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**THE WEATHER**  
YESTERDAY—Clear; maximum temperature, 80; minimum, 54.  
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Fair; warm in the morning; cool in the afternoon; light north winds, changing to brisk west.

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## MAY ASSESS ALL OCEAN SHORE STOCKHOLDERS

Courts Will Be Asked to Intervene in Affairs of Bankrupt Railroad

J. Howard Smith of Berkeley Will Enter Suit in the Circuit Division

Will Submit Authorities to Show That State Laws Allow Action

**S**TERN measures are about to be instituted in the affairs of the Ocean Shore railway company, which, if successful, will lead to the promoters and stock holders of the company paying up enough money to put the road on its feet.

Proceedings will be begun in the United States circuit court on Monday next requesting the court to levy an assessment upon the stockholders of the bankrupt Ocean shore railway company and to order Receiver Frederick S. Stratton to "demand, sue for and receive from present and former stock holders of the Ocean Shore railway company sufficient moneys to pay the debts of that corporation." J. Howard Smith of the Hotel Carlton, Berkeley, served notice on the receivers and intervenors that he will bring such intervention. Smith is a bond holder and intervenor in the bankruptcy proceedings.

### Proceedings Are Rare

The proposed proceedings, while not novel, are rare and radical. The purpose is to have the court order the stock holders of the road to pay in money until the finances of the corporation are rehabilitated and the road may be finished. The board of examiners recently reported that the road could be completed for \$3,000,000, and, furthermore, that it should be completed. The examiners were A. W. Foster, Virgil Bogue and Colonel Heuer. The statement of facts in the case, which will be filed with the Smith petition next Monday, will recite that there was at the time the Ocean Shore went into the hands of the receiver, the floating indebtedness was \$1,999,000. Also, that of the authorized bonded indebtedness of \$5,000,000, \$2,102,600 had been issued and \$1,892,900 had been pledged, leaving in the treasury bonds to the par value of \$4,500 and 27 cents in cash.

It will also be asserted that the entire issue of 50,000 shares of capital stock, of the par value of \$100 a share, had been issued, but that no more than \$45 per share had been paid into the capital stock. It will be alleged that the board of directors "have failed and neglected to call in the unpaid capital or further assess the stock holders to pay the debts of the company or complete the construction of its road."

### Will Show Authorities

The aims of the proceedings to be instituted by J. Howard Smith will be described as follows in the petition: "First, to provide funds to pay the most of litigation and the expenses of receivership.

"Second—To preserve intact the covenants of the deed of trust made to the Mercantile trust company.

"Third—To save the property of the company from further loss, to restore its credit and facilitate the completion of the road."

Attached to the petition will be a list of authorities, including the rulings of the late Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court, Judge Ross of the circuit court of this district and other eminent jurists, to show that under the laws of California a court of equity can step in and call assessments on stock holders in corporations which are in the bankruptcy court.

## COLONEL ASTOR BALKS AT PLANS FOR CHILDREN

Divorced Wife Returns to London After Paris Meeting

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LONDON, April 15.—Mrs. Ava Willing Astor has just returned from the hotel Bristol in Paris, where she met Colonel John Jacob Astor, who she divorced, and their son, Vincent Astor.

A formal family council was held regarding Vincent Astor's visits to his mother and in relation to certain financial arrangements.

Mrs. Astor's friends have gained the impression that she did not carry all her points, as Colonel Astor insisted that some of his wishes should be carried out.

Mrs. Astor's plan was to take her son and daughter to Cannes, but it was arranged finally that she and her children should go to Waldorf, Astor's residence, Cliveden, where they will remain until Vincent Astor returns to New York.

The laundry drivers' union reports that the ball it recently gave in Golden Gate Commandery hall for the benefit of the Anti-Japanese laundry league has netted \$109, but when all outstanding tickets are accounted for the amount probably will be increased to \$120.

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**BELL'S OPPONENTS MAY SPLIT PARTY**  
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[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
LOS ANGELES, April 15.—Efforts to induce Joseph Call to oppose Theodore Bell in the primaries as candidate for Governor have caused a tremendous uproar in the ranks of the Los Angeles democracy, and unless Call positively declines the party is likely to be rent asunder.

Simultaneously with the publication in a democratic newspaper of a signed statement by Albert Norton, county chairman, reaffirming his adherence to Bell, there appeared in W. R. Hearst's local newspaper "Interviews" with a dozen or more prominent democrats advocating Call for governor. This stirred up a hornet's nest.

