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Is Full of Junior Paulhans?  
SEE THE STORY AND PICTURES OF  
SAN FRANCISCO BOYS WHO FLY. IN  
THE SUNDAY CALL TOMORROW

# THE CALL

THE WEATHER  
YESTERDAY—Clear; southwest wind; maximum temperature, 60; minimum, 52.  
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Unsettled weather with showers; brisk south winds.

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## REED IN TEARS TELLS HOW WIFE SOUGHT DIVORCE

### Plaintiff's Attorney Arrives in Court Attended by Guard, but Day Passes Quietly

### Mrs. Reed's Epigrams on Love and Prayer to the Devil Recited by Husband

### Her Attitude on the Marriage Question Illustrated During Examination of Spouse

THERE was no breeze upon the fern nor ripple on the lake of Judge Cabanis' court yesterday during the progress of the Reed divorce case. There were tears from Charles Wesley Reed and epigrams retold from Ethelyn Minnie Reed, but there were no fistfights. The woman's attorney, Joseph J. Dunne, appeared with a fresh waistcoat, a policeman in uniform and a plain clothes man, Detective Nelson. But with all the armament there was no war, and the snappiest feature of the day was the wife's epigrams, recited by Reed.

### Advice to Husband

At one time she advised her husband thus:

"You should model your life on that of great men. Read Ruskin's life and see how he treated his wife when she ceased to love him."

Then there were more pertinent epigrams. She said on one occasion:

"Opposition to divorce is a fetch." Another time she said:

"The only justification for a woman to marry a man nowadays is the ease with which she can get rid of him. Marriage should be like a streetcar, equipped with a system of transfers."

"That only illustrates her power of epigram," said Reed in giving the quotation.

It did more than that—it illustrated her attitude on the marriage question, as exposed by Reed during a long day in the witness chair. Reed concluded his direct examination and was under cross examination when court adjourned. It was not definitely known when the case would be resumed.

### Pays Fine for Contempt

Reed came into court shortly before the case was called yesterday morning and slipped \$50 in gold to Clerk James Stevens, the penalty imposed by the court for Reed's assault on Attorney Dunne Thursday afternoon.

He took the stand promptly and was put under examination by his counsel, Attorney Shadboune.

Reed's testimony "started with the reading of a letter he had addressed to his wife during their period of separation. In it he had said, "Home is the only place for a wife and mother. Your children need you, no matter how you feel toward me. Come back to them."

"Did you mean that when you wrote it?" asked Shadboune.

"I meant it," replied Reed.

"Do you desire now that your wife return to you?"

"I object to that," interposed Dunne, and the question was not answered.

"What was the condition of your wife at the time of your marriage?" asked Shadboune, enigmatically.

But the enigma was not to be solved. Cabanis sustained Dunne's objection to the question.

### Shocked by Wife's Letter

There was no trouble in the family, the witness testified, until 1905, when he found a letter discussing divorce on his desk in the house at 1465 Masonic avenue.

She said in the letter that her husband did not love her. "She wanted me to change, and if I did not want to let her get a divorce," said Reed. "She was convinced that our temperaments were incompatible."

"The letter was a great shock to me," continued the witness. "I did not consent to the idea. She insisted. She said, 'Marry somebody else who is more suited to you; who will go to church with you. I'll marry somebody more congenial.'"

A letter addressed by Mrs. Reed to her husband as "My dear Charley Boy" was read into the record.

Reed broke down and sobbed on the stand while talking of his wife's overtures for a divorce. "I told her that there was never a divorce in my family, that divorce made the children unloving and that statistics showed that a large per cent of the children of divorced parents were criminals."

"You may not get a man you like better," I told her," said Reed.

"Then," the wife replied, "I'll divorce him and marry a husband who loves me and whom I love."

### Threatened Hell on Earth

"I loved her so that I would never consent to a divorce, and she said, 'Then it is war to the knife between us. I'll make your life a hell on earth.'"

Later in his testimony Reed pointed out that three years after that threat he told his wife that she had succeeded in "making life a hell on earth."

"You need not think that I can not get along," Reed quoted his wife as

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MRS. ASTOR'S ESTATE.  
TO BE REAPPRAISED  
NEW YORK, March 18.—A new appraisal of the estate of the late Mrs. Caroline W. Astor, for many years leader of the "four hundred," was ordered by the appellate division of the supreme court this afternoon.

