenue Methodist church of East Oakland, to refer tonight to the graft cases in San Francisco and the decision of the supreme court which permitted former Mayor Schmitz to go free on bail furnished by his wealthy friends. The minister drew the conclusion that, whether the freedom of Schmitz and Ruef be due to a legal technicality or a perversion of justice, such fact in nine cases out of ten causes the undervaluing of the nation to form the conclusion that all money is his, no matter how he gets it. Preaching on the text from proverbs xiv:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," the clergyman said:

PREMIUM ON DISHONESTY

The most serious thing is the impression left upon the minds of the young men of our land that the successful man is the one who can get hold of the most money, honestly or dishonestly, so long as he is not detected in dishonesty. That was the main feature of the present San Francisco graft tangle in the beginning and according to the present outlook it is emphasized, for this prosecution, with its doubtful results on the minds of the young as a result of legal technicalities, may continue two years yet.

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"Civic righteousness exalts and places in office the pure, honest, truth loving and God fearing man; civic unrighteousness reproaches and keeps in office the liar, thief, gambler and grafter. It matters little to the next generation whether new men are now in office so long as the youth of today are led to believe, through legal technicalities favorable to the wrong doer, that even the pettiest kind of graft can succeed and the wrong doer escape.

FEARS FOR NATION

The spectacle of such men as these walking with free and honest men in the streets of San Francisco, or any other city, leads me to fear for the future of this nation. All history shows that when a nation reproaches itself its doom is certain. The elements of national perpetuity are found in compliance with God's laws as instituted in his word and as put into practice by the man of Galilee. They blame the prosecution and the prosecution blames them. Whichever is right, whichever is wrong, so long as such a perversion of justice is apparent the influence on the young is most damnable."

SPURIOUS PASSPORTS SOLD BY JAPANESE

Tokyo Government Uncerths Fraud at Aomori and Arrests Are Made
TOKYO, March 16.—The government has uncerth a fraudulent passport manufactory at Aomori, a seaport town in northern Japan. Several arrests have been made, including two police officers, who are charged with having sold more than 300 passports to America for 300 yen each.

FLAMES SPREAD AT LYONS

LYONS, France, March 15.—Fire broke out tonight in a big biscuit factory here and rapidly spread to the surrounding houses. At a late hour a block of buildings covering 22 acres was blazing fiercely.

Register NOW, Republicans

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

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.

Register NOW, Republicans

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CHINA CONCEDES ALL JAPANESE DEMANDS

Will Pay for Seized Ammunition and Fire Salute to Flag of Nippon

TOKYO, March 15.—A satisfactory settlement of the Tatsu affair was announced this morning. China has conceded all the Japanese demands. She will purchase the arms and ammunition on board the Tatsu and will hoist the Japanese flag over the vessel. While the flag is being reinstated a Chinese warship will fire a salute. There is a general feeling of relief in consequence of the settlement of the incident.

BRYAN GIVES HIS IDEA ON BANKING LAW

Nebraskan Also Declares Silver Will Be No Issue in the Coming Campaign

Aldrich Currency Bill Bad; Oklahoma Measure Protecting Depositors Is Best

Platform Will Pledge Enforcement of Trust and Political Contribution Enactments

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

LINCOLN, Nebr., March 15.—"Silver is not an issue in this campaign," said W. J. Bryan today. "The platform adopted in Nebraska last fall covered the issues, I think, in a satisfactory manner, as they were presented then. Not to specify everything, it declared for a vigorous enforcement of the criminal law against trusts, insisted on further prohibitive legislation to restrain corporations from contributing to campaign funds, and favored the election of senators by direct popular vote. It argued for an immediate revision of the tariff by a reduction of import duty, spoke for an income tax as a part of the revenue

FLEET'S GUNS NOW TRAINED ON TARGETS

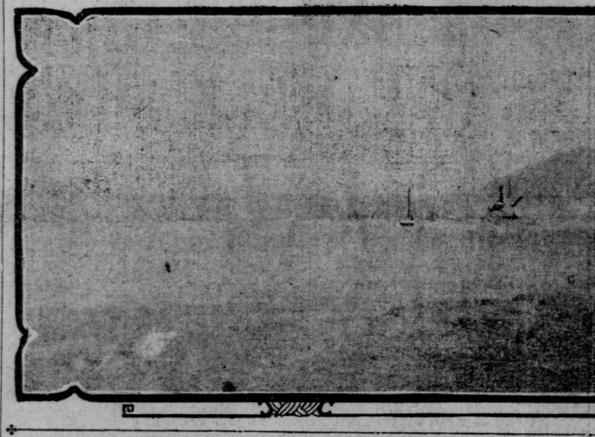
Serious Work of American Battleships Begins Today at Magdalena Bay

