

VALUATION OF ASSESSORS LOW IN 19 COUNTIES

Equalizers Complete Hearing and Commence Adjustment of Conflicting Figures

San Francisco May Be Increased 10 Per Cent and Yet Have the Taxes Reduced

By PAUL SINSHEIMER [Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 4.—Twenty counties may feel the vigorous hand of the state board of equalization. Eleven of the 21 cited may escape. That is the way it looks today. The next few days may bring about a change here and there, but it is not likely that many of those now on the list will squirm out. Sonoma, perhaps, but even that is doubtful. Tulare is struggling to wriggle out. It has been hammering the board with figures, but it hardly will be able to save itself at this late day.

Assessor Arthur Crowley of Tulare county, under the impetus of a stern mandate from Alexander Brown, chairman of the equalization board, gave his roll a mighty boost this year. He showed it up some \$200,000 to \$20,217,435, certainly a healthy looking expansion. The board made a personal inspection of the county, was greatly impressed by the increasing orange acreage, and feels inclined to hold Tulare a few million more.

REDUCTION ASKED FOR CARS

The board completed its hearing today when the Pullman car company, through its attorney, T. C. Cogan of San Francisco, made its annual plea for a reduction. The equalizers then took up the adjustment of the county assessments. This will continue until Wednesday, when the whole roll will be finally fixed.

It will take a great deal of study before the comparisons can be sifted and the levy made. The figures now stand indicate that the 19 counties listed above, below the board's standard. The figures given are in no way final or official, but form a very fair estimate of the situation as it now presents itself. The percentages may be altered with the further data that must be considered.

SMALL RANCHERS TO SUFFER

There appears to be a misunderstanding in some of the counties as to the percentage of increase necessary to bring them to standard. Thus Riverside, which appears to be a 10 per cent increase, could be brought up to the 60 per cent basis, not by an increase of 20 per cent, but by an advance of 50 per cent on its own roll. The increase will fall upon the small ranchers, who must pay for the sins of Jones.

THIS CITY FACES INCREASE

San Francisco may be increased 10 per cent. The board has figures on which some members are relying that indicate a 50 per cent assessment. An addition of 10 per cent would add approximately \$50,000,000 to the roll and would incidentally yield the city an extra \$400,000 in taxes. Even with a 10 per cent raise it is very probable that San Francisco's portion of the state taxes would be reduced if the proper assessments are made in other sections of the state.

Los Angeles presents a difficult case in the sense that it is not easy to name the exact percentage of undervaluation. There has been a great deal of undervaluation is clear. Only the percentage remains in doubt.

ORANGE GROWERS FAVORED

The evidence against Riverside and Orange counties was piled higher today by material submitted upon the order of the state board. This came by mail and consisted of assessments on the choicest groves. Assessor W. F. Montague of Riverside could show nothing above \$150 an acre on oranges. The average reaches up to \$4,000 an acre.

Orange county was worse. The Chapman orchard of 250 acres, which nets its owner \$56,000 a year, is carried on the roll for \$59,515. The grove pays 5.5 per cent net on \$1,000,000. Assessor Scott of Orange county carried some of his best orchards at \$200 an acre. In only one or two cases did he go above \$400 an acre.

The assessment increases will cause trouble for the county auditors. They will require a complete new set of tax figures.

Bank Assessments Raised

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NAPA, Sept. 4.—The concluding meeting of the county board of equalization was held yesterday, almost the entire time being taken up with the matter of the Napa savings bank, which had been cited to appear, with others, to show cause why its assessments on credits, claims and demands due and owing on account of deposits should not be raised from \$10 to \$24.184.50.

Yesterday the bank petitioned Judge Geary for a writ of prohibition, restraining the board from proceeding further in the case. The petition was denied. The order increasing the assessment was allowed to stand. After ordering the increased assessments of St. Helena savings bank and Callisto water company to stand the board adjourned sine die.

BRAKEMAN, STUNNED, FALLS UNDER ENGINE

Struck by Stone Thrown by Discharged Railway Employee THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 4.—Angry because M. W. Pullen, a brakeman of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company would not allow him to ride on the cowcatcher of a freight engine last night, J. A. George, a brakeman recently discharged, hurled a stone at Pullen.