Mrs. Astor died in 1908. A prior appraisal valued the estate at \$1,631,236 net.

The surrogate refused to accept the report on the ground that experts had not been called in to pass on the paintings and tapestries, rugs, etc., and that two jewelry firms had not submitted their valuation of the silver ware and jewelry in proper affidavit form.

## SWINDLERS PLY TRADE IN FACE OF DETECTIVES

### Confidence Men Have Their Den Within 100 Yards of Po- lice Headquarters

### Bungling of Member of Gang Puts Evidence in Hands of Call Reporter

### Caesar Attell's Pawnshop Ap- pears to Be Haunt of Well Known Offenders

ESTABLISHED within 100 yards of the Hall of Justice and conducted with the brazen effrontery affected by criminals apparently conscious of their safety, is the headquarters of a gang of swindlers who, during the last two months, through the medium of suprious pawn tickets have plied their trade of "separating" the gullible individual from his money. With a fine disregard of the proximity of whole platoons of police, hard looking men whose faces grace many rogues galleries have gone forth daily from the loan office conducted by Caesar Attell at 176 Eddy street to reap the harvest of "easy coin," and not until last night has their freedom from prosecution ever been seriously threatened.

### The Call Secures Proof

Even last night the worry of the yeggmen and swindlers did not arise from fear of police vigilance, but from the knowledge that one of their number had bungled the job and placed in the hands of representatives of The Call documentary proof that the so called loan office which constituted their rendezvous was nothing more than a den into which the dupe, baited with the prospect of big returns for a small investment, was led for the shearing.

Following rapidly on the heels of the bungling of a member who has traveled under many aliases, last night were brought to light facts which proved that through the activity of the gang during the last two months several thousand dollars have been poured into the coffers of Caesar Attell and his partner while the swindlers for their troubles have been given a small percentage of the loot and have been insured against confinement in the city prison. Some of those who had been swindled and given cheap jewelry instead of expected precious stones wailed their grievance to the wide world, while others, fearful of being ridiculed for their credulity, swallowed their complaints.

### Scheme of Swindlers

This latest scheme whereby unsuspecting individuals have been fleeced is based on the issuance of a pawn ticket calling for a loan of three times the value of the "fake" pledged article. The ticket is sold for a ridiculously low amount on the plea that the holder is in desperate straits. The dupe buys the document, goes to the pawn office, pays the principal and interest called for and then receives a piece of jewelry which is part of a big consignment purchased by the pawn brokers for use in the swindling scheme.

The particular ticket which was yesterday placed in the hands of a reporter of The Call staff carried the serial number "1298" and purported to have been issued February 27, 1910. The description of the property was "diamond ring," and the amount stated to have been loaned on the pledged \$25. The interest called for was \$1.50 a month. The name of the pledger, which was one of the many aliases of the man who represented the Caesar Attell loan office, was "Clay Hawthorn."

### Story Told by Swindler

His countenance stamped with the usual traces of the swindler, and his furtive manner indicating his vocation, Hawthorn was a typical representative. Wearing in his coat lap an emblem of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to which he later admitted he had never belonged, he was ready to ply his trade, his stock plea being that he was a stranger in the city, financially embarrassed and reduced to the extremity of disposing of a pawn ticket to a valuable diamond ring. Because of his straitened circumstances he was willing to sell the ticket for \$4 cash.

The well known propensity of pawn brokers to lend never more than a small percentage of the value of an article would raise the natural inference that the ring pledged was worth at least \$75, and to confirm the inference Hawthorn admitted sorrowfully that he had originally paid \$85 for the gem.

Doubt as to the genuineness of the ticket induced Hawthorn to lead the reporter directly to the offices of Attell, where Aaron Crocker, silent partner of the firm, took up his part in the game of "skinning the goat."

### Reporters' Request Refused

Introduced as a "friend who was going to take up the loan on the ring," the reporter requested that he be allowed to examine the article before paying the \$28.50 called for on the ticket and the \$4 additional to be paid Hawthorn.