Gunners Have to Compete in Hitting Mere Specks Bobbing Miles Away

Discarded 13 Inch Rifles Said to Be Better Than 12 Inch Weapons

SAN DIEGO, March 15.—The American battleship fleet, now at anchor in Magdalena bay, will begin the serious work of record target practice tomorrow morning, according to official wireless dispatches received here, and for the next two or three weeks the usually quiet waters of this out of the way harbor will splash and dance under the rain of shot and shell, and the real work of the cruise to all outside the engine and chart rooms will be under way.

The fleet is anchored in the north end of the bay, which is the most sheltered part of this natural haven. Looking to the south there is a broad expanse of water nearly 20 miles long, while the width of the bay at the



entrance is almost 12 miles. The targets will be set and the ranges established at the lower end of the bay, where it narrows leading to Almejas bay, another land locked harbor whose natural advantages would stand out strikingly in the search for a naval base in any other part of the world than close proximity to Magdalena.

"I am much in favor of appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Ohio and such other streams as can be made useful for commerce. The saving would be very great, and a plank covering this subject should be added to the Nebraska platform.

"The Aldrich bill is bad, in that it provides for the issue of bank notes as emergency notes, and it permits the use of railroad bonds as a basis of security. I believe that only state, county, township and municipal bonds should be used.

"The Oklahoma law is the best I have seen. Without putting any responsibility upon the government it authorizes the banking board to collect assessments from all the banks for the protection of the depositors of each bank, and thus gives to each bank the strength of all the banks. I would like to see this subject dealt with by the national convention.

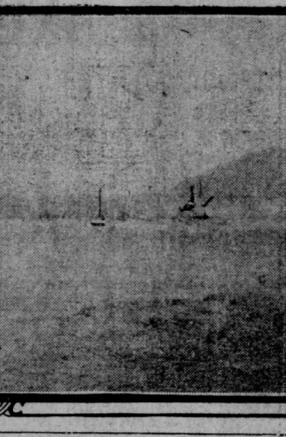
Bryan appeared in fine health and laughed at reports of his illness.

RILEY GRANNAN BREAKS \$52,000 RAWHIDE BANK

Luck Again With Once Noted Plunger and He Beats Roulette Wheel

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
RENO, Nev., March 15.—Once more the wheel of fortune rolls under Riley Grannan's chariot. Last night at Rawhide he broke the gambling house of Carl Young, winning \$52,000. At one time he had Young's roof tree in jeopardy, but on the next roll of the marble he lost. This was his last bet. Had he won this wager he would have been \$34,000 better off, as Young's saloon is valued at \$17,000 and his total winnings would thus have reached the sum of \$54,000.

The game at which Grannan made his killing was roulette and the once famous plunger played with the same easy nonchalance he displayed in the days when at the track side. He wagered \$8,000 in a single bet against Jim Keene's \$1,000. He is having a place of his own put in order and in a leisure moment dropped into Young's, which next to his own, is the largest place in Rawhide. At first he played lightly, risking an occasional dollar or so on the colors, but luck was with him and for nearly half an hour he did not lose one of his small bets. He then began to pile up his bets on the numbers and finally suggested that the limit be removed and despite the protest of the croupier, who pointed out the luck in which Grannan was running, Young agreed, with the result that he nearly lost his saloon, as well as the bank roll.



The gunners of the Atlantic fleet are conscious of the fact that they have a hard task before them to equal or surpass the records recently made at Magdalena by the armored cruisers of the Pacific fleet under command of Rear Admirals Dayton and Sebree. These ships alternately have been at the practice ground in the Mexican bay for the last two months and six of them have completed their work. The Maryland distanced all competitors among the armored cruisers of the station with a percentage of 78.59 hits out of a possible 100, with all classes of guns. The Tennessee came next with a percentage of 68.24 hits, the Colorado being third with 62.58. The Pennsylvania was fourth with 57.50, the West Virginia fifth with 55.70 and the Washington last with 55.50.

