

LOVE FEAST OF BOURBONS RUNS RIOT IN ROASTS

Two Years Accumulation of Party Bile Is Oratorically Eliminated

Bell Brands Branch of Democracy as "Palsied With Moral Cowardice"

Friends of Gubernatorial Choice Deliver Tremendous Ovation Following Speech

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH [Special Dispatch to The Call]

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—Savagely grilling Gavin McNab and a portion of San Francisco's democracy as "palsied with moral cowardice," Theodore A. Bell furnished the bright particular feature of the democratic state conference which opened in Los Angeles this morning.

Democracy's state conference was opened with a field day for the oratorical elimination of party bile that had been accumulating for two years. It was an insignificant individual faction, law or condition that failed to come in for a roast, direct or indirect.

Direct Primary Attacked The direct primary law was attacked as a miserable makeshift. The men who drew it and those who enacted it were denounced as scoundrels. The republican party, congress, the tariff law, the California machine and the privileged interests were not overlooked. The representatives of the San Francisco democratic club accused the regulars of packing the San Francisco delegation with office holding dummies.

Gould Waxes Wroth When the McNab forces were routed in the 1908 state conference Gould was among those who did not tarry for the further deliberations of his party in convention assembled. In the parlance of the game he "beat it." Subsequently at a committee meeting in San Francisco Bell and Gould fell out over the makeup of the executive committee.

Bell sarcastically referred to Gould's hurried departure from the convention and Senator John Sanford stands accused of editorial remarks about corporation politics done by the McNab machine.

Gould told the conference today that the editor of an inconspicuous paper had accused him of doing corporation politics and that aforesaid inconspicuous editor was a liar.

Bell Retaliates Bell restrained himself until the conference was about to adjourn. Then he made a proposed amendment to a committee report the excuse for taking the platform. He did not refer to Gould or McNab by name, but his remarks left no room for doubt, and they were greeted with tremendous applause.

"Let it be understood now and for all times," cried Bell, "that there is but one body in control of the democratic party in this state. That is the regularly selected state central committee. We must go to the people with high and patriotic motives combined with enough prudence to give them effect. The majority shall continue to rule the democracy of California. Let us go out promising to strike down the special privileges that are sapping the life blood of this state and some of its communities."

"A gentleman in San Francisco may sneer at me and attempt to criticize me by innuendo or directly. I care not for that. I say to him that when San Francisco and some of its democracy were palsied with moral cowardice I was not afraid to be there on the firing line and to stand there. I propose to keep up to the same old fight. I propose to stay on the firing line because I believe that is where every true soldier belongs. I stand for an open and above board democracy. The democratic mountain in this state will not go to any Mohammed. I am going to submit my case to the people. I am going to look over the heads of men and into the eyes of the people."

MOOSER TAKES EXCEPTION Louis Mooser of San Francisco voiced the only protest after Bell had been given a tremendous ovation. Mooser declared that he was for Bell and would help Bell realize any of his ambitions, but he could not bar an attack on the democracy of San Francisco without protesting.

San Francisco was in the limelight throughout the day. It was San Francisco that furnished the only row before the committee on credentials. The efforts of Bell's friends to head off the San Francisco democratic club's demands for recognition were abortive. There was no failure to deliver the bumping, the anti-McNabites were foredoomed to receive.

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MAKE BLUNDER IN LIGHT CONTRACT Company Asks to Have Agreement Abrogated

BERKELEY, April 12.—Having submitted a bid for arc lights and for an all night schedule of lighting this city, the figures of which they claim were transposed by mistake, the Berkeley electric lighting company wants the council to reconsider the bid. The matter has been referred to City Attorney Frank Stringham for an examination into the lighting company's bid.

Britton claims that the bid submitted for \$6,300 an arc light per month for the all night moonlight schedule, and \$4.50 per light, without regard to the schedule, had been transposed.

The council at its last meeting accepted the \$4.50 rate, thinking it was a bona fide bid, and intended as such by the company.

ROOSEVELT IN SYMPATHY WITH PINCHOT'S AIMS

Indicates Feelings by Agreeing to Deliver Address at Conservation Congress

Efforts Made to Induce Former President to Take Part in Fall Campaign

By JOHN CALLAN O'LOUGHLIN [Special Cable to The Call]

(Copyright by The Tribune Co., Chicago, 1910.) PORTO MAURIZIO, Italy, April 12.—Gifford Pinchot left Porto Maurizio this evening bearing the promise of Theodore Roosevelt that he will deliver an address before the national conservation congress, which will meet somewhere in the middle west in the early part of September.