The missile struck Pullen in the head and he fell in front of the engine. Both legs were cut off and his head badly crushed. Pullen was killed instantly. George attempted to escape, but was captured. A coroner's jury found him responsible for Pullen's death, and he was held on a charge of murder. Pullen's home was in Spokane. He leaves a widow.

Six Days' Fun for \$1.70

Spend Admission Day week with the Native Sons at San Jose. Grand parade, auto races, baseball games, etc. Tickets sold from San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and Fruitvale Sept. 3 and 9. Good returning until Sept. 13. See Southern Pacific agents for details. Ticket Offices: Flood Building, Market Street Ferry Depot, Third and Townsend Streets, and Thirteenth and Franklin Streets, Oakland.

ASSESSMENTS MAY BE RAISED IN THESE COUNTIES

Table with columns: COUNTY, Present Rate of Assessment, Per Cent. Rows include Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern, Alameda, Santa Clara, Tulare, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa, Riverside, Fresno, Monterey, Orange, Yuba, Stanislaus, Sonoma, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Not definite, Indefinite.

USE BLOODHOUNDS TO HUNT WRECKERS

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Officials Offer Reward of \$25,000 for Capture

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Sept. 4.—More than 100 detectives are here tonight straightening out a maze of bewildering clues that may lead to the discovery of the person or persons who are responsible for the ditching of the Royal Blue Flyer en route from New York to Chicago at Chewton. The consensus of opinion was expressed tonight by one of the Baltimore and Ohio police, when he said:

"The train wreckers are in the vicinity of Newcastle. They have not attempted to flee, nor will they." It is generally believed that the wreck was the work of either experienced railway men or at least persons familiar with the operation of the railway and its train schedules.

SEVENTEEN IN HOSPITALS

All of the injured at the local hospitals will recover. Seventeen persons are being cared for at the railway company's expense. Late today \$4,000 was deposited at a local bank by railway secret service men to the credit of Henry Millard of La Parge, Wis., who lies injured at the Shenango sanatorium. Millard carried a grip containing this amount in negotiable bonds, securities and cash, and had placed the satchel under a seat in the day coach. When the train was ditched the satchel was lost for a while, but was recovered by railway employes.

The wreck is now believed to have been caused for the purpose of robbing the express car, which is known to have contained a large sum of money shipped from New York to western banks. Engineer John Dill and Baggage man John Wheatcroft were horribly crushed, death being instantaneous. Of the 20 to 50 passengers hurt, many of them are in a serious condition.

Among the injured was J. O. Kavanaugh of Baltimore, Md., chief boiler inspector of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The list of casualties was augmented by the death of E. P. Kavanaugh, chief boiler inspector of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, who died in the Newcastle hospital shortly before noon.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

Bloodhounds reached Wampum, a small foreign settlement near here at noon today, hot on the trail of the perpetrators of the wreck of the Royal Blue limited.

The special police have stated that they have been instructed to announce a \$25,000 reward for the capture of the train wreckers or wreckers.

It was believed here at noon today that the train wreckers had been seen in a slaughter house by railroad police, who had been led there by bloodhounds. The small posse entered the doors of the slaughter house with drawn revolvers to find the place deserted.

Following the extinguishing of the fire that broke out with hand grenades a chaotic condition was found. Passengers were sitting around the wrecked cars bleeding from cuts and bruises. A drizzling rain was falling.

It was hours before the physicians could dress the injuries of the panic stricken passengers, many of whom became almost crazed by their experiences.

The injured were laid on the rough rock ballast and by the weird lights of torches and lanterns the doctors worked hastily. Several of the injured nearly died to death before the relief trains arrived.

Two Suspects Captured

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa., Sept. 4.—Two men were arrested here tonight on suspicion of being connected with the wrecking of the Royal Blue flyer near Chewton siding. Superintendent Delahanty of the Baltimore and Ohio railway police declared over the telephone that he believed the men would make confessions before morning.

Negro Admits Guilt

HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 4.—The lives of 200 persons on the New York ferry of the Michigan Central leaving Chicago before noon yesterday were jeopardized by a negro who gave his name as Michael Durham and said he lived in Terre Haute.

The effort to wreck the flyer took place near East Gary, where the train took up water by means of a scoop from a trough buried between the rails. Section men discovered that heavy timbers had been wedged into the trough in such a way that when the scoop was projected to catch the water the timbers would be picked up and thrown into the wheels of the coaches.