While Norton was declining to reiterate his advocacy of Bell, presumably because he did not wish to antagonize the Hearst faction, several of those "interviewed" in the Hearst newspaper were repudiating the published statements and declaring themselves first, last and all the time for Bell for governor, for Timothy Spellacy for lieutenant governor and for Call as railroad commissioner.

Spellacy's candidacy has just been announced, and it is declared that this action has turned a number from Call to Bell on the horns' nest.

Candidates for both governor and lieutenant governor should not be from the southern part of the state.

Stripped of fireworks and oratory, the situation appears to be that Call will be persuaded against becoming a candidate for governor and that the Bell adherents will prevail over the Hearst faction that is now endeavoring to induce Call to enter the race.

**BREAKS MILE RECORD**  
LOS ANGELES, April 15.—The Los Angeles high school relay team yesterday broke the world's preparatory school record for a mile, covering the distance in 2:27.15. The former holder of the record was the manual training high school of Brooklyn, at 2:30 1-5.

## AUSTRIA PAYS ROYAL HONORS TO ROOSEVELT

Home of Unyielding Aristocracy Bows Before Representative of Democracy

Former President Is Cheered by Throngs on His Arrival in Vienna

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

VIENNA, April 15.—Here in the most aristocratic city of the most aristocratic country in the world, Theodore Roosevelt, a democratic representative of the most democratic republic that ever existed, was received imperially by the government and enthusiastically by the people.

The Sudan gave Roosevelt a welcome when he emerged from the jungle that was barbarous in its setting of barbaric splendor. Egypt threw off her lethargy of ages to greet the distinguished American, and was aroused by his daring attack upon the assassination of her ruler. Italy gave him a royal and popular reception, the latter especially at Porto Maurizio, which could not have been eclipsed by a town of equal size anywhere in America.

### Paid Royal Honors

Here in Austria, the seat of the most powerful aristocracy, the home of unyielding etiquette, this democrat, who last night mingled in a train with fellow Americans as a man among men, today had imperial honors paid him and carried them off with the same equanimity and the same characteristic camaraderie he displays at home. It is hardly necessary to say that Roosevelt is not at all dazed at what is being done for him. As a matter of fact, he accepts it as his right, just as every good American should. He has not sought the audiences which are being accorded him, as they have come to him, and this is a gratifying thing to American pride, because he is looked upon as a vigorous representative of a vigorous and powerful republic of the new world.

Roosevelt has said time and time again that no matter how great a man might be, he would receive comparatively slight recognition were not his country strong. And he finds in the receptions that are being extended to him less cause for personal gratification than as a demonstration of the wisdom of his policy for a strong navy, of which he has consistently been an advocate.

### Blow at Aristocracy

To say that Roosevelt's stay in Austria is entirely pleasing to the aristocracy probably would be untrue; not that they do not admire and respect him as one of the very great men of the world, but because he typifies a triumphant democracy, and because he is a striking illustration to the people of the power they have in themselves. The Austrian aristocracy is breaking down. The people are shaking from their limbs its shackles. Their realization of what Roosevelt is and of what he typifies was demonstrated again and again today when thousands of people collected before his hotel to see him leave and re-enter, and when other thousands lined the sidewalks along the palace or the emperor's hussars' parade ground, and by their respectful removal of their hats, followed by the explosive "Hohoho," the national form of approval, and the handclapping by the women.

Baron von Hengelmueller, Austrian ambassador at Washington, as representative in person of the sovereign met Roosevelt at the railroad station, as did American Ambassador R. C. Kerens and his staff. Count Aerenthal received him promptly after breakfast, which paved the way, according to official etiquette, to an audience with the emperor.

### Power of Democracy

"He is receiving precisely the same honors as Kaiser Wilhelm or any other powerful sovereign," remarked one noble with some awe. It was a striking evidence to him of the position democracy has assumed in the world.

It is natural that there should be some slight friction in a country such as this, but that which thus far has occurred seems almost too trivial to mention. For instance, some Americans here believe the American ambassador should have had charge of Roosevelt and not the Austrian ambassador. Kerens dismissed this suggestion by saying that Roosevelt long ago had made arrangements for visiting Austria and Hungary through Baron Hengelmueller and that some sensational journals would like to stir up trouble between Austria and the Huns by using Roosevelt for this purpose. Roosevelt is tactfully keeping out of all such situations. His every step is carefully considered before being taken in order that he may not tread upon tender toes of any one. At the same time Roosevelt is proceeding on the theory that the right thing is the right thing to do, just as he did in Rome.

