

MEYERFELD LAUGHS AT MORRIS PLANS

Orpheum President Says Opposition Can Not Succeed With High Class Vaudeville

Klaw & Erlanger's Experience Quoted to Show Competition Will Not Pay

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FOREIGN

France to Build Nineteen Big Warships Chileans May Boycott American Products Thanksgiving Dinner Is Given in London

TRADERS OF CHILE RESENT U. S. CLAIM

Buyers Cancel Orders for American Products and General Boycott Proposed

SANTIAGO, Nov. 25.—The attitude of the United States government in the matter of the Alsop claim, held by the United States against Chile is producing an effect upon the business of the country. Chilean buyers are cancelling orders for American products pending a decision in the case.

Negotiations for the settlement of the dispute between Chile and the United States have taken a favorable turn.

An agreement has been reached upon most of the points, and a complete solution of the case is expected tomorrow.

Proposal for Boycott

IQUIQUE, Chile, Nov. 25.—The popular feeling here is that the Alsop claim of the United States against Chile is unjust. A public meeting will be held, probably on Sunday, at which it will be proposed to boycott American imports unless the United States desists from pressing the claim.

CONFERENCE ON SEALS REFERRED TO CANADA

Dominion to Participate in the Meeting to Settle Question

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The invitation from the United States for Great Britain to participate in an international conference with a view to regulating the killing of seals in the inter-natal waters of North America has been referred through the colonial office to Canada, as it is considered that the dominion is more interested in this question than is the mother country.

EXPLOSION IN JAPAN ENTOMBS 228 MINERS

Fifteen Known Dead and Great Loss of Life Feared

TOKYO, Nov. 25.—Heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion today in a coal mine at Onoura, Fukuoka province. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 228 miners are entombed in the workings.

SPANISH NAMES HIT BODY BLOW

Richmond and Sunset District Streets to Have Good Old American Titles

Richmond and Sunset are to have a lot of good old American names, Supervisor Payot sent most of yesterday devising a new list for the alphabetical streets of the two districts, and his suggestions, if adopted by the commission and the board, will implant several historic and patriotic names in the place of Spanish appellations.

"Paine street" after the revolutionary leader who wrote "These are the times which try men's souls," and "Starr King street," after the great minister of civil war days, were chosen by Payot, although some of his colleagues shook their heads at his temerity in fixing on the first named.

"Paine was a great American, and we ought to be broad minded," responded Payot to the hints that the commission would raise another storm about its ears. "Just to show I'm not narrow, I'll suggest we call W street Wellington. Anybody who could beat Napoleon deserves recognition even from a Frenchman."

"Roosevelt" for R street," continued the supervisor; "of course, he's not dead, but he was one of our great presidents."

Secretary of State Seward, who purchased Alaska in the face of bitterest opposition and ridicule, and Kosuth, the great Hungarian liberator, were among those whom Payot would honor by the dedication of streets. The following is the list of alphabetical highways and the names which are proposed in substitution:

- A—Anza B—Balboa C—Cabrera D—De Soto E—Emery F—Fremont G—Garrison H—Harrison I—Irwin J—Jefferson K—Kosuth L—Lincoln M—Madison N—Nevada O—Ortega P—Pacheco Q—Quincy R—Roosevelt S—Starr King T—Tyler U—Union V—Vanderbilt W—Washington X—Seward

TO DISCUSS PRICE OF SPRING VALLEY PLANT

City and Company Officials Will Meet Today

Supervisor Johnston spent most of Thanksgiving day going over reports of municipal water supplies throughout the country which were on file at the board of supervisors in anticipation of this morning's conference with the representatives of the Spring Valley company in regard to the city's purchase of its plant.

No comment of any kind was received yesterday by the special municipal committee in regard to the sale, but it is hoped that the meeting in the mayor's office at 11 o'clock this morning may be productive of some result.

Supervisors Jennings and Johnston and City Attorney Long will seek to obtain some tender of the plant from President Bourn and his colleagues, T. B. Berry and Frank Anderson, the committee appointed by the board of directors of the company.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND IN THE SURF

Life Savers Recover Dead Man Near Fort Point

The body of a man, which had probably been in the water for three months, was found floating off Fort Point yesterday by the life saving crew of the Fort Point station. About 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the crew of the station were practicing when they noticed the body in the water. A rope was made fast to the body and it was hauled ashore. The coroner was notified. There was nothing by which the dead man could be identified.