The negro was found near by and admitted his guilt.

WRIGHT FLIES BEFORE MEMBERS OF EMBASSY

Orville Makes Fairly Satisfactory Ascent in Berlin BERLIN, Sept. 4.—Orville Wright gave an exhibition flight in his aeroplane at the Tempelhof parade grounds this afternoon, starting at 4:55 o'clock.

Ambassador and Mrs. Hill, Consul General and Mrs. Thackeray and the members of the embassy were at the starting place, while the parade ground was filled with interested throngs.

F. E. MASON MAY BE JUBILEE MONARCH

Young Marksman Leads Veteran Pape by One on the Point Target

Festivities of the San Francisco Schuetzen Verein Will Be Concluded Today

Frank E. Mason is the probable king of the San Francisco schuetzen Verein. In the seventh day's shooting of the jubilee festival yesterday the Golden Gate club rolled up a total of 352 on the point target. His score was one point higher than that of A. H. Pape, and the popularity of Mason was demonstrated when, with one accord, the big gallery arose and applauded him.

Pape has been leading the bunch with 351 and was confident of winning. Mason, a modest, unassuming lad, was not expected to beat the leader, so his success was the occasion of a grand reunion of the old timers.

The king competition on the point target came for the best total in 200 consecutive shots. The honor of winning carries with it besides the kingship a medal valued at \$75 and \$50 in cash. The winner is declared king of the jubilee festival. Fred P. Rathjens, who won the eagle king shoot the other day, is king of the schuetzen Verein, as that competition was only open to members. Several other shooters have yet to compete their king tickets, but it is the consensus of opinion among the marksmen that Mason has the regal honors clinched.

H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

surprises the veterans. H. Luneberg, one of the younger shots, has surprised the veterans by his work on the general point target. Luneberg leads his competitors by a safe margin, having come within 17-100 of an inch of the dead center. A. H. Pape, who used to be a good shot on the point target, can testify to the

Native Sons Give Colors to Cruiser



Cruiser California and the colors presented by grand parlor, Native Sons.

Grand Parlor, Native Sons of Golden West, Presents Colors to Cruiser

In fulfillment of a pledge made in 1908 by the grand parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, assembled in the Yosemite valley, the organization yesterday presented to the United States armored cruiser California a stand of colors consisting of two silk flags. One was the bear flag of the republic of California and the other the state flag, bearing the great seal of the state for which the warship was given its name.

The presentation was made on the cruiser's quarter deck in the presence of the entire ship's company and a large number of guests. Judge D. J. Lennon, in introducing Fairfax Whelan, said that it had been the original intention of the grand parlor to give to the ship a bear flag and an American ensign. After consultation with the ship's officers it was decided that inasmuch as the cruiser was already supplied with a large number of American flags it would be better to substitute a state flag for the stars and stripes in the presentation colors.

STORY OF FLAGS TOLD The colors, made of heavy silk and beautifully worked, were taken aboard the cruiser by Grand Secretary Fred H. Jung, who unwrapped them and surrendered them to the custody of day steward blue-jackets. The visitors were taken out to the ship in launches and barges and when officers and men had been assembled the presentation was made.

Fairfax Whelan told the assembled sailormen the story of the two flags, paid the men a compliment on their appearance and their ship and formally turned the flags over to Captain Mayo, the California's new commander.

CAPTAIN ACCEPTS GIFT Captain Mayo said that he was not a native son, but he was pleased that he had been adopted as one in time to accept in behalf of the ship the beautiful gift of the organization. He promised that the colors would be treasured and that California would never have a cause to be ashamed of the cruiser California.

After the ceremony the visitors were entertained in the captain's cabin and given an opportunity to inspect the beautiful cruiser, which was all ready for its long cruise to the far east, which begins today.

Among those who accompanied the colors to the ship were: Judge Angelotti, Past Grand President Dr. Decker, First Vice President Daniel Ryan, J. Emmet Hayden, Grand Secretary Fred H. Jung, Fred H. Stanle, Judge Lennon and Dr. E. Calderon, consul general from Honduras.