### Nobles Anxious to Please

Picturesque, the drill of the emperor's hussars today was more interesting as showing the anxiety of the

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## FATE COMBINES IN CAPTURE OF BRUTAL SLAYER

Charles J. Wezler, Who Murdered Mother of Divorced Wife, Is Caught

Arrested as Suspicious Character and Recognized by Police From Photo

A fateful combination of circumstances led to the imprisonment here yesterday of Charles J. Wezler, who brutally murdered his divorced wife's mother, Mrs. Henry Schulz, at Gig Harbor, near Tacoma, April 4. Wezler was traced to this city through letters addressed to Mrs. Alma Lottie Freeman, with whom he lived in Portland, apprehended through the vigilance of Edward Pidgeon, mounted patrolman, who arrested the murderer merely as a suspicious character, and identified while in the docket at the city prison by detectives who had seen photographs of the slayer sent here by Chief of Police J. M. Duley of Tacoma. He was positively identified later by Mrs. Freeman in a dramatic scene in the prison. The woman fainting when Wezler denied he ever had seen her.

**Prisoner Breaks Down**  
Confronted with indisputable evidence, founded upon the murderer's actions here since his arrival from Portland by steamer April 8, the prisoner later broke down, under a grueling examination, and admitted his identity. He still denied, however, that he murdered Mrs. Schulz. This the Tacoma officials declare they can prove, and Chief Duley telegraphed congratulations to the local police last night. The authorities of Pierce county, Washington, offered a reward of \$500 a few days ago for Wezler's arrest.

Feeling in the north has run high since the crime, for Wezler, nursing a sense of wrong against his former mother in law, whom he accused of having come between him and his wife, lured her to a lonely part of the forest near Gig Harbor by a decoy letter telling of the illness of Mrs. F. Haberecht, another daughter. Wezler concealed himself along the road Mrs. Schulz had to take and shot her as she hastened to her daughter's home. Then he beat her head to a pulp with a club and dragged the body into the brush, where it was not found until April 9.

### May Attempt Lynching

Chief Duley will send a special guard to take the murderer north. It is feared the citizens of Tacoma may attempt to lynch him.

The local detective department had Wezler so surrounded that he never could have escaped, even had Policeman Pidgeon, riding his beat on the Great Highway about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, not arrested the murderer as a suspicious character. Detective Sergeants Tim Bailey and Farrell had located the residence of Mrs. Alma Lottie Freeman at 1003 1/2 Valencia street and from her obtained postal cards and letters that acquainted them with the fact that Wezler intended to be at Dunn's saloon, 1118 Market street, to meet Mrs. Freeman yesterday morning.

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Stanford was represented by three seniors, P. J. Badkin, J. E. Shelton and G. F. Mordan, while three under class men, J. J. Miller, F. M. Shipper and N. B. Drury, carried off the honors for the state university.

President David Starr Jordan presided at the debate, which was held in assembly hall. Many women present applauded vigorously the utterances of the Stanford team, but Shipper scored heavily and presented what was judged to be the most convincing address.

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## MURDERER, TRACED BY LETTERS, IS CAPTURED

The top picture is of the man believed to be Charles J. Wezler, wanted at Tacoma for the murder of his mother in law. Below is a portrait of Mrs. Lottie Freeman, through whom he was traced, and also a facsimile of Wezler's handwriting.



## CRIME OF OLD AGE CAUSES DISCHARGE

Thirty Years of Faithful Service No Excuse With the Government

The United States government discharged two of the oldest men in the customs service yesterday. Benjamin F. Small, 75 years old and for more than 30 years in the service, was the first one to go. He was old and had outlived his usefulness, so he was discharged.

Small had \$68 coming, and when he was handed the few dollars and told that his services were no longer needed he broke down and cried. He has an invalid wife. During the last few months he had been absent from his duty, as inspector at the sugar refinery, on account of sickness.

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## King Edward's Brother Will Visit Chicago

CHICAGO, April 15.—Reservations were made at a Chicago hotel today for the duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward VII, who expects to visit Chicago in August.