WANTS MORE SHIPS FOR FRENCH NAVY

Minister of Marine Recommends Construction of Nineteen Men of War

PARIS, Nov. 25.—According to a newspaper report, Admiral de la Pynerie, minister of marine, has recommended the construction in 1910 of an improved Dreadnought of 23,000 tons and a speed of 21 knots and the building of two battleships annually until the number shall total 19. Of these six will be of the Dreadnought type.

APPROPRIATION BOARD ENDS CANAL INSPECTION

Will Recommend Simplified Management of Zone

HAVANA, Nov. 25.—The American congressional appropriations committee, which has been inspecting the Panama canal, arrived today from Colon. The members expect to sail tomorrow for New York.

They said they were pleased with progress on the canal, and believed the channel would be open for traffic in advance of the estimated date.

They were convinced of the desirability of the passage of the bill designed to reduce the number of canal commissioners and simplify the administration, thus giving Colonel Goethals a free hand.

It also is probable that the committee will recommend a reduction of from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in estimates of the canal commission.

EUROPEAN FINANCIERS YIELD TO AMERICANS

Part of Chinese Railroad Loan Allotted to Bankers

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The foreign office learned indirectly today that Germany had informed the state department of the United States that she had agreed to the terms by which the British, French and German groups of financiers were each to surrender a portion of their shares in the Chinese railway loan in order to enable the Americans to participate. Nothing has been heard by the foreign office directly from the German government on this point, however.

MARTIN J. WRIGHT'S LONG LIFE CLOSES

Ex-Surveyor General of State Dies at Home of His Daughter

Former Surveyor General Martin J. Wright died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. L. Darling, 3251 Twenty-first street, yesterday at noon. Although 80 years of age at the time of his death, General Wright had taken an active part in the life of California from his pioneer entrance in 1852 up to six years ago, when a stroke of paralysis befell him.

He was born in Killingworth, Conn., October 26, 1829, and made the journey back from the wilds of California in 1855 to claim Miss Susan A. Doane as his bride. They came to California in 1860, settling near Vallejo. Wright's public life began with two terms in the legislature from Solano county. After serving nine years as postmaster at Vallejo he was appointed registrar of the United States land office by President Harrison and was stationed five years at Visalia. In 1894 and again in 1898 he was nominated for the republican generalship of the state by the republican conventions and elected.

General Wright was a lifelong Mason and his funeral will be conducted under the auspices of that order. The interment will be in Cypress Lawn cemetery.

Two sons and three daughters survive him—William F. Wright of Washington, D. C.; Frank E. Wright of Sacramento; Mrs. George L. Darling, and Mrs. Maud W. Terwilliger of San Francisco, and Mrs. Minnie E. Maxwell of Sacramento.

CLEARINGS OF BANKS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Report for Week Indicates Gain of 13.9 Per Cent

Thanksgiving day brought the last fiscal week to close Wednesday, cutting it to five days, as was the case in the corresponding week a year ago. As both weeks were curtailed, the California Promotion committee was able to make its customary percentage comparison of increase or decrease. No reports were received from Los Angeles and San Jose.

San Francisco's clearings for the above week were \$7,315,934.22, gaining 13.9 over the 1908 corresponding report of \$3,726,826.02. Clearings in Oakland gained 24 per cent. Stockton lost 11.9 per cent.

In Sacramento the clearances totaled \$1,062,724.86, 32 per cent more than the 1908 figure, \$804,030.28. While the banks cleared \$499,090.60 in Fresno a year ago, this week the total was \$519,761.50, gaining 24.1 per cent. San Diego reported clearings of \$788,387.45 for the week, an increase over the 1908 report of \$790,732.51 of 12.2 per cent.

