

Los Angeles has a haunted mansion. The ghosts which inhabit it are very real. A lady who has met them several times tells of her experiences next Sunday in **The Sunday Call**

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The navy, through its sailormen, who are not forbidden to talk, has expressed itself on several very important points. You'll find what the navy thinks, next Sunday, in **The Sunday Call**

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Your First Duty Today Is to Vote "Yes" On the Bond Issue

VOTE today on the bond issue. Vote for every one of the six propositions—fire protection, sewers, schools, hospitals, hall of justice and city garbage plant.

The total cost to you in taxes on \$1,000 assessed valuation of property will be less than \$85.19, spread over a period of 48 years. The cost per year on each \$100 of assessed valuation will not be over 15 cents. Probably it will be less, for with the city's growth the new population will share in the cost of the bonds.

Vote for the bonds. If you are a taxpayer you will reap the value of the investment many fold in lower insurance rates and higher valuation of your property. If you are a wage worker you have everything to gain and nothing to lose. In either case you will have done your part as a

patriotic citizen in making a busier, healthier, happier and more prosperous San Francisco.

Today marks the dawn of the newer, greater, more metropolitan San Francisco—if you vote for the bonds.

Vote early, vote right. If you fail to vote it will count as two votes against. Vote on all the propositions and vote in favor of them.

Do not pass by one of them as doubtful, depending on others who know more about it to carry it if it is just—for the saving to you if it is lost will be so tiny you will never know it, and unless two-thirds of all the votes cast in the entire election is also in favor of that particular proposition it will be defeated. This is owing to a peculiarity in the charter provisions not intended by the framers of the document, but due to faulty phrasing.

You want your children to have as good school accommodations as they could have in any other city in the land, do you not?

You want to be sure of profitable work if you are an employe and sure of moneyed customers if you are an employer, do you not?

You want to know for certain that another all consuming conflagration could not sweep over the city again, devouring in its path your stores, your homes and imperiling your loved ones, do you not?

You want to know that the city will not be in danger of pestilence and disease through lack of proper sanitation, do you not?

You want the city to take care of and destroy the offal of the rapidly growing metropolis, do you not?

Then vote today on the bonds.

Vote early. Vote for all.

SIX INJURED IN WILD SCRAMBLE FROM STREETCAR

Fuse Blows Out in Fillmore Street and Flames Endanger Passengers

Motorman Burned and Unable Check Speed of the Burning Car

Men and Women Flee for Safety and One Unconscious Victim Is Robbed

Six persons were badly injured, one so seriously that he will probably die, in a wild scramble for safety that followed the blowing out of a fuse in the controller box of Fillmore streetcar No. 1348 after Motorman Al Madison had fed the current too suddenly as the car was crossing Ellis street, northbound, shortly after 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Those injured were:

William H. Peterson of Sacramento, skull fractured; may die.

Miss Jeannette Henry, fainted on front platform and badly scorched by flames.

Motorman Al Madison, badly burned on face and hands.

C. L. Carey of 1488 1/2 Forty-fifth avenue; Morris Oppenheim, an attorney of 606 Pacific building, and J. Cohen of 1616 Ellis street, hurt by jumping. Injuries not serious.

At the hospital it was discovered that Peterson had been robbed of a \$500 diamond shirt stud while unconscious.

With his hands terribly burned by the electric flames that shot from both sides of the controller box and enveloped the whole front platform in seething fire, Motorman Madison, in his excitement, was unable to set the air-brakes and jumped. With no restraining hand the car raced on up Fillmore. Frightened passengers were fighting to get out of the way of the fire and jumping at every few feet.

William H. Peterson, a candy manufacturer of Seventh and J streets, Sacramento, was caught in the rush of frantic men and women and tumbled backwards to the street, his head striking the paving stones with terrific violence. He was a large, heavy man, more than 50 years old, and the concussion stunned him into insensibility. J. S. Potter, chauffeur of a passing automobile, with the assistance of bystanders, lifted him into his machine and raced at top speed to the central emergency hospital, where Dr. Charles B. Pinkham found that his skull was fractured. Peterson's injuries were so serious that a son in Sacramento was telegraphed to come at once to his side.