## Reservations Made at Hotel for Duke of Connaught

D. J. MURPHY, business agent of butchers' union No. 1, said yesterday that there was a greater demand for Saturday workers than there had been for two months. There was a job for every unemployed man.

## BEATS ADMIRER OF HIS SISTER

Young Railroadman Takes It Out Upon Caller to Whom He Objects

OAKLAND, April 15.—Fred Carlson, a strapping young Southern Pacific company yard employe, objected to the attention which R. J. Gray, a clerk in the Southern Pacific offices at Thirteenth street and Broadway, was paying to pretty Carrie Carlson, Fred's sister.

Gray called at the Carlson home, 1317 Eighth street, Wednesday evening to meet the young woman. Instead he encountered the belligerent brother, who set upon the visitor and gave him a severe drubbing.

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## ACID THROWER DODGES POLICE IN LONG CHASE

Suspect Proves His Innocence by Facing Girl's Parents After Arrest

Ruth Frances Wilson, Her Mother and Girl Friend Deny Flirtation Story

"No matter how long it takes or what the difficulties, the pursuit of Van Camp Redfern will be prosecuted vigorously until that young man is captured and placed in jail. Every resource available to this department will be drawn on and I am confident that before very long he will be in custody. It is evident that he is being protected by those with whom he lived recently and this may delay his arrest, but he will be run down." Chief of Police John B. Martin.

Failure to capture Van Camp Redfern, accused of throwing acid in the face of pretty Ruth Frances Wilson, resulted in the issuance of orders by Chief of Police Martin yesterday in which he directed his subordinates to redouble their efforts to bring to justice the alleged perpetrator of the fiendish crime.

### Suspect Proves Innocence

Early in the day A. D. Scott of 2313 Bancroft way, Berkeley, took into custody R. C. Padgett, the young man who pawned an overcoat at the Attell loan office April 2 and exhibited to the broker the portrait of a beautiful young girl, about whom he wove a tale of romance. Padgett had the photograph in his possession and at once agreed to come to San Francisco to face the parents of Ruth Wilson at their residence, 1624 Octavia street.

He did not answer the description of the missing Redfern and his innocence was quickly established. The photograph of the girl exhibited by Padgett resembled that of Ruth Wilson in a general way, but proved to be a likeness of Miss Sarah Sweet, formerly of New York, but now residing with her mother at 2632 Durant avenue, Berkeley.

After the elimination of Padgett the police quickly disposed of the fanciful story told by R. Peterson, the amateur detective who declared that he saw Redfern on a Haight street car Thursday morning.

### Former Convict Tracked

This was followed by the elimination of a former convict, who answered the description of Redfern and excited the interest of Detective Sergeant McGeehan and Detective Robert Wren for several hours.

The police received telegrams from Sissons, Salinas and Monterey to the effect that a young man answering Redfern's description had been seen in those places.

### Injured Girl Improves

While the police were pursuing the young man accused of the crime Ruth Wilson showed further improvement at the hospital, although early yesterday she suffered great pain. Dr. Louis C. Deane, the eye specialist, said last night that the condition of her left eye was still very critical.

Joseph A. Wilson, father of the pretty victim, accompanied by his wife, visited the girl several times during the day. During one of these visits the contents of a sensational article published yesterday morning were inadvertently made known to the patient. The article stated that Ruth Wilson on one occasion had allowed Redfern to make desperate love to her in the garden at the side of the family residence while her mother watched from near-by shrubbery. The little patient indignantly denied the implied reflection on her character, and was greatly grieved over the injustice done her.

### Sensational Story False

Miss Ruth Squires, a daughter of Rev. J. E. Squires, and a companion of Ruth Wilson, was given as authority for the sensational recital, while some of the details were supposed to have been supplied by her brother.

To a representative of The Call Miss Squires yesterday morning indignantly denied ever having given the slightest ground for the attack on Miss Wilson, and characterized the published interview as vicious and slanderous.

Mrs. Wilson resented the imputation that she had looked on while her daughter made love to a youth who had been absolutely repulsive.

The fact that Redfern was repulsive to Miss Wilson was also brought out yesterday by youthful boy companions of the girl who had paid her marked attention and were frequently at the family residence. Walter Dimmore, son of a prominent businessman and a student at the Lowell high school, who seemed to have divided highest honors in the girl's esteem, declared yesterday that Redfern had been looked upon as a common pest and not in the light of a rival.

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