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THE WEATHER
YESTERDAY—Clear; west wind; maximum temperature, 56; minimum, 48.
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Cloudy, with occasional showers; high north wind, changing to southwest.

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Tamalpais Victim Was German Girl From North

LEAGUE FAILS TO AGREE ON A CANDIDATE

Executive Committee Splits Amicably on Belshaw and Davis for Governor

Deadlock Follows Refusal of Hiram Johnson to Accept Indorsement

After failing to force Hiram W. Johnson to accept its indorsement for the republican nomination for governor, the Lincoln-Roosevelt league's executive committee split amicably on former Senator Charles M. Belshaw of Contra Costa and former Mayor W. R. Davis of Oakland.

The first ballot gave Belshaw 11, Davis 8, Mott 1. The final ballot showed 10 for Belshaw, 7 for Davis and one each for Mott and Charles S. Wheeler. The insistence of the Davis men and the fact that only two-thirds of the committeemen attended yesterday's meeting has revived the hope that Davis can be forced to run. The committee adjourned to meet again Tuesday, February 15.

SOUTHERNERS FEAR CONFERENCE

Virtually the only questions considered by the committee at two sessions which consumed the entire day were state conference and a candidate for governor. The leaguers from southern California, and some from the north, too, are frankly afraid of a conference, and they are for Davis fre governor.

The committee went over a fairly comprehensive list of "possible" candidates, beginning with William R. Davis of Oakland, who has the call on the league's indorsement if he would consent to exercise his option. Davis is a vice president of the league and Mott is a member of the executive committee. When the committee got around to a discussion of gubernatorial timber Davis and Mott withdrew from the meeting and made a social call on Belshaw.

MANY ARE CONSIDERED

The list of possibilities gone over by the committee included Mott, Belshaw, Davis, Hiram W. Johnson, Charles H. Bentley, Charles S. Wheeler and Francis J. Heney, and some one dropped in the name of former Governor George C. Pardee.

Heney was originally the first choice of President Chester H. Rowell, who has known for a long time that the former special prosecutor would not consent to the use of his name. For Davis, Johnson and Bentley insistent declinations were entered. The names of Pardee and Wheeler were introduced rather incidentally.

The officers and committeemen who participated in the meeting were:

President, Chester H. Rowell, Fresno; Vice Presidents Hiram W. Johnson, San Francisco; Harold T. Power, Auburn; W. R. Davis, Oakland; Meyer Lissner, Los Angeles; Treasurer Adolph Uhl, Piedmont; Secretary Charles H. Detrick, Mayfield; State Organizer Max Kuhl, San Francisco; Executive Committeemen Frank K. Mott, Oakland; C. C. Young, Berkeley; Alfred Greenebaum, Thomas E. Haven, Charles H. Bentley, Daniel A. Ryan, San Francisco; George S. Walker, Los Gatos; A. M. Drew, Fresno; Irving Martin, Stockton; George G. Radcliff, Watsonville; A. J. Wallace, Marshall Stimson, Los Angeles; Thomas R. Bard, Santa Barbara; M. C. Zumwalt, Tulare.

KIDNAPING CASE SET BACK BY GOVERNOR

Arizona Executive Refuses to Extradite L. B. Adams

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Governor Sloan of Arizona refused today to honor the requisition papers issued by Governor Gillett of California for L. B. Adams, N. W. Murphy and Nora McLaughlin, for the alleged kidnaping of Adams' son, on the ground that Mrs. Kimball, the boy's grandmother, had not been appointed his guardian at the time of the alleged kidnaping in San Francisco. On receipt of this news at Tucson, Mrs. John S. Kimball got out a writ of habeas corpus for the custody of the boy, alleging she had been appointed guardian for the boy and was under a court order to produce him in court in San Francisco. The hearing on the writ will be held tomorrow.

In the meantime, the boy and the three alleged kidnapers are in custody of Tucson officials. Twelve private detectives are here watching each other to prevent the boy being hurried into another state or Mexico by one side or the other.

SALT LAKE ELKS ARE VISITING LOS ANGELES

Antlered Herd Received With Fitting Ceremony

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Six hundred members of the Salt Lake City lodge of Elks arrived in this city tonight and were received with fitting ceremonies by members of the local lodge and municipal officials. They are here on their fifth annual excursion to the Pacific coast, and will remain until Saturday next, when they will go to San Diego and thence to Tia Juana, Mex.