The fact of Roosevelt's acceptance can only be regarded as an indication that he is in entire sympathy with the fight the former forester has made for the Roosevelt policies as he has interpreted them. When Roosevelt speaks there is no doubt that he will emphatically reiterate the views he has constantly expressed in his annual messages, in his addresses in favor of the protection of the water power sites from the grasp of monopolies, on the preservation of the forests by government regulation and on the exploitation of mineral deposits, etc. That he in any way will attack the Taft administration is not for a moment believed; at the same time he will make clear he stands for the principles he inaugurated in the way he outlined them.

Pinchot Still Smiles Pinchot left Porto Maurizio smiling, but still reticent, though deeply appreciative of Roosevelt's promise to address the organization he created. Unquestionably the men who have followed Pinchot can take real comfort from the simple announcement made today.

Pinchot will arrive in New York about May 1. The address Roosevelt will make before the conservation congress will be one of a number he will deliver. He will speak in Cheyenne the latter part of August, at the John Brown battlefield dedication in Kansas, probably in San Antonio, Tex., and also before the Hamilton club in Chicago.

No expectation need be entertained that he will discuss politics in any of his speeches. The reason is that he believes that he should confine himself entirely to the great principles to which he has committed himself in the past and for which he still stands.

Aid for Campaign Sought Strong efforts are being made to induce Roosevelt to take part in the coming fall campaign. The pressure is coming from all sources and all factions, but he is giving no indication of what he will do. He is being appealed to as the only man who can save the party from certain defeat, the republicans evidently regarding the result in Lovering's district and elsewhere as a warning of what may be expected in November. In this matter also Roosevelt is awaiting until his arrival home before indicating what his decision may be.

Pinchot Bids Roosevelt Adieu BY ASSOCIATED PRESS PORTO MAURIZIO, Italy, April 12.—After spending a second day with Roosevelt, the afternoon being occupied in another long tramp into the mountains, Gifford Pinchot left for Zurich tonight, seemingly in a happy state of mind. He still declined to make any statement with reference to his conference with the former president, but his beaming countenance was as eloquent as words.

"Will you say whether you are satisfied with the result of your visit?" was asked; but Pinchot only smiled broadly.

Roosevelt evidently is not greatly exercised over conclusions that may be drawn in the United States from the announcement made today that he had accepted an invitation from the former chief forester to address the national conservation congress this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt dined alone with Miss Carew at the Carew villa and spent a quiet evening. Kermit with several friends took a motor trip along the coast, extending the journey beyond the French frontier to Monte Carlo, where he dined and passed the evening.

Former Mayor Phelan of San Francisco, who was expected to visit the former president today, failed to put in an appearance.

The businessmen of Porto Maurizio have seized the occasion of Roosevelt's presence and the honorary citizenship conferred upon him to launch a boom for the town, which they hope will soon become the resort of the Italian Riviera and attract foreign visitors, especially Americans.

This afternoon they inaugurated a big scheme to transfer the little harbor into a great port to be rechristened "Porto Umberto." They have also planned extensive improvements in the town.

Present for British Museum LONDON, April 12.—Former President Roosevelt, it is announced, will recognize the English courtesies extended to him by the British Museum.

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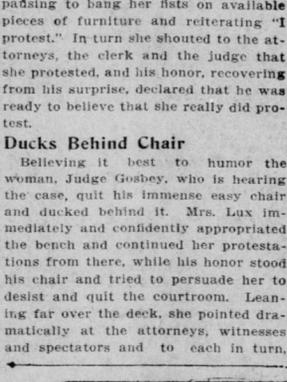
WIFE OF LUX ESTABLISHES HEIR STORMS COURT

Invades Bench, Hammering on the Desks and Shouting "I Protest"

Judge Discreetly Ducks Behind Chair; Woman Is Finally Led Away

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN JOSE, April 12.—Stalking up the aisle, waving her arms and crying, "I protest," Mrs. Charles Lux, wife of the incompetent heir to the estate of the late cattle king of this county, almost broke up the hearing of the investigation into the trustees' accounts this afternoon. Intoxicated and wild eyed, the woman made her way past the attorneys' tables, past the clerk's desk and up the steps to the judge's bench, passing to bang her fists on available pieces of furniture and reiterating "I protest." In turn she shouted to the attorneys, the clerk and the judge that she protested, and his honor, recovering from his surprise, declared that he was ready to believe that she really did protest.

