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## UNCLE SAM CALLS HALT AT TAHOE

### Hammon's Water Power Grant Held Up by Order of President Taft

### Agreement With Reclamation Service to Be Subjected to Rigid Scrutiny

### Government Will Investigate Claim Valuable Privilege Is Being Given Away

### Contract Left Unsigned While Allegations of Big Land Grab Are Probed

THE United States government has begun an investigation into the contract entered into between the reclamation service and W. P. Hammon's Truckee general electric company involving water rights at Lake Tahoe. The inquiry has been set on foot by President Taft at the instance of William Kent of California. The contract in the meantime will not be ratified. If the president agrees with Kent that the government is giving away privileges of great value without adequate return he will order the contract canceled.

### Follows Kent Protest

Kent made his protest as soon as he learned that the government was about to deed away in perpetuity concessions in the Tahoe forest reserve which would give the Truckee company a powerful grip on the power rights of the region. The agreement, as drawn up by the reclamation service and the Hammon interests, gives to the government the outlet from Lake Tahoe and in exchange the Hammon people take over water power sites in the Tahoe reserve. These sites are of such a nature, it is stated, that they will enable the Truckee company to control what is now a vast public watershed.

Kent maintains that the government is being hoodwinked. He declares that if the reclamation service wants the outlet from Lake Tahoe it should proceed to condemn it instead of bartering away rich privileges in the public domain.

### Legal Right Questioned

The matter was taken directly to President Taft by Kent and an investigation has now been ordered. It was reported from Washington last night that the question had also arisen as to the legality of the private rights at the lake. In this connection it was said that dummies had been used in making filings as part of a conspiracy by which these rights were to pass eventually into the hands of Harriman and the Guggenheims. As far as appears from the evidence now at hand in San Francisco, however, it would appear that the question at issue concerns merely the contract that has brought forth Kent's complaint.

Kent has taken a very deep interest in the case and has made personal investigations at Tahoe. He has gained the support of a large number of influential persons in his protest to Taft, among them the colony that dwells by the lake side.

The contract, which has become the center of a national storm, has not been approved by either the interior nor the agricultural departments, which between them control the water rights and the forests.

### Issue Nearing Climax

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Chief Forester Pinchot will not resign and neither will Director Newell of the reclamation service. If either of these two officials is separated from his present government position it will be by dismissal from the service and not by voluntary action. The issue has been squarely drawn and the next two weeks promise startling developments of far reaching political complications.

The injection into the controversy of the Alaska coal land cases and the alleged deprivations of the so called water site trust have embittered the contest, with the result that it must lead to a thorough executive investigation which may have an echo in the next session of congress.

### No Compromise Possible

The fight has reached such proportions that it is difficult to see how a compromise can be reached, adept as is the president in such matters. Apparently, either Pinchot or Secretary Ballinger must go, and if the secretary loses out in the fight the head of Commissioner Dennett of the land office will also fall probably. But if the secretary wins, then there will be a thorough overhauling of the reclamation and the forest services without a doubt.

It is rumored by those who have re-

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### ALLEGED BIGAMIST IS WANTED AT SANTA CRUZ

### Sheriff Seeks Man Recently Arrest in Nebraska

SANTA CRUZ, Aug. 18.—Sheriff Traton today started for Sacramento, where he expects to obtain requisition papers for Harry Price, wanted here on a charge of bigamy and captured at O'Neill, Neb., May 19. Price married Miss Alice Kidd of this city, and a few weeks later Mrs. E. Nichols of San Jose swore to a complaint charging that Price had already married her daughter.

### GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST WEALTHY LUMBERMAN

EUREKA, Cal., Aug. 18.—James B. Watkins, a millionaire lumberman of the city, 70 years of age, was arrested today on a warrant sworn out by Bertton Hawks, charging criminal assault on Hawks' nine-year-old daughter Anna. Watkins was released on \$2,000 cash bail.