Comet May Kill All Earth Life Says Scientist

Cyanogen Gas Around The Wanderer—Clash Among Astronomers

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—A telegram received here today from Yerkes observatory states that the spectra of Halley's comet shows very prominent cyanogen bands.

The fact that cyanogen is present in the comet has been communicated to Camille Flammarion, the distinguished French scientist, and is causing a great deal of discussion as to the probable effect on the earth should it pass through the comet's tail.

Flammarion is of the opinion that cyanogen gas would impregnate the atmosphere and possibly snuff out all life on the planet.

Most astronomers do not agree with Flammarion, inasmuch as the tail of the comet is of almost inconceivable rarification, and believe it would be repelled by the mass of earth.

CORNERSTONE TO PLAY CIRCUIT, IS RUMOR

Music Hall Base Block Mysteriously Carted Away

Where, oh where, is the cornerstone of the American musical hall? No longer does it repose on the Ellis street lot where it was laid by Harry Lauder mid blare of trumpets and screech of bagpipes. It has gone and only loose bricks mark the spot. Rumor has it that the vanishing stone, crated by workmen, has gone to do service elsewhere for the Morris vaudeville syndicate, playing the circuit like the bonny Scotchman.

Work has been proceeding slowly on the vaudeville house. The Morris people say it is progressing as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

It was a handsome stone that Harry Lauder placed tenderly on the sand. It was beautifully engraved with the name and date, "American Musical Hall, January 12, 1910." William Morris himself was present at the ceremony. There were music and speeches and wine. The music ceased, the voices of the speakers were stilled, the wine was drunk—and now the stone is gone.

WILL COMBAT ATTACK ON SULPHUR RULING

California Congressmen Uphold Referee Board

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Members of the California delegation will appear before the committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture to combat an attack being made on the Remsen referee board.

Congressman Needham, whose district dries a great deal of fruit and makes use of sulphur in the process, says that Wiley is not justified in ruling that the percentage of sulphur shall be only .125 per cent.

It is impossible, Needham says, to limit the amount with such mathematical nicety, and anyway Needham does not think sulphur is injurious.

TAFT'S SON LEADS YALE CLASS IN SCHOLARSHIP

Graduates in June and Has Won Many Prizes

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 7.—Robert A. Taft, son of the president, has been voted the most scholarly man in his class at Yale. Young Taft graduates in June and has taken many prizes throughout his course. He follows naturally in the way of his father and grandfather. Judge Alfonso Taft was at the head of his class and President Taft was second in the class of 1878.

AMERICAN TO BE SENT TO PRISON IN MEXICO

Judge Announces Intention to Sentence Train Conductor

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Feb. 7.—Judge Palafox said tonight that he would carry out the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney and sentence James A. Cook, an American train conductor, to two years and ten months' imprisonment. The prosecuting attorney claims Cook is guilty of criminal negligence.

AGED RECLUSE FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

Woman's Corpse Discovered in Bed by Neighbors

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neill, aged 71, who has lived alone for 30 years, froze to death last night in her bed at Miami, a village near here. Her body was found today by a neighbor.

ARBITRATORS REACH AGREEMENT—Chicago, Feb. 7.—The board of arbitrators in the wage controversy between the Illinois Central railroad and union telegraphers reached an agreement today. The finding will not be made public until tomorrow.

DEATH STALKS IN STORM ON VALDEZ TRAIL

Four Dead People in Roadhouse Greet Travelers From Nome

Alaska in Grip of Severest Winter Known and Fear Felt for Men on Creeks

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—Three Nome merchants who have just arrived in Seattle, having traveled from Nome to Fairbanks and Valdez on snowshoes and by stage, report that the winter in the north is the most severe ever known. They left Nome December 7 and encountered continuous bad weather and temperature often 70 degrees below zero.

On the Valdez trail they reached Miller's roadhouse just before the climax of the storm, and on entering the house found four dead people laid out—Joe King, an old miner, frozen to death; Mrs. H. A. Rockefeller, a middle aged woman, well known in Nevada, who died on the stage from heart affection due to the cold; an old man named Taylor, frozen to death, and Mrs. Miller, proprietress of the roadhouse, who had succumbed to pneumonia.

At another point on the trail an aged man named Franz Giebel had been frozen to death while driving toward Valdez with a one horse outfit. The Nome men said that winter gold mining in their neighborhood had been highly successful.