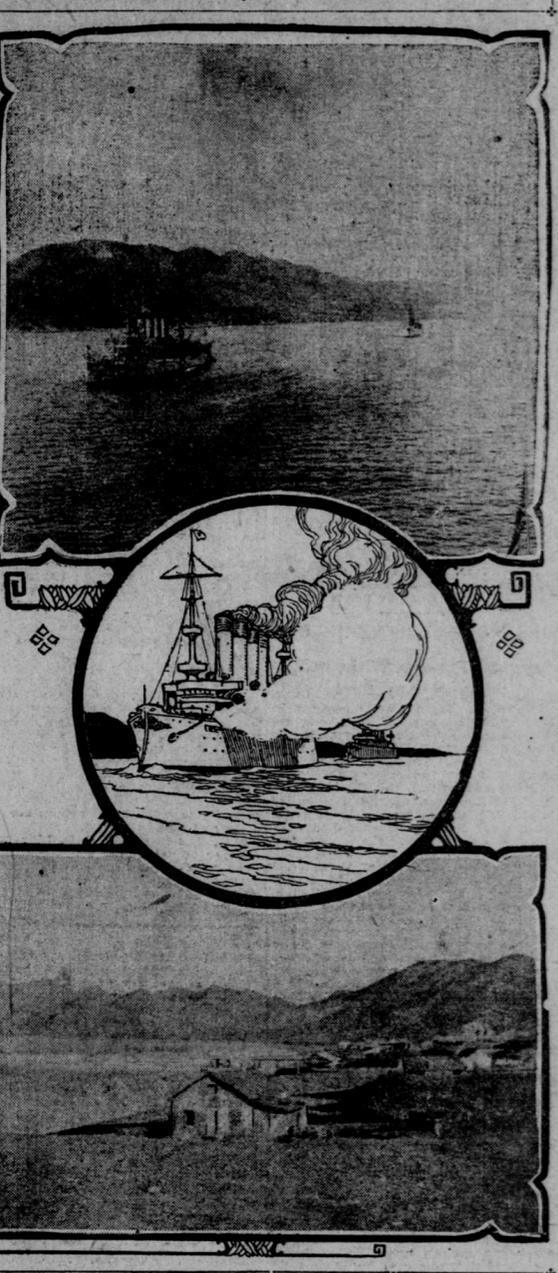
CRUISER'S RECORD REMARKABLE

The seemingly low score of the Washington was expected, as the ship is brand new, with new guns and new crew, but it serves to make all the more important the splendid record of the Tennessee, Admiral Sebree's flagship, which is just as new as the Washington and which went to the targets under the same conditions as to green pieces and gunners. The Tennessee and Washington also for the first time used their 10 inch turret rifles, a new weapon for American cruisers, which were put on board these vessels in response to the demand of ordnance officers for heavier guns than the 8 inch rifles of the West Virginia class.

The heavier guns and turrets added nearly a thousand tons to the weight of the Tennessee and Washington over

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Two photographs of Magdalena bay. The upper was taken by a member of the band of one of the warships and the lower is a copyrighted photograph by Arthur W. North, published in "The Mother of California" by Paul Elder & Co.



'Jere K. Cooke Is Dead,' Says Eloping Rector

Floretta Whaley, in San Rafael, Declares She Is Happiest of Women

The thought that the public might believe her unhappy with Jere Knode Cooke brought an emphatic declaration to the contrary from Floretta Whaley, the girl with whom he eloped, yesterday.

"They want to know whether you are unhappy," said Cooke to the girl. The latter flashed back a smile.

"Do I look unhappy?" she asked. She did not. All the privations which she has undergone, the hurried moving from place to place, and the constant dread that something would interfere with her love did not seem to have diminished her affection for the man.

On being discovered in Masonic avenue they fled to San Rafael and there took lodgings above a plumber's shop at 817 C street, where they now live. The girl accepted the change with the same good nature which has characterized her throughout the trying year since she left her home in Long Island. They were preparing for an evening walk when she made the statement. The baby boy was in a gocart and stretched baby arms with a gurgle of delight toward the setting sun.