Ducks Behind Chair Believing it best to humor the woman, Judge Gosbey, who is hearing the case, quit his immense easy chair and ducked behind it. Mrs. Lux immediately and confidently appropriated the bench and continued her protestations from there, while his honor stood his chair and tried to persuade her to desist and quit the courtroom. Leaning far over the desk, she pointed dramatically at the attorneys, witnesses and spectators and to each in turn,



calling them by name, remarked: "I have something to say to you."

Before she could say it Bailiff Pixley, who long before had settled himself for his usual comfortable afternoon siesta, had been awakened by the racket and had reached the desk. Persuaded by the bailiff and her husband's attorneys, the woman, still protesting, was led from the courtroom.

The case interrupted today by the plaintiff's wife is one which has attracted general interest. In 1905 Henry Lux left property valued at nearly \$60,000 in trust with two of his daughters, Mrs. Lena MacBride, who occupies the Lux mansion in East San Jose, and Mrs. Lizzie M. Potts of Berkeley, for his son Charles, whom he considered incapable of handling his own affairs.

Conflicting Charges Charles Lux claims that from his estate he has received but a trifle more than \$1,000 and is asking for an accounting from his sisters of their care of the property. His attorneys claim that there is still in money and property about \$37,000, while the trustees assert there is but \$21,000, and give as the reason for the shrinkage that much of the corporation stock which comprised a large part of the estate has depreciated in value and they were forced to sell to meet demands made on the estate. Mrs. Lux is a sister in law of former District Attorney J. H. Campbell, her husband's attorney.

ASKS PERMISSION TO CHANGE HIS POLITICS [Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, April 12.—A petition for the superior court's permission to change his politics from democratic to republican after he had registered with Brighten, who is an aspirant for the position of constable of that township, Moshier intended to register as a republican two years ago, but the registration clerk put him down as a democrat. He was denied nomination blanks to run as a republican, so has brought suit against the county clerk.

Acid Shot in Girl's Face Love Mad Boy Accused

Miss Ruth Frances Wilson, the young woman who was disfigured for life by a fiend who threw acid into her face yesterday afternoon, and facsimile of the introduction of one of the letters with which he had persecuted her.



Heart of a Queen—My dear, I can't resist your power and beauty. I have never seen a girl like you. You are the most beautiful girl I have ever seen. I am sure you will be a great success in life. I am sure you will be a great success in life. I am sure you will be a great success in life.

WOMAN'S ALLEGED "AFFINITY" SUED

Retired Merchant Accuses a Fresno Oil Magnate of Alienating Affections

[Special Dispatch to The Call] FRESNO, April 12.—Declaring that the defendant, James A. Ward, an oil magnate and former chief of the fire department of this city, had so alienated the affections of Taylor's wife by improper conduct that she had left him, P. C. Taylor, a retired cigar merchant of this city, today filed suit in the superior court to recover \$50,000 damages from Ward.

In the complaint are contained allegations of a sensational nature. Taylor alleges that Ward frequently visited his wife while he (Taylor) was away, that he presented her with jewelry and sought in every way to alienate her affection.

The filing of this suit today marks the culmination of trouble which has been brewing since June, 1909. During that month, Taylor came home one night and found Ward at his home. As he threatened violence toward the police were called and both men were taken to police headquarters. Taylor was prostrated afterward by the trouble, but later recovered and went south.

The police endeavored in every way to suppress the incident, but the story of the affair was told by neighbors who witnessed, and it was made public.

FIRE CAUSES PANIC—A fire started in the rear of the store at 1622 Fillmore street occupied by Albert Sinaflov, ladies' tailor, and Mrs. C. A. Walker, milliner, shortly after 8 o'clock Monday night, and a panic was caused among the women and children in a neighborhood adjoining the store. They all got out without any casualty.

CIRCUS COMING TO TOWN—The Sells-Floto circus asked the supervisors' permission yesterday to hold performances in the lot at the corner of Market and Twelfth streets from May 6 to May 9 inclusive.

FIEND MARS WOMAN'S BEAUTY

Squirts Deadly Acid in Face of Miss Ruth Wilson and Makes Escape

YOUTH WHO PERSECUTED GIRL WITH LOVE SOUGHT

Threatened Vengeance When Plea Was Rejected and Is Accused by Victim

DETECTIVES FIND CRIME WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED

WITHIN a few steps of her father's home Ruth Frances Wilson, a beautiful student of the Lowell high school, was the victim of a vicious attack yesterday, which will probably result in the loss of her left eye and the disfigurement of her countenance for life.