### EDITOR SPURNS BRIBE; HIT BY EDDIE HANLON

### W. C. Silver Jr. of Colma Record Offered Money to Stop Attack Upon Gambling

### Pugilist Declares Whole Thing an Outrage and Denies Story of Conflict

Eddie Hanlon, pugilist and dive keeper, made a fistful attack on W. C. Silver Jr., editor of the Colma Record, yesterday at the A Mon chateau in Colma, when Silver, according to his version, refused to accept a bribe of \$500 tendered him if he would cease attacking the A Mon chateau, where the sporty aristocrats of San Mateo county have been gambling for big stakes for some time past. Silver says he will have a warrant issued for Hanlon today.

Hanlon and Henry Kushmeister, formerly of the dive at 90 Mason street, went to the A Mon chateau in an automobile yesterday afternoon. Soon afterward they went to Caleb Coakley's saloon in search of Silver. Not finding him there they inquired at Silver's home. Mrs. Silver informed them that she expected her husband home about 6 o'clock. When Silver returned he went to Coakley's in search of Hanlon and Kushmeister.

### Attempt to "Square" Editor

An effort was made to induce Silver to cease attacking A Mon chateau. Silver's story is to the effect that Hanlon struck him, after a bribe of \$500 had been spurned.

"Now, you have been a good fellow. What are you trying to do?" asked Hanlon, according to Silver. "I'm getting 15 per cent of the receipts. Does the A Mon Chateau hurt you? What time does your paper go to press?"

Silver replied that his paper would be printed yesterday. Hanlon is reported to have told Silver it would be better for him to say nothing more about the resort, but talk it over instead.

About this time Ed Henderson, one of the proprietors of the A Mon Chateau, appeared with six friends. Henderson, Hanlon and Silver went into a room together.

### Refused Money, Says Silver

Henderson opened up an envelope containing \$500 and told Silver to take it and say nothing more about the resort, according to Silver. The editor says he refused the money in the presence of Hanlon, Henderson, Louisa Connor of 2331 Bryant street, and J. D. Van Scoyk of Coakley's saloon. Henderson is said to have left the place at once with his companions, while Hanlon continued the conversation.

When the pugilist was again told that there was nothing doing in the matter of a bribe, Hanlon struck him, but was quickly pulled off by Henderson in the saloon.

When Hanlon was seen at his dive at the corner of Mason and O'Farrell streets last night he made a maudlin denials of the assault and attempted bribery.

### Hanlon Talks of Outrage

"The whole thing is an outrage," said Hanlon, "I went down to talk to him in a nice way. As far as Henderson offering him money, why, he never did. It's a ——— lie that I hit Silver. I just gave him a shove. I went to school with Silver and I thought he was a personal friend of mine. I asked him why he did not lay off and quit roasting the A Mon Chateau. I told him Henderson was investing his money in property in Colma.

"If any money was flashed I hope that my mother and myself may be struck blind. Silver tried to shake Henderson down for \$500 and Henderson refused to give up. That's the row. The yare sore and tryin' to agitate this matter."

### GAMBLING OUTFITS WORTH \$30,000 BURNED

### Throngs See Closing Scenes in War Against Gamblers

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
PAOLI, Ind., Aug. 18.—The closing scenes in the fight between the state and Tom Taggart and Lee Sinclair, owners of the gambling halls at French Lick and West Baden, was enacted today when gambling paraphernalia of the value of \$30,000 was publicly burned in the street here by officers of the law. There was a crowd of nearly 2,000 people present and as the expensive furnishings went up in smoke there were many comments of approval and not a few of pity over the loss.

### NINE YEAR OLD GIRL SAID TO BE MILLIONAIRE'S VICTIM

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## CLOSE CONTEST BETWEEN MAUZY AND THE WINNER

### Independent Republicans Capture Places on Ballot for Fifteen of Their Candidates

### Eggers Successful in Securing the Nomination for Sheriff; Total Vote 36,998

WILLIAM CROCKER defeated Byron Mauzy for the republican nomination for mayor by a plurality of 596.

FRANCIS J. HENEY defeated Charles M. Fickert for the democratic nomination for district attorney by a majority of 124.

CORONER THOMAS B. W. LELAND won the democratic nomination for mayor by a majority of 639 over Ralph McLeran and Edward R. Rock.