On the front platform when the fuse exploded was Miss Jeannette Henry, who fainted from fright. Fanned by the breeze caused by the speed of the car the flames were playing around her unconscious body when Police Sergeant John Morrissey, seeing her peril, grabbed a handrail and pulled himself aboard. He threw on the air and brought the car to a stop at O'Farrell street, but not before his own hands were badly burned. With Policeman Tom O'Connell he carried Miss Henry to a drugstore, where she revived, and was sent later to the emergency hospital. She was severely scorched and suffering from the shock.

C. L. Carey, Morris Oppenheim and J. Cohen were among those who flung themselves to the street during the car's wild flight. All were more or less injured.

Luckily, few passengers were on the car at the time or many more would have been hurt in the panic. It was necessary to turn a hose on the platform to extinguish the flames.

After Peterson had been taken to the hospital, Dr. Pinkham, an old friend of the injured man, discovered that some miscreant, while pretending to assist him, had wrenched from his shirt bosom a diamond stud valued at \$400.

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This remarkable photograph shows 500 sailors of the United States navy kneeling at mass on the granite steps of the Pensacola training school house on Goat island in San Francisco bay, and a portion of the immense crowd by which they were surrounded. A bugle call, sounded by a sailor, was used in place of the acolyte's bell. The mass, a special service, was conducted by Rev. Father Sullivan of St. Mary's cathedral.



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Visitors to the Warships Are Kept Dry by Merry Widow Hats

Fifteen Thousand Persons Go Out to Fleet and the Ladies' Headgear Provides Shelter From Rain

The merry widow hat proved a life saver yesterday to the thousands of excursionists caught in the rain while visiting the fleet. The rain was altogether unexpected. Even the weatherman was deluded by the signs into promising a fine day. The girls went out to the ships dressed as only fair California dares to in a land where the afternoon trade wind is at any time liable to bring in from the ocean a cargo of frapped fog.

On the crowded excursion boats the fact that it was raining attracted little attention. Over each boat the merry widow hats formed a perfect canopy and the rattle of gasoline engines deadened the sound of the water pattering on the waves. Many of the excursionists realized for the first time that it was raining when they set foot

Governors' Conference May Bar President

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
Attempt Will Be Made to Exclude Roosevelt After Organization

WASHINGTON, May 10.—At the conference of 41 governors, which begins in Washington Wednesday, an attempt will be made to bar President Roosevelt from the proceedings after the organization has been effected. The deliberations will take on even a wider scope than the plan outlined by President Roosevelt, and will embrace the idea suggested by William George Jordan, when the president declined to consider when it was first broached to him.

In view of the expression of opinion by many governors who endorse Jordan's idea of a house of governors, it is probable that the original program will be altered. Instead of a discussion of a variety of subjects a plan

Five Hundred Sailors Kneel at Mass on Goat Island Sunday Morning

Trumpet Call Instead of Acolyte's Bell Lends Impressive Military Aspect to Solemn Occasion

More than 500 sailors from the fleet yesterday attended the special celebration of mass at Yerba Buena (Goat) island. The services were under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, who were present with their friends in a large body.

An altar was erected in the granite steps of the Pensacola training school house. The sailors were arranged in front of the altar and in the background stood the visitors from the city and nearby towns. The slopes of the island, bright with flowers, were the haven of many others who wished to follow the military and religious spectacle. Father William P. Sullivan of St. Mary's cathedral celebrated the mass, assisted by Charles Knights and Harmon Skillin as acolytes. As Father Sullivan, robed in white chasuble, approached the foot of the altar the Pensacola band, seated in the rear, broke out with "The Lost Chord." At the offertory the knights in a body

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