Newspapers received from the Yukon valley tell of miners losing hands and feet that had been frozen and of fears entertained for men snowed in on the creeks with insufficient supplies. The census enumerators were to have begun work January 11, but could not start out.

After a brief respite the blizzard is raging again, according to cable advices. The Copper River railroad has been tied up, and August Anderson has been found dead on the trail between Chitina and Copper Center.

WOMAN IS MURDERED AND BURIED IN CELLAR

Husband Vanishes and Police Start Search

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Beneath the concrete floor of the basement of an up town apartment here today was found the body of a woman who had been strangled to death after her head had been hacked with an ice pick or a similar implement.

The woman is believed to have been the wife of a janitor of the apartments who recently moved away. He was known both as Paterson and Tamson or Thompson.

A girl found in his home today and a man named Pierre Loisel were detained.

Mrs. Eleanor Littlefield, through whose information the police may be able to trace the identity of the woman murdered near the summit of Mount Tamalpais.

Detective William R. Proll of the San Francisco police examining the watch of the murdered woman yesterday in San Rafael. Proll found some additional marks on the case that may lead to the discovery of its owner.

BUDD ESTATE GOES TO WIDOW

Court Orders Final Distribution of Property, Including Local Real Estate

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Feb. 7.—Judge C. W. Norton today made an order for a final distribution in the estate of the late James H. Budd. The property was awarded to the widow, Inez E. Budd of this city. It consists of cash amounting to $11,331.50, office furniture, libraries, personal effects and valuable pieces of real estate in San Francisco.

SWEDEN'S KING UNDER KNIFE OF SURGEONS

Gustav Is Operated On for Appendicitis

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.—King Gustav was operated on tonight for appendicitis.

The official reports given out state that the operation was a success.

The king has been suffering from continual internal pains since early Sunday evening. It was not until this evening that the physicians diagnosed his case as one of appendicitis, requiring an immediate operation.

YALE GIVEN $250,000 BY OLD TIME "GRADS"

Laboratory of Mechanical Engineering to Be Built

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 7.—A gift of $250,000 from George G. Mason of New York city and William S. Mason of Evanston, Ill., both of the class of 1888 in the Sheffield scientific school, was announced at Yale university today. The money is to be used for a laboratory of mechanical engineering.

RIVER DEEPENING PROJECT ASSURED

$4,000,000 to Be Allowed for Sacramento Contracts May Be Let at Once

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The rivers and harbors committee will approve the bill for deepening and dredging the Sacramento river, for which an appropriation of $1,000,000 a year for four years was asked.

Instead of appropriating $1,000,000 each year, however, a sum of $4,000,000 may be voted in order that the entire work may be carried out at once.

Representative McKinlay said today: "I feel sure the Sacramento project will be approved by the rivers and harbors committee. Instead, however, of $1,000,000 a year being appropriated as requested, a lump sum of $4,000,000 will be appropriated, enabling the contracts for the entire project to be let at once, and the work to be finished earlier than was expected."

MYSTERY VEILS FATAL SHOOTING OF SLEUTH

Companion Held Pending Police Investigation

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—A. T. Barnes, an operative of a detective agency in this city, is dead as the result of a revolver shot. Charles Mapes, a fellow employe, is detained without bail by the police on the order of the district attorney pending an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the shooting, which occurred late today, in a room used as a lounging place by employes of the agency, where Mapes and Barnes had been playing cards.

The weapon which was the cause of Barnes' death is an old fashioned single action revolver of large caliber. According to the story told by Mapes to the police, Barnes was twirling the revolver by the trigger guard, when it was suddenly discharged, the bullet striking Barnes just below the nose and ranging upward into the brain.

The police detectives say that they cannot see how it would be possible for a single action revolver to become discharged in the manner described by Mapes.

PITTSBURG BANKERS AND OFFICIALS INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Charging Bribery

PITTSBURG, Feb. 7.—True bills were returned by the grand jury today charging conspiracy, bribery and perjury against President E. H. Jennings and former Vice President A. A. Griffin of the Columbia national bank; Charles Stewart, former select councilman; Max Leslie, county delinquent tax collector, and F. F. Nicoli, a capitalist.

The indictments were found upon a confession alleged to have been made by Griffin to the grand jury.

The cases involve the alleged payment of bribes to councilmen in 1908 to secure their votes for an ordinance designating city depositaries, of which the Columbia national bank was one.