## On a Sea of Trouble



## DAZZLING METEOR CLEAVES DARK SKY

### Wags Brilliant Tail in Face of Constellations During Its Plunge Toward Sea

Over the top of San Francisco a meteor passed last evening about 9:30 o'clock, traveling from a northerly to a southwesterly direction. None of the astronomers at either the students' observatory, Berkeley, or the Chabot observatory, Oakland, saw the apparition, for it was cloudy and the star gazers were taking a night off.

But the people out in Fillmore street and the employes of the Merchants' exchange, both on the top of the California street building and at Meigs wharf, and many others witnessed the flight. They thought it was Halley's comet taking a short cut back to its orbit after a romp with the Great Bear, Ernest Raynard, an employe of the Merchants' exchange at Meigs wharf, had a close look at the visitor and he was able to describe the kind of hat it wore.

"It was about 9:30," said Ernest, "and I was standing on the edge of Meigs wharf looking over the bay, when suddenly out of the north came this meteor, racing down the line like Barney Oldfield. It was about over the top of Angel Island when I first saw it. It was shooting out sparks like an oil burner and was red and yellow, with a little tail behind wagging in the face of the constellations toward the north. It was brilliant, dazzling. I watched it as long as it was in sight. It was not the common, ordinary kind of shooting star that a fellow will see any old night, but was a special variety of meteor. The last I saw of it it was heading off toward the Farallones like a flash."

No report was received last night as to where the meteor landed. It is thought to have fallen into the ocean.

## "SUBCONSCIOUS SELF" IN CONTROL, HE SAYS

### Wealthy Man Remembers Nothing of Midnight Marriage

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Pleading that his "subconscious self" was in control and that his real self was unaware of his acts, Charles R. Drummond, member of a wealthy St. Louis family, declared on oath today that he had no remembrance of his second marriage, which took place at Clayton January 25 last, just four weeks after his first wife had obtained a divorce there.

## BIG SYNDICATE TO BUY TIMBER LANDS

### Property Worth \$3,000,000 Is Involved in Deal With Eastern Capitalists

Reports that a big lumber syndicate involving the control and exploitation of California timber lands worth \$3,000,000 is forming in the east were confirmed yesterday by several local men who have intimate personal knowledge of the plans of the promoters.

Whether the plans for the formation of the new timber company have been perfected is unknown here, as no word has been received concerning the result of a conference held by the principal backers of the company in Chicago Tuesday. Those most deeply interested in the deal are Joseph Hotchkiss, owner of large timber tracts in this state; Roy Pike, well known clubman of this city, and Archibald White, a New York banker.

Hotchkiss left San Francisco several days ago to attend the Chicago conference, where he was to meet Pike, White and others who will be interested in the deal. Pike has been east for some time with headquarters at the Gregorian in New York city and is understood to have engineered the scheme to the extent of securing strong eastern financial backing.

Although the details of the syndicate's plans have not been divulged, it is understood that the company now being formed is to take over all the holdings of Hotchkiss, but that he will retain a large interest in the new concern. The lands which will come under control of the syndicate include some of the most valuable timber tracts in the Sierra, and the plans contemplate the exploitation of these lands by the most modern methods.

It is said that arrangements have been made in behalf of the new syndicate for the shipment of large quantities of lumber as soon as mills can be built and put into operation, and that the opening up of some of the tracts will necessitate the building of many miles of railroads. Pike, it is stated, will have a good deal to do with the active management of the concern, and possibly one or two eastern men will come to the coast to look after the interests of the eastern investors.

## FORT BAKER FIGHT FATAL TO SOLDIER

### Private Knocked Down Uncon- scious in Second Round Dies From Hemorrhage

John V. Heffin, private soldier, Tenth company, coast artillery, U. S. A., winner of 20 boxing matches, lies dead at the Presidio morgue, the victim of his twenty-first encounter.

Heffin and Private Willis Elder, Thirty-second company, coast artillery, met in what was to have been a six round encounter in the gymnasium at Fort Baker March 10. Heffin had the best of it in the first round, but in the second round he was knocked to his knees unconscious. He died yesterday from hemorrhage of the brain.

Elder has been ordered into custody by Major John W. Ruckman, commandant at Fort Baker. Lieutenant C. D. Meyer was in charge of the bout.

Boxing contests are regular parts of the athletic program at all military posts in the country and Heffin was considered a particularly fit man for the contest he entered.