P. H. McCARTHY beat Francis J. Sullivan for the union labor nomination for mayor by a vote of approximately 3 1/2 to 1.

The independent republicans nominated their candidates for auditor, treasurer, tax collector, recorder, city attorney, county clerk, one of two po-

lice judges and 8 out of 18 candidates for supervisors.

CITY ATTORNEY PERCY V. LONG beat Benjamin L. McKinley for the republican nomination for city attorney by a vote of nearly 3 to 1. Tax Collector David Bush administered a beating of about the same proportions to John W. Rogers.

FRED EGGERS upset the calculations of both the independent republicans and the businessmen's committee, landing the republican nomination for sheriff by a plurality of nearly 2,000.

The total vote cast was 36,998; republican, 21,926; democratic, 8,181; union labor, 6,441; socialist, 450. An estimated total of 65 was cast by the doodle dees, which will show in the official records some time.

The regular democratic organization nominated all of its candidates, and will be in absolute control of the county convention. The regular republicans will have a majority of 15 in the platform convention. There were no union labor contests for delegates. The convention will be composed entirely of delegates nominated by the McCarthy organization.

That, in brief, is the story of San Francisco's first direct primary election, as told by the complete unofficial returns compiled last night by Registrar of Voters Zemansky.

### Division of Honors

Honors are substantially even in the republican camps. The regulars and businessmen's committee nominated the mayor and a total of 14 out of 31 candidates. The independents nominated a total of 15 candidates, and Fred Eggers for sheriff and Dr. C. C. O'Donnell for coroner broke both slates.

Twelve members of the incumbent board of supervisors are renominated—two republicans and 10 democrats. Supervisors Paul Bancroft and C. A. Murdock ran away from the field of 42 supervisory candidates. Bancroft ran nearly 2,500 ahead of the strongest candidate on the businessmen's ticket. Murdock ran second.

Outside of the inevitably close contests for some of the supervisory nominations only two republican contests were even approximately close.

### Crocker's Plurality

The plurality of 1,590 for Crocker indicated by the incomplete partial returns was reduced to 596 by the complete returns.

### COLLEGIAN ELOPES WITH INDIAN GIRL

### Son of Mrs. F. H. Stocker of San Francisco Fails to Keep Marriage Secret

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 18.—A romantic elopement occurred here today when Clarence R. Woodbury, aged 23, of 2366 Market street, San Francisco, and Miss Josephine P. Nash, aged 20, of Thurston, Neb., both collegians, were married by Mayor Spruance. They were accompanied by Albert H. Nash of Philadelphia, a professional Indian runner, brother of the bride, and his wife.

The civil ceremony by the mayor in his office followed a futile effort of the couple to be wedded by a priest. They would not divulge the reason for the elopement. They came here from Philadelphia and returned there tonight. The bride is a full blooded Indian.

The couple tried to keep the marriage secret, but city officials made it public. Nash, brother of the bride, said his father owned half of Thurston county, Nebraska.

The address given by Woodbury is the Dolores apartment house, where his sister Gladys, aged 14 years, and his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stocker, reside. Stocker is connected with the Santa Fe and is now believed to be in Chicago with his wife and stepdaughter. Clarence Woodbury has another brother in the east going to school. Neither has been in this city for some time.

### RELATIVE OF PRESIDENT KILLED BY LIGHTNING

### Second Cousin of Taft Meets With Tragic Fate

TRINIDAD, Colo., Aug. 18.—Charles Taft, second cousin of President Taft, was killed at Prior, Colo., 30 miles west of here early this morning, when a bolt of lightning struck his house. He conducted a general store at Prior.

## GUILTY LOVE HER RUIN CONSORT OF EX-CONVICT

Mrs. Emma Allman Tompkins, who for love for a former convict abandoned home and child.