BOY BICYCLISTS RUN DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE

Struck While Riding Wheels in Golden Gate Park

Roy and William McIntee, brothers, living at 909 Buena Vista avenue and still in their teens, had a narrow escape yesterday while bicycling along the south drive of Golden Gate park. An automobile knocked them off their wheels, and the chauffeur went on his way as soon as satisfied that the boys were able to pick themselves up. At the park hospital Steward Malone treated them for bruises and shock.

WORKERS CRUSHED IN TUNNEL

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—Two laborers at work in the Hartman tunnel being built in this city were crushed to death by a rock fall. They were Norman J. Jonathan and M. Smece.

AMERICANS TOAST KING AND PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving Dinner in London Attended by Representatives of Southern Republics

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The American society in London evoked a happy idea when it had present at its Thanksgiving dinner tonight representatives in London of all American countries. These included United States Ambassador Reid and Lord Strathcona, commissioner for Canada, and the Mexican, Cuban and Brazilian ministers.

A formal toast to King Edward having been honored, Rafael Montoro y Valdez, Cuban minister, proposed the health of President Taft. He expressed the great debt of gratitude of the Cubans to America and to "the great statesman so well known in Cuba, who now presides over the United States."

Lord Amphthill, in a toast to the American ambassador paid a glowing tribute to Reid, who, he said, had done much to promote the good relations between Great Britain and the United States.

Methodists Cable to Taft

ROME, Nov. 25.—At a Thanksgiving dinner of Methodists tonight Rev. Dr. B. M. Tipple, in charge of the work of the Methodist church in Rome sent in the name of diners a cablegram of Thanksgiving greeting to President Taft.

Wheeler Speaks at Dinner

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Three hundred Americans sat down to a Thanksgiving dinner tonight in Exposition park, where the American exposition will be held next year. Consul General A. H. Thackara presided, and Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, made the principal address. The gathering sent an address of greeting to President Taft.

EMPEROR COMMENTS CHINESE ASSEMBLY

PEKING, Nov. 25.—The sessions of the recent constitutional provincial assembly on being closed today, received approval of the throne based upon government reports of the progress made in the opening of the two years' constitutional program. An imperial edict, through government officials to co-operate with the throne at the present critical moment for the purpose of realizing the success of the constitutional plan.

BABY GIRLS FOUND LOCKED IN CLOSET

For Forty Hours Santa Cruz Children Are Prisoners in Box Under Sink

After Long Search by Police and Militia Their Faint Cries Are Heard

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA CRUZ, Nov. 25.—A Thanksgiving begun in the deepest affliction that had ever come upon them was changed into the most joyous day in their lives when Joseph Monildi and his wife learned today that their two little girls, Mary and Emma, aged 4 and 5 years, were alive after an absence of 40 hours. The girls were found this morning locked in a box of a closet in a vacant house, which they entered Tuesday during a game of hide and seek.

Early Tuesday afternoon the tots joined their young playmates in the game. An empty house stood near by, a front window partly open. The porch was too much exposed, so they thought it would be safer inside. But after entering through the window they conceived a plan to baffle their pursuer beyond all hope of discovery. There was a small wash room and in it a sink. Under the sink was a cubbyhole, and the girls hid there. They did not see that the spring latch could be worked only from the outside, so crept in and closed the door.

Pass Hours of Terror

The hunter in the game was not shrewd enough to try the vacant house. The little ones at last concluded that they had been given up. They tried the door, but it would not open. They raised their small voices in shrill cries and pressed their feeble strength against the door, but it would not yield. The cubbyhole was only two feet four inches deep, two feet wide and two feet two inches high, ventilated only by the narrow cracks about the door. In these cramped quarters, unable to straighten their little limbs, pressed tightly against each other, overcome when awake by terror, hunger and thirst and unable to make heard their cries, which grew more and more feeble as the hours wore away, they remained prisoners.

Found by Accident

Meanwhile the frantic parents offered their savings as a reward. Sympathetic neighbors searched the country. The Santa Cruz police force and detachment of naval militia scoured the beach and surrounding country night and day.

Yesterday, on the morning of a sorrowful Thanksgiving for the Monildis, M. W. Brown, a neighbor, happened to be passing the vacant house and heard a murmur from the door. He called Moore joined in the search of the house. The children heard the searchers, but were too much exhausted to let their hiding place be known. Then Guy Richardson, a naval militia man, happened in. Richardson opened every door in sight and took a chance at the little sink. Within were the children. Although suffering from a slight fever, but free from their hands, Dr. Gates says the children will soon be on their feet again.