SEEK UNKNOWN ASSAILANT—The police are hunting for the man who struck E. J. Barrett, a plasterer living at 2050 McAllister street, over the head with a billiard cue last night, making it necessary for him to be taken to the central emergency hospital for treatment. Barrett has not the slightest conception as to who his assailant was, his knowledge being limited to the fact that he was standing in a saloon at 2000 McAllister street when the mysterious one brought the billiard cue down upon his head.

Three typhoons were reported in the China sea, and her commander eagerly accepted the offer of the Antilochus to be taken in tow. The United States navy officers expressed their great admiration to the newspapers at Hongkong regarding the work done by the Antilochus in towing the Rainbow to Hongkong.

No arrangement was made with regard to salvage, this being left to arrangement between the United States government and Lloyd's.

HIGHEST SCORES TO DATE Highest scores to date on the point, jubilee medal, Germania and king targets: Point target—H. Luneberg 17, J. F. Robin.

CHINA AND JAPAN SETTLE DISPUTES IS GREATLY PLEASED

Nippon to Withdraw From Chientao District in Manchuria Within Two Months

Opening of Kirin Railroad and Mining Boundaries to Be Decided Later

PEKING, Sept. 4.—The final draft of the agreement between China and Japan, in settlement of the various Manchurian questions that have been in dispute for some time, was signed at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The agreement sets forth that China and Japan entered upon this undertaking with the object of settling five points concerning Manchuria. It consists of two parts, which are divided into 12 articles and four subarticles, and is effective from today. It will be published officially September 8.

China will open the towns of Lungh Inchin, Chutsucha, Taotoku and Peitsookou, in the Chientao district, as soon as possible. She will also open the Chientao district to settlement.

Japan recognizes the Tumen river as the boundary line between Korea and Manchuria and withdraws all her officials from the Chientao district, completing the evacuation in two months' time. She will, furthermore, appoint consuls in Chientao.

The opening of the Kirin railroad extension is to be decided mutually and officials are to be appointed to determine the boundaries of the Fushun and Yental mining districts.

The Japanese are pleased with it, but they declare themselves as being in the position "of a man coerced by successive blows."

RUSSIA WANTS TO HAVE PART IN CHINA'S LOAN Agreement With Other Lenders Will Be Maintained

PEKING, Sept. 4.—M. Korotovitz, the Russian minister to China, today informally notified the foreign board that he had received instructions from St. Petersburg to renew the Russian claim for participation in the Hankow Sea Chuen railroad loan of \$30,000,000. He therefore sent a formal memorandum asking participation in this loan of the Russo-Chinese bank, in connection with the French bank, but in view of China's representations that the loan agreement had been concluded Russia would not seek to disturb this agreement.

FLEES TO DODGE JAIL FOR SMUGGLING HATS Man Jointly Accused With Captain of Steamer Leaves

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4.—J. F. Solorzano, the man jointly accused with Captain W. Ziegenmeyer, former commander of the German coasting steamer Erna, in the alleged smuggling of Panama hats, has eluded the federal officials.

Word was received from government agents at New Orleans yesterday that Solorzano boarded a steamer there several days ago for Central America. Captain Ziegenmeyer's preliminary hearing has been set for September 22.

FIRE SWEEPS BORDER TOWN—Tulso, Tex., N. M., Sept. 4.—One-fourth of the business center of this city, which is situated at the border of Texas and New Mexico, was destroyed by fire this morning. A loss of \$50,000 resulted. The cause is believed to be of incendiary origin. No less than a dozen business houses were destroyed.

Only four days have passed since our party arrived in Seattle, but we have received such undeniable marks of good will and courtesy from our country on the part of Americans of all classes that it seems as if the whole people of the United States had formed themselves into a committee of reception. This convinces us that the success of the mission is desired not only by the Japanese people, but by the whole people of America.

At 5 o'clock there was a spectacular display of daylight fireworks. Later the commissioners were entertained at dinner in the New York building by citizens of Seattle. Afterward they were guests of honor at a reception in the Washington state building, and at 10 o'clock an elaborate fireworks display began, the most gorgeous feature of which depicted the fall of Port Arthur.

Advertisement for 'The Emporium' featuring 'Monday Night and Tuesday Morning Papers' and 'Greatest of Embroidery Sales'. Includes a portrait of George Mayerle and text about a 'Truthful Statement' and 'Other Sales of Interest'.