"Unhappy?" said the woman, looking into the distance, "unhappy?" She paused and a smile of reminiscent tenderness played on her lips. Suddenly she broke out: "I have never, been so happy in all my life—never so happy. Whatever else they may say about us, whatever they think, let them understand I am and have been as happy as any woman could possibly be. Why should I not be? I have my child and my husband. I have my home and—and—we three are together. My husband comes home at noon every day and in the evening we go for long walks—long, delightful walks. Happy!" She laughed softly. "But," she was asked, "don't you miss your old position? Jere Knode Cooke was an educated man, a man who gained the respect of the community as rector of St. George's?" "Hypocrites cannot be happy," she said simply and turned to Cooke. "Cooke is dead," said the former minister. "There is no longer any Jere Knode Cooke. My name is Balcom and I am this little woman's husband." They proceeded on their walk, the woman pushing the gocart, the man beside her carrying her wraus.

Girls Draw Straws for San Francisco Youth

William Hanford Wants Delaware Bride With \$2,000 and Pretty Damsel Replies

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
GEORGETOWN, Del., March 15.—To be good looking and possess \$2,000 are the requirements demanded by William Hanford, a San Francisco youth, who wants to marry a Delaware girl.

Postmaster Walls was surprised to receive a letter Friday from Hanford asking him to procure him a bride. Hanford writes that he has heard of the beauty and culture of Delaware maids.

He describes himself as being a refined young man of 23, with black hair and brown eyes. He does not drink nor use tobacco nor gamble and is confident he would make some girl a good husband.

Postmaster Walls published the letter in a local paper and yesterday two well known young women drew straws to see which one should write to the westerner. The lucky one is awaiting a reply. Although she does not possess the \$2,000 in cash she holds deeds to two fine farms.

PLOT FOR DICTATORSHIP

PARIS, March 15.—A dispatch received here from London reports the discovery of a plot to establish a military dictatorship at Lisbon, but there is no confirmation of this.

POLICEMEN TRAPPED IN BIG GRAFT

Caught in Act of Taking Money for Protection on Barbary Coast

Stripped of Their Stars, But Will Claim Extortion Is No Crime

Patrolmen Maurice Behan and John Evatt Dismissed From Force in Disgrace

Marked Money Passed to the Bluecoats by Agents of Chief Biggy

Caught red handed in the act of extorting protection money from a lodging house keeper of the Barbary coast district, two members of the police force have been stripped of their stars and suspended from the department, disgraced and with the stigma of corruption upon them. Patrolmen Maurice Behan and John Evatt, both old and trusted members of the force and men of families, are the two who have fallen first into the net spread for the purpose of bringing to an end a wholesale system of extortion now believed by Chief of Police Biggy to exist in the department.

Heinous as the act of these two policemen must seem, however, to the average citizen, it is not so much the act itself or the sacrifice of these two men to the cause of decency that is most significant in the occurrence. The significance is threefold, and most deeply significant of all is the fact that lasting disgrace and public scorn have become the heritage of two poor and hitherto trusted men for the commission of an act which the supreme court of this state formally declared less than a week ago to be no crime.

Maurice Behan and John Evatt, policemen, have been dishonorably discharged from the police department and have been robbed of their means of livelihood because they committed on a small scale a deed exactly similar to the multifarious deeds which the appellate and supreme courts declared to be perfectly within the law as committed by Eugene J. Schmitz, former mayor, wealthy man and friend of millionaires. Behan and Evatt will probably be called to answer before the grand jury, and may even be indicted and convicted in the superior court. Their case will then be taken on appeal before the tribunals which have ruled that Schmitz was innocent of crime.

HOW WILL COURTS RULE?

Will those courts rule that such an act when committed by two lowly officers of the law is no crime, or will those courts unflinchingly sustain a conviction and by so doing declare that what is right for Schmitz is wrong for Behan or for Evatt? That is the question of real significance in view of existing facts. The remaining point of significance is the proof given that since the recent action of the supreme court granting, which has long been believed to exist in the police department, has suddenly become more general, open and unguarded—in fact, so open as to permit of a capture which would probably have been impossible a week ago. The safe deduction is that members of the police force have relied upon safety from criminal prosecution in the knowledge that the blackmailing in which they have indulged has been construed by the highest courts of the state as a perfectly legitimate and legal source of private gain.

Chief of Police Biggy declares that complaints now in his hands and in the hands of the police commission show that blackmailing is being carried on in wholesale manner in certain parts of the city, and that keepers of

Impertinent Question No. 42

What Is a Good Fellow?

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 C.