COOK SENDS HIS POLAR RECORDS TO DENMARK

Reports to Be Considered by Copenhagen University

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Another chapter in the north pole controversy was begun today with the departure of the date and reports which Dr. Frederick A. Cook compiled in the arctic for Denmark, where they will be submitted to the University of Copenhagen as proof of a naval expedition which he reached the north pole April 21, 1908.

The records were taken abroad by Walter Lonsdale, private secretary to the explorer, who sailed on the steamship United States for Copenhagen. Lonsdale said he would keep the documents under careful guard until they were placed in the hands of Doctor Torp, rector of the Copenhagen university.

The records and reports contain about 30,000 words, and the university authorities probably will be several weeks going over them.

Patents for Californians

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—California patents have been issued as follows: C. S. Alverson, San Diego, adjusting appliance for type-writing machines; Dr. C. E. Haskins, cook; H. Christensen, Byron, disk harrow; J. D. Danneheiser, San Francisco, more shaver; W. C. D. Evans, Whittier, tongue support; T. V. Galasse, San Francisco, mold for cement wash tubs; B. Hsuka, San Diego, vegetable masher; R. by Lapointe, Riverside, power transmitting apparatus; C. E. Lamurth, San Francisco, reinforced concrete pile for pier and foundation construction; L. Lee, Pasadena, printer's galley; E. V. Lewis, Fresno, swing; L. E. Marsh, San Francisco, loose leaf book; D. H. Moore, Escondido, egg cooler; F. C. Newberry, San Francisco, apparatus for applying water power; E. E. Pillo, Stockton, pencil holder; C. P. Picher, San Francisco, dog banger; R. Southland, Hollywood, combination nozzle support and brush; W. S. Stinson, Sacramento, oil burner; R. P. Tolman, Berkeley, artist's wet canvas carrier; A. Wilsatan, Los Angeles, motive power system.

ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure. The only baking powder from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from Grapes—Makes Finest, Purest Food.

PLAN TO INCINERATE FAMILY SUSPECTED

Girl Puts Out Incendiary Blaze in Time to Prevent the Destruction of Home

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN JOSE, Nov. 25.—What is believed to have been an attempt to wipe out the entire family of B. Anderson, a painter living at 91 South Market street, was accidentally frustrated by a young girl Wednesday night when she discovered and put out a fire on the rear porch. As a result George Wilson, a Los Angeles laborer, was arrested today. The police have evidence which they believe warrants the placing of a charge of arson against Wilson. Jealousy is said to have been the motive of the alleged crime. Mrs. Anderson having been a sweetheart of Wilson before her marriage to Anderson two years ago.

As a result of the arrest Wilson has made statements which seem to reveal hidden chapters in the life of Mrs. Anderson.

Wilson called at the Anderson home yesterday morning, coming direct from Los Angeles, and attempted to have a conversation with a 12 year old daughter of Mrs. Anderson, of which he claimed to be the father. The police were called in and he was ejected.

Last night the fire was discovered in a pile of clothing on the rear porch just in time to save the building. Search was instituted immediately for Wilson.

MARRIAGE ENDS PLANS FOR CONQUEST OF AIR

Inventor of Acroplane Promises to Abandon Aviation

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Nov. 25.—The ranks of inventors devoted to the conquest of the air lost one daring member today, when Ulrich Sorensen of Berwyn, ten miles east of here, was married to the daughter of a wealthy farmer of that city.

Sorensen won fame June 15 last by going up 3,500 feet in a balloon and coming down in an aeroplane of his own construction. Instead of gliding gently to the earth the aeroplane descended in a series of somersaults and was demolished, although the aviator was not seriously hurt.

Sorensen has since that time been trying to perfect his invention, but now declares that, at the request of his bride, he has renounced his ambition and will devote his energies to less spectacular pursuits.

