

Are your gems of tourmaline? If so, they are genuine, for tourmaline cannot be counterfeited. An interesting article about this unusual stone will appear in The Sunday Call

Recently an army officer killed himself because he could not support his family on his pay. Lieutenant Clark from the inside, expresses ideas on the pay question in The Sunday Call

Anti-Injunction Plank Causes Fight Californians for Fairbanks for Second Place on Republican Ticket

CITIZENS COME TO RESCUE OF MUNICIPALITY

\$10,000 Needed to Safeguard Hetch Hetchy Project Is Almost Subscribed

Engineer Manson Calls on Friends to Put Up \$185 and Deal Will Go Through

Mayor and Official to Take Over Option and Make First Payment

The \$10,000 needed to safeguard the Hetch Hetchy water project has been practically assured. Citizens, zealous for the welfare of San Francisco, have come forward and subscribed generous sums to pave the way for an unrivaled water system. When the fund was counted last night it was learned that only \$185 was lacking and this will be forthcoming today. After it has been collected Mayor Taylor and City Engineer Marsden Manson, acting for the city, will clinch the deal with Elmer E. Smith of Merced, who owns the land desired by the municipality. Taylor and Manson will meet Smith at 2 o'clock at the First national bank and turn the money over to him. This will constitute the first payment of the \$10,000 which the city has agreed to pay for the 1,490 acres in the Hetch Hetchy belonging to Smith.

NEITHER READY TO SIGN

The second extension on the Smith option expired at noon yesterday, but neither side was prepared to close the deal. The city's representatives were short of money and Smith asked for time to consult his attorney before signing certain stipulations prepared by the officials. Smith did not object to the stipulations, but thought it better to have legal advice before signing them. As delay was satisfactory to both parties it was agreed to meet again this afternoon at the bank and wind up the preliminary negotiations.

YOUTH'S LIFE IN PERIL FROM BLACKMAIL GANG

Lad Gets Threatening Letters, but Wears Smile and Six Shooter in His Pocket

SAN JOSE, June 16.—Charles Broyles, the lad who has been the recipient of several letters threatening him with dire calamities if he did not leave money at a spot on the Julian street bridge over Coyote creek Sunday, was the recipient of a postal card bearing the words: "You are a son of a popular kid right now, but it won't last long—You better get ready."

FIRST PACIFIC TURBINE

TOKYO, June 16.—The Tenyo Maru, the first turbine steamer built for the trans-Pacific service, sailed yesterday on its first voyage. It is expected to arrive in San Francisco June 20.

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By George Van Smith
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

CHICAGO, June 16.—The report that the vice presidential nomination was offered George A. Knight of California through Senator Borah of Idaho does an injustice both to Knight and Borah.

The California delegation, thanks to General Michel Henri de Young's tinkering with the candidacy of John Hays Hammond, is "in bad," but it is only fair to George Knight to say that he is in no way responsible for the situation and that quite to the contrary he and De Young have had two vigorous vocal encounters on account of what all the Californians are pleased to consider as "De Young's foolishness."

KNIGHT FOR FAIRBANKS

Borah did approach Knight on the subject of the vice presidency, saying, "If you will get into this we will come to the Missouri river for you and then farther."



CONFIDENCE OF SOME OF TAFT'S MANAGERS

is beyond question. Undoubtedly if he had cared to permit the use of his name as a "favorite son" candidate he could have forced De Young to drop Hammond, could have been formally endorsed by the California delegation, and could have made the same kind of showing that is being made by other favorite sons who are helping to keep the vice presidential situation in the air until after Taft's nomination is formally accomplished.

HEYBURN CHANGES VOICES

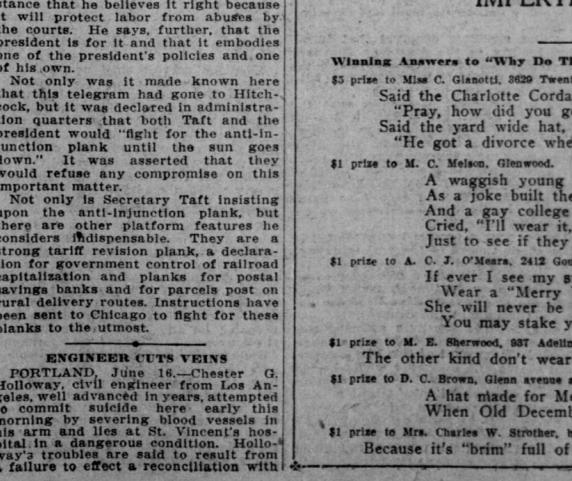
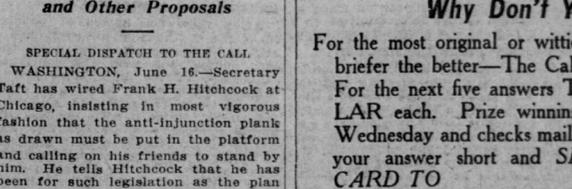
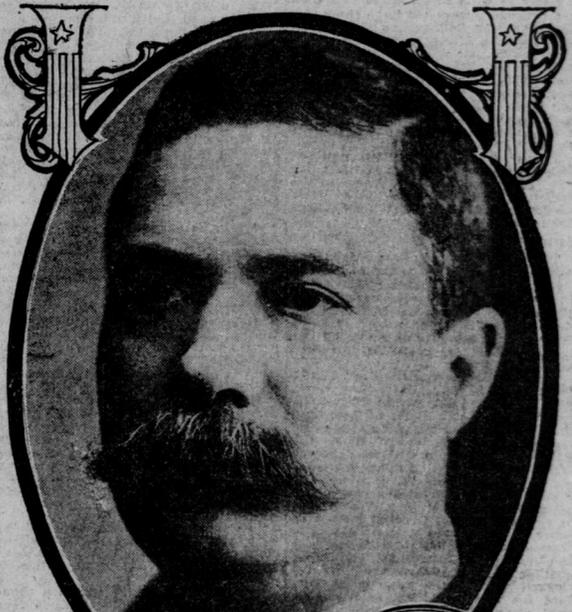
That Borah could have made good on his promise to "come to the Missouri river" for Knight is quite another matter. In Borah's own delegation he would find trouble. Senator Heyburn is pulling for Fairbanks and the value of his pull was made apparent an hour after the Idaho delegation arrived in Chicago. Before the Idaho squad reached Chicago it had a complimentary vote for Hammond framed up. With Hammond out of the way, Hughes was the choice of a majority of the delegation.