Before entering the ring he was examined by Captain William H. Tefft of the medical corps at Fort Baker.

"I found him to be sound and fit to enter the ring," said the surgeon. "But in the second round of the fight he was knocked to his knees. He tried to get up, but fell over unconscious. He remained that way for 30 seconds. He was removed to the post hospital, where he was 'dopey' all night, but he seemed to improve until Sunday, when he was removed to the Presidio hospital."

There were 20 officers and a large number of men from Fort Baker and Fort Barry at the fight. The contestants were good friends and popular athletes, and Heffin was considered the best boxer in the Marine shore army posts.

Major Ruckman said yesterday that no attempt had been made to keep the report of the fight and the illness of Heffin secret.

"There has been no attempt made to keep it quiet," said the commandant, "and now we are to have a full investigation. I am holding Private Willis Elder, who fought Heffin, in custody."

"Both men were considered good boxers. Heffin, since he has been at the post, has been in some 20 matches and was a winner in every one. I was greatly surprised today when I heard that he had died. I was not present at the match."

## UNCLE JOE'S SCALP IS STILL IN PERIL

### Greatest Parliamentary Battle in History of the House of Representatives Results in a Virtual Draw

### ALLIES' RANKS SOLID AFTER NIGHT OF STRIFE

### Final Test of Strength on Mo- tion to Shear Speaker of of His Power Postponed Until Noon Today

### CANNON IN FIERY CLASH WITH INSURGENT LEADER

WASHINGTON, March 18.—After the greatest parliamentary struggle in the history of the house of representatives an adjournment was taken at 4:47 o'clock this afternoon. And the end is not yet in sight, for the result is nothing more nor less than a drawn battle. Cannon's scalp is the prize, and the straggling gray locks of the speaker are in imminent danger of the insurgents' shears. Throughout the day the house resembled a battle ground, and victory seemed to hover over either faction at times. The insurgent-democratic coalition seemed to solidify as the battle raged and held firm despite the efforts of the "regular" whips to cause a breach in the ranks.

### Delay Is Agreed To

When the final roll call came 164 republicans voted to postpone further action on the Norris amendment until tomorrow and 150 democrats and insurgent republicans voted to continue.

With the regular republicans voted 14 of the insurgent following of Norris of Nebraska, who left him and sided with the majority for a postponement. The result, they said, conveyed no significance and did not mean that they had deserted the insurgent cause.

The lull in the long battle apparently was welcomed by both sides, although there was not a cheer of victory from either. When the speaker put the motion to adjourn a general chorus of ayes came from the republican side. The democrats made no protest and there was no answer to the call for noes.

### Almost Full Membership

The house, for the first time in the present session, had almost its full membership on the floor. When the gavel fell the members rose wearily from their seats and filed out through the littered aisles. In five minutes the scene of the record breaking endurance struggle was cleared of its 400 principals, the galleries were emptied of the hundreds of spectators who occupied them constantly for nearly 20 hours, and only a score of janitors moved about, cleaning up the evidences of the fray.

No such series of scenes have been witnessed in congress in recent years. The performance embraced every element from the serio tragic effort to wrest from the speaker the chief source of his power, to the songs, jokes and jests that the members bandied during the long hours of vigil. Always there was the bone of contention between the two opposing sides, over which they fought and wrangled fiercely, but for hours at a time the scene took on the aspect of a comic opera and laughter and applause ruled the house.

### Meaning of Armistice

What of the result? The unusual and almost inexplicable ending caused a thousand questions on the meaning of the armistice. Did it mean that the regulars had won over enough insurgents to obtain a truce in the fight and time enough to rally their forces and form some new plan of action? Or were both sides weary to the limit of physical exhaustion and glad of an opportunity to defer the final struggle for a few hours and give all a chance to freshen themselves for it?

"We have lost nothing," said Representative Norris. "This postponement means nothing more than that we have deferred consideration of my resolution until tomorrow. The issue is not affected at all and the insurgents stand as solidly and unbroken now as they stood 24 hours ago."

Worn and haggard, his unshaven face drawn and pale, and his eyes red and swollen from loss of sleep, the leader of the little band of insurgents that has held the balance of power in the house through one of the most dramatic periods in its history, made this declaration immediately after the

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