LYMAN J. GAGE TAKES A BRIDE AT CORONADO

Weds Mrs. Ada Ballou and Starts on Honeymoon

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 25.—At the residence of George H. Ballou and wife at Coronado this evening their daughter, Mrs. Ada Ballou, became the wife of Lyman J. Gage, formerly secretary of the treasury and now a resident of San Diego.

The wedding was strictly private, the only persons present besides the bride and groom being the former's parents; her friend, Miss Helene Richards; Gage's brother in law, Colonel Wesley Brainerd, U. S. A., retired, and the Rev. William B. Thorpe of the First Congregational church of this city, who performed the ceremony.

Former Secretary Gage and his bride leave at midnight for Denver and after a short stay there will visit various cities farther east.

SHOOTS MAN IN ANKLE

Joe Kennedy, rooming at the Rick house, Fifth and Mission streets, shot Paul Mehlis, an inmate of the Sailors' home, in the ankle yesterday during a drunken row. He was arrested.

COMMANDER VISITS HOME OF VETERANS

Department Head and Staff Call Upon the Old Soldiers at Yountville

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VETERANS' HOME, Napa County, Nov. 25.—The veterans' home at Yountville was visited last night and today by the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of California and Nevada, and his staff. The party consisted of W. S. Daubenspeck, department commander; Colonel H. Z. Osborne, adjutant general; Colonel John H. Roberts, council of administration, and Judge Henry C. Dibble, judge advocate. The visit was made by these officials for the purpose of inspecting Unity post No. 171, G. A. R.

A public meeting was held in Social hall, where, besides the members of Unity post, a large number of the veterans and their friends were gathered.

The meeting was opened by General C. A. Woodruff, U. S. A., retired, commander of the home, who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the home, and introduced the different members of the official staff.

Judge Henry C. Dibble, a director of the home, was introduced by General Woodruff as having been chosen by Unity post to represent them. Judge Dibble addressed and welcomed the visitors for the post.

Commander Daubenspeck was then introduced and talked at length to the veterans, urging them, if they were not already connected with the Grand Army, to unite with some post. The commander was followed by Colonel H. Z. Osborne, Colonel John H. Roberts spoke next.

A visit to the post rooms and a tour of inspection over the entire camp was made today by Commander Daubenspeck and his staff, who all expressed themselves as being well pleased with the manner in which the government is taking care of the "old boys." They also partook of the "turkey dinner" provided for the members of the home.

PRISONERS BALK AT TURKEY AND BERRIES

Frankfurters and Sauerkraut Preferred for Thanksgiving

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 25.—Frankfurters and sauerkraut, accompanied by boiled cabbage and potatoes, defeated turkey and cranberry sauce in a referendum vote at the St. Louis workhouse today. As a consequence the toothsome American bird was not in evidence at dinner time, 250 pounds of frankfurters being doled out—two to each prisoner—with the cabbage and potatoes heaped over the rest of the plate.

OPERATES ON BABY FOR APPENDICITIS

DETROIT, Nov. 25.—For the first time in local surgical history a baby, months of age was operated on for appendicitis yesterday. The operation was performed by one of the city's leading surgeons at Grace hospital, with the result that the infant's life was saved. The patient was Ralph Thorn, son of Frank Thorn.

ELECTRICIANS WITHDRAW FROM LABOR FEDERATION

DETROIT, Nov. 25.—The electrical workers' union last night withdrew from the Detroit federation of labor, with the result that the infant's life was saved. The patient was Ralph Thorn, son of Frank Thorn.

COHAN'S SUCCESS IS ASSURED IN ADVANCE

"The Yankee Prince" at the Van Ness Will Be a Hit

"The Yankee Prince" ranks with "Ben Hur" and the "Merry Widow" now. Though "The Yankee Prince" is a Cohan musical play it has established a relationship with the biblical drama by Lew Wallace and the Lehár operetta, and the kinship is in the box office. The management of the Van Ness theater, where Cohan appears next Monday night at the head of "the royal family" of Cohan, announces that the biggest box office demand is being made for seats that has been demonstrated since "The Merry Widow" was booked. The success of the Cohan engagement in this city is assured before the curtain rises on the first performance, and the little comedian, who was born on the fourth of July, is sure to be given the kind of a reception that crowds a theater cheers a player and delights a manager.