W. F. Gordon, man of many aliases, former convict, who wooed and won wife of former warden of San Quentin.

## SOCIETY GIRLS ARE HEROINES OF FIRE

### Miss Dolly MacGavin of This City and Santa Barbara Maid Show Rare Bravery

Two girls proved themselves heroines at the fire that destroyed the Arlington hotel in Santa Barbara on Sunday night. They have very modestly made little of their part in the rescue work, but guests of the hotel declare that all honor should be accorded to Miss Lolita Burling of Santa Barbara and Miss Dolly MacGavin of San Francisco. They were the first to discover the blaze, and with great presence of mind hastened to warn the people in the hotel. Unmindful of the danger to themselves they rushed through the corridors and assisted many of the women and children to places of safety.

Miss Burling lives with her grandmother, Mrs. William Burling, in a cottage opposite the Arlington; Miss MacGavin lives with her mother, Mrs. William Burling, in a cottage opposite the Arlington; Miss MacGavin lives with her mother, Mrs. William Burling, in a cottage opposite the Arlington; Miss MacGavin lives with her mother, Mrs. William Burling, in a cottage opposite the Arlington.

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### Curious Defense

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All the parties in this inexplicable situation of felon, warden and warden's wife were reticent. The strange triangle of dubious association, with its one corner resting in a prison cell, was but vaguely explained.

"I had not been living with my husband for three years before I left him. I had done nothing more than take care of him," said Mrs. Tompkins at the city prison. "Now I want nothing more to do with my husband."

"And I want nothing more to do with Mrs. Tompkins," said the venerable major in Captain Anderson's office at the hall of justice, six feet away from his wife and separated only by a thin partition.

### Fictitious Draft

Gordon is accused of having passed a fictitious draft on A. Jacobs, a tailor at 17 Kearny street. Gordon, accompanied by Mrs. Tompkins, went to Jacobs and ordered a suit of clothes. He said that he would make a deposit of \$10 on the suit, and offered in payment a draft, dated May 20, 1909, for \$25, payable to W. F. Gordon, signed by "H. C. Watson" and on "George W. Harrington, 212 Fifth street, San Diego." Jacobs accepted the draft, gave Gordon the \$15 change and then tried to have the paper honored. He found out, the police say, that there was no such person as "George W. Harrington, 212 Fifth street, San Diego."

Then he reported the case to the police and Detectives Burke and Balletto were detailed to locate the man and woman. Their identity was not then known.

Balletto located the couple yesterday morning at apartment 101, 2159 Mission street, the Marianna apartments, where they were living as "Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wingard," which, according to Major Tompkins, is Gordon's original and real name, although his identity has been diluted with the application of many aliases.

### Detectives Locate Couple

Balletto and Burke went to the apartment, and the latter knocked at the door. Mrs. Tompkins opened it. "Is Mr. Davis in?" asked Burke.

"No, he does not live here," replied Mrs. Tompkins, and she endeavored to close the door. The detectives pushed in, however, and then made known the purpose of their visit. Gordon was found in the kitchen. Although it was nearly noon he was not fully dressed. "I am William Wingard," he said.

## LAW'S HAND LAYS BARE HER SHAME

### Woman's Mad Infatuation for Man in Felon's Garb Plunges Her into the Abyss

### Wife of Former Warden of San Quentin Prison Consort of Ex-Convict

### City Detectives Discover Mrs. J. W. Tompkins as Companion of W. F. Gordon

### Strange Excuse Given for Aban- doning Husband, Home and Son

MERCILESS exposure of the scandal that separated Major John W. Tompkins, former warden of San Quentin, and his wife, Mrs. Emma Allman Tompkins, was made yesterday when two detectives found the woman living as the wife of W. F. Gordon, alias Wingard, at 2159 Mission street, when Gordon, who is a former convict, was arrested for forgery and placed in detainee at the city prison.

Mrs. Tompkins left her husband about the middle of July, locking him out of the family home at Fourteenth and Cameron streets, Fruitvale. That fact was exclusively published in The Call. From the family home Mrs. Tompkins went to Gordon, the former convict. The friendship between the felon and the society woman began when Gordon was a prisoner at San Quentin, in charge of Mrs. Tompkins' husband, Gordon was a trustee. He was tutor to Harold Tompkins, and between study hours the man in stripes took occasion to cultivate the friendship of the keeper's handsome wife, a woman more than 10 years older than himself.

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