An hour after they arrived in Chicago and met Heyburn the Idaho men had no vice presidential candidate, but were inclined to think that Fairbanks might be forced to take the nomination after the presidential fight was over. Utah's delegation is instructed for Hammond. Senator Nixon, who is credited with some influence in the Nevada delegation, is for Fairbanks and expects that the Indiana man will be nominated.

With Hughes, who was the choice of a majority of the Californians, out of the race, the delegation has no choice for vice president. It is expected to take the program, it is prepared to take the program and it expects to vote for Fairbanks.

The California delegation will meet tomorrow morning to formulate a demand that the proposed revision of the

Leaders at the republican national convention in Chicago. To the upper right is John R. Malloy of Ohio, general secretary of the convention; below is Senator Charles W. Fulton of Oregon, who is chairman of the credentials committee. In the lower right corner is Senator Hemenway of Indiana, prominent in the allies' forces. To the left is Bishop Muldoon; next is Stewart L. Woodford of New York, who is booming Hughes. In the lower corner is Attorney General Wade H. Ellis of Ohio, who has been prominent in the framing and drafting of the party platform.



PLATFORM ATTACKED IN SPEECH

Temporary Chairman Burrows Throws Bomb Into Camp of Taft's Supporters

Battle Over Labor Plank Promises Greatest Contest in History of Party

Full Resolutions Committee Opposes Proposal Indorsed by President and Secretary

Railroad Securities, Anti-Trust and Savings Banks Suggestions Also Resented

By Raymond
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

CHICAGO, June 16.—With the opening of the fourteenth republican national convention there came the sharp crack of a signal gun, giving ample notice of the commencement of one of the greatest fights in the history of the party. It is not a question of principles and policies. Men have been lost sight of. It begins to look as if the struggle over the money plank at the St. Louis convention in 1896 was a mere skirmish as compared with the labor battle over the anti-injunction plank which is now going on.

The convention, which adjourned at 2:30 o'clock today to await the committee reports, will reassemble at noon to-morrow. There is a good prospect that the credentials committee will be able to report at that hour, in which case permanent organization will be effected at once, with Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts in the chair.

The resolutions committee, in which the heavy fighting is in progress, may require much more time before it can report the platform.

Taft's nomination is still assured, but the vice presidency is in the air pending the decision of the contest

Taft Stands Pat Upon Platform Planks

Secretary Insists on His Anti-Injunction, Tariff, Railroad and Other Proposals

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
WASHINGTON, June 16.—Secretary Taft has wired Frank H. Hitchcock at Chicago, insisting in most vigorous fashion that the anti-injunction plank as drawn must be put in the platform and calling on his friends to stand by him. He tells Hitchcock that he has been for such legislation as the plan proposes for years, and says in substance that he believes it right because it will protect labor from abuses by the courts. He says, further, that the president is for it and that it embodies one of the president's policies and one of his own.

Not only was it made known here that this telegram had gone to Hitchcock, but it was declared in administration quarters that both Taft and the president would "fight for the anti-injunction plank until the sun goes down." It was asserted that they would refuse any compromise on this important matter.

ENGINEER CUTS VEINS

PORTLAND, June 16.—Chester G. Holloway, civil engineer from Los Angeles, well advanced in years, attempted to commit suicide here early this morning by severing blood vessels in his arm and lies at St. Vincent's hospital in a dangerous condition. Holloway's troubles are said to result from a failure to effect a reconciliation with

his wife, who is young and handsome, and from whom he had been separated. He followed her to this city. It was only after he had failed in an effort to get laudanum that the despondent engineer cut the veins in his arm.

Impertinent Question No. 56

Why Don't You Own Up?

For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—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 SEND IT ON A POSTAL CARD TO

IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, THE CALL.

- Winning Answers to "Why Do They Call It the Merry Widow Hat?"
- \$5 prize to Miss C. Gianotti, 2629 Twenty-fifth street, city. Said the Charlotte Corday to the yard wide hat: "Pray, how did you get your name?" Said the yard wide hat, with a wing like a mat: "He got a divorce when I came."
 - \$1 prize to M. C. Melson, Glenwood. A waggish young student named Dale, As a joke built the first one at Yale. And a gay college widow Cried, "I'll wear it, kiddo, Just to see if they put me in jail."
 - \$1 prize to A. C. J. O'Meara, 2412 Gough street, city. If ever I see my sweetheart Wear a "Merry Widow" hat, She will never be my widow— You may stake your life on that.
 - \$1 prize to M. E. Sherwood, 937 Adeline street, Oakland. The other kind don't wear them; they wear crape bonnets.
 - \$1 prize to D. C. Brown, Glenn avenue and Eunice street, Berkeley. A hat made for Merry May When Old December has passed away.
 - \$1 prize to Mrs. Charles W. Strother, box 35, Treka. Because it's "brim" full of witchery.