WOMAN IDENTIFIES REMAINS AND GIVES CLEW TO MURDERER

Declares Slain Girl Studied Hair Dressing in San Francisco and Was Under Domination of Man Supposed to Be Her Sweetheart Whom She Feared and Who Is Suspected of Killing Her.

"WHITE SLAVE TRADER" MAY BE ASSASSIN

Theory That Companion Sought to Have Her Lead Immoral Life and That Refusal Resulted in Death Advanced by Detectives as Explanation for Murder. Partial Solution of Mystery Elates Officials and Hunt for Suspect Will Be Prosecuted With Vigor.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD

The Call will pay a reward of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for exclusive information that will lead to the identity of the woman murdered on Mount Tamalpais, the apprehension of her murderer or murderers and his or their conviction.

Clews to the identity of the victim of the Tamalpais tragedy may be seen in a window of The Call's business office.

A GERMAN girl, who came to San Francisco from the north by boat, and who was under the domination of a German, 45 years of age, whose most distinguishing feature was a particularly heavy, dark brown mustache, was the woman murdered on Mount Tamalpais. She had described the man as her sweetheart.

Mrs. Eleanor Littlefield, a manicurist of 630 Market street, saw the fragments of the girl's garments in the windows of The Call business office yesterday morning, and straightway went to San Rafael, where she identified the remains as those of a young German girl, 23 years of age, who had studied hair dressing under her in the Westbank building at Market and Ellis streets about eight months ago. The girl might have been, according to Mrs. Littlefield, striving to escape from a "white slave trader" when she met her death.

IDENTIFIES JEWELRY WORN BY DEAD WOMAN

Mrs. Littlefield said that she could not remember the name of the girl, and that she was always referred to as "Dutchy." But with woman's instinct she was able to remember the jewelry which the girl wore, and to identify the pieces in the Marin county coroner's office, the photographs of which were exhibited in The Call window.

While Mrs. Littlefield thought that possibly her mother, Mrs. Rhodes, 820½ Thirteenth street, Oakland; Mrs. Nellie Evans, her former partner in the firm of Littlefield & Co., or Miss Bracker might know the name of the murdered girl. The police are looking for those women.

Detective Sergeant William Proll of the San Francisco police department exhaustively interviewed Mrs. Littlefield yesterday. District Attorney Thor Boyd and Coroner F. E. Sawyer of Marin county also examined Mrs. Littlefie closely, but they declared last evening that the manicurist did not know th name of the victim.

DESCRIPTION OF GIRL'S SUPPOSED SWEETHEART

The police are now seeking assiduously for the man, who was frequently seen in company of the girl, who was killed by blows in the face with a heavy instrument.

The man is described as follows:

Age about 45.
Nationality, German.
Height, 5 feet 6 inches.
Had a large, unkempt, brownish mustache.
Tolerably well dressed.
Had the appearance of a "cheap sporting man."

At first the girl had said he was her "uncle." Later she said he was her "sweetheart."

He had the girl completely under his domination when he was with her. When they were separated the girl seemed to be obsessed with fear of the man. It was the conclusion of those who knew the girl, according to Mrs. Littlefield, that the man was seeking to place the girl in a house of disrepute, but that she rebelled with all her strength against the dishonor and shame.

STROVE TO WIN GIRL TO WANTON IDEAS

It is the theory of the police that the man, striving to dominate the girl for his purposes, took her to Mount Tamalpais to have her alone, that he might more strongly endeavor to exert his will. On the lonely side of the mountain, out of sight of any human being, though within view of the placid town of Mill Valley, the girl's companion strove to win the girl to his wanton ideas. When he saw that he was failing in his purpose, that he had gone so far that he had antagonized her to the point that she was able to break off her association with him, he killed her.

GIRL SEEKS INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Littlefield's story, as told to District Attorney Boyd, Coroner Sawyer and Detective Proll in the district attorney's office at San Rafael, is as follows:

"Eight or nine months ago I was conducting a hair dressing and manicure parlor in the Westbank building, Market and Ellis streets. I had a partner. We also taught the trade of hair dressing and manicuring, and we advertised in the newspapers for pupils.

"About that time, eight or nine months ago, a girl came to our place and applied to my partner for admission into the school. She said that she wanted a full course in hair dressing.

"She was evidently a German girl, and she spoke with a strong accent.