From a hidden position behind a high board fence more than an ounce of hydrochloric acid was squirted into the face of the pretty schoolgirl, and while she shrieked with agony the perpetrator of the outrage made his escape. Without the slightest hesitation, however, the victim, her parents and the police charge the fiendish crime to a young man masquerading under the name of a Van Camp Redfern, who for more than 18 months had protested a soul consuming love for the young girl and had burdened her life with his offensive attentions.

Letters Threaten Girl In addition to the direct accusation of Redfern by the family and the police, are numerous letters addressed to the girl by him, in which are portrayed the frantic efforts of the young man to secure recognition of his suit with the threat, should he fail, of wreaking his vengeance on the object of his insane affection.

Taking their inspiration from these missives the police of San Francisco and all the bay cities took up the hunt for the young man last night, and notified the authorities at all points on the coast to keep a watch for him.

Although she had received a threatening letter from Redfern a short time before, Ruth Wilson felt no alarm, and yesterday afternoon left her home at 1624 Octavia street to go to her tailor to have a suit fitted.

Acid Strikes Girl She crossed the street diagonally toward the northwest corner of Sutter and Octavia, where a high board fence incloses a vacant lot. Within 30 feet of the corner her attention was attracted to a hole in the fence by a cough repeated several times. As she turned her head the contents of a large black syringe were squirted into her face. She screamed and tottered forward into the arms of Melrose Mendel, a traveling salesman, of 1495 Post street, who at the time was waiting for a car.

"My eyes are becoming blind!" the girl shrieked. Rubbing frantically at her eyes and the side of her face, the girl endeavored to get away, but Mendel, quickly realizing what had happened, took her into the office of Doctor Herrington at 1529 Sutter street.

As he turned to cross the street with the girl, who was shrieking in agony, Mendel saw a young man jump from behind the fence in Octavia street and run toward Bush.

Recall Threatening Letter Joseph A. Wilson, the girl's father, who is general deputy of the National union, and his wife were quickly notified and as soon as they reached the side of their daughter recalled with horror the last threatening letter which the girl had received from Redfern.

"You will be mine four weeks from today," the love crazed youth wrote, "or by the gods I will launch a worse thunderbolt than Jove himself."

A hasty examination disclosed the fact that the acid had entered the girl's left eye, burning it badly, and after preliminary treatment she was rushed in an automobile to the offices of Dr. Louis C. Deane, an eye specialist in the Union Square building, from which place she was taken to the Mount Zion hospital.

Crime Carefully Planned The police had been notified of the fiendish crime, and within an hour after its commission Detective Sergeant Frank McGrayne with Detectives Robert Wren and Mansfield F. Joy were in possession of all the facts. A search of the ground in back of the fence disclosed a hard rubber syringe five inches long, which still contained some of the powerful acid. The hole in the fence had been newly cut, and alongside of it were the initials "E. W."

Scattered about also were the remains of some sandwiches which had been wrapped in a paper bag, and, constable

CANADIAN TRUSTS TO BE REGULATED

Bill Before Parliament Provides for Commissions to Investigate Combinations

OTTAWA, Ont., April 12.—Regulation of trusts is the object of a government bill which McKenzie King, minister of labor, offered today for adoption by the Canadian parliament.

The bill provides where complaint is made that a trust or a combination is operating unduly to enhance prices or for restraint of trade, a commission shall be appointed with power to make a thorough investigation.

In urging approval of the bill King said its object was not to do away with trusts and combinations. A lesson had been taken from the experiences of the United States, as it had been found impossible to enforce the Sherman law without destroying business, he said.

DEMANDS ANOTHER HOSPITAL INVESTIGATION

Report on Doctor Gassaway Not to Liking of Furseth

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, April 12.—Andrew Furseth has laid before Assistant Secretary Hilles of the treasury a demand for an independent investigation of the San Francisco marine hospital by Special Treasury Agent Arthur F. Statter, who is now in San Diego.

Furseth gave Hilles additional facts and insisted that the treasury should not be content with an investigation of the hospital by its own friends in the marine hospital service.

The report of Doctor Carrington is now in Hilles' hands. It is a clean bill of health for Doctor Gassaway, the purport being that the charges against Gassaway are mere sailors' yarns. Hilles is absent from Washington and will not return until Thursday.

Senator Perkins said today that if another investigation was not ordered soon he would bring the matter again to the attention of the treasury department, with a request for a thorough inquiry.

CRIMINALS SENTENCED—Two years' imprisonment in San Quentin was imposed by Judge Dunne yesterday on Niel Williams, convicted of entering a freighter with intent to rob. Williams Jaffers, who served carpenter's tools, was sent to the same prison for one year by Judge Cabanis.