

"A NIGHT IN THE PORT OF
BROKEN HEADS"
Maybe You'd Like to Visit It?
—See—
The Sunday Call Next Sunday

THE CALL



THE WEATHER
YESTERDAY Clear; southwest wind;
maximum temperature, 72; minimum, 52.
FORECAST FOR TODAY Cloudy, un-
settled, with possible showers in morning; light
southwest wind, changing to west.

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BOYS DEFEATED THROUGH LACK OF PLAYGROUND

Interscholastic Track Meet at
Stanford Shows City Pupils
Thoroughly Outclassed

Three Local High Schools Fail
to Score Single Point in
the Contest

Declare Youngsters' Chances
Were Destroyed by Want
of Practice

Points Made by Schools
At Interscholastic Meet

Chico high	17
Oakland high	16
San Jose high	12
Berkeley high	11
Los Angeles high	10
Lick school (S. F.)	9
Alameda high	8
Headlands high	6
Hood River (Ore.) high	5
Los Angeles polytechnic	5
Fort Bragg high	3
San Mateo high	3
Ventura high	3
Fremont high	1
Harvard school (L. A.)	1
Mission high (S. F.)	1
Palo Alto high	1
San Barbara high	1

The following schools scored no points:

Belmont school, Benicia high, Clovis high, Cogswell (S. F.), Esposito Union high, Kern high, Lowell high (S. F.), Manzanita hall (Palo Alto), Mendocino high, Oakland polytechnic high, Redlands high, Richmond high, San Benito high, Santa Clara high, San Francisco polytechnic high, St. Helena high, Sutter high, Ukiah high.
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LACK of playgrounds, proper facilities and space are the reasons given for the overwhelming defeat of the students of the San Francisco schools at the fifth annual interscholastic track meet held at Stanford Saturday and so significant was the hopeless outclassing of the boys in this city in athletics that redoubled efforts will be made by the playground commission and the board of education to remedy the defect and to give to the boys of the city at least an equal opportunity of physical development as that afforded to his country cousins.

At the meet Chico won hands down. San Francisco with its thousands of boys to draw from was utterly in the background. Three of the local high schools that were entered in the meet failed to score a single point, and of the two others Mission high school won a single point and Lick school with nine points being sixth on the list.

Complaints of Children

The complaint of the children for more than a year has been that they had no facilities for development, no track meet, no apparatus. And their complaint was seen to be justified by the manner in which they struggled against the better builds and better development of their competitors.

None doubted their gameness and their pluck, but the youngsters did not have a chance. For more than a year their energies had been systematically suppressed and the ultimate result was that when the test came they were found woefully wanting.

It was a bitter dose for the boys to swallow and the bitterness was all the more in the realization that if given half a chance they would have turned defeat into victory.

Payot Repeats Protest

"What else can be expected," said Henry Payot, a member of the board of education, "in the face of the conditions here? I have maintained always that there should be more playgrounds, more space for the children. As it is, I consider it almost criminal to keep the young people crouched up all day in classrooms and then send them out at recess time into a small yard, where one can not run three yards without bumping into some one else.

"At first sight it is surprising that San Francisco, with all its material, was beaten so badly at the track meet, but all the material in the world is useless unless the elders of the community see that it is properly developed.

Facilities Are Needed

Walter N. Bush, principal of the Polytechnic school, took a similar stand.

"We have the material," he said, "but lack the facilities. At present the only place in which the children have is the stadium in the park. In many cases this requires an hour's journey for the pupil, and the children can not afford the time after their school hours.

"The city needs some running tracks, more handball courts, more

Have You Been Counted By the Census Man?

If not, or if you have any doubt, fill out this coupon and mail it to G. B. Baldwin, supervisor of census, 507 Chronicle building, phone Sutter 551.

On April 15, 1910, I was living at address given below, but to the best of my knowledge I have not been enumerated there or anywhere else.

Name.....
Street and No.....
City.....

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BINGER HERMANN HAS A SERIOUS ILLNESS

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 24.—Binger Hermann, former congressman from Oregon, although seriously ill, is reported tonight by his physician to be a little better. He was able today to return to his bed, having been unable for several days to rest in a reclining posture. The swelling in the vicinity of the spleen is growing less.

DR. W. F. BARBAT PUTS BULLET IN HIS OWN HEART

Well Known Physician Commits
Suicide as Result of Ill
Health and Grief

Takes Three Poisons Before
Using Pistol to End His
Sufferings

Three doses of poison and a bullet through the heart, fired by his own hand, yesterday morning ended the life of Dr. William F. Barbat, widely known in the local medical profession and at one time a member of the San Francisco board of health. The suicide occurred in Doctor Barbat's offices in the Hastings building. He is believed to have been temporarily deranged from brooding over his ill health and the shock of his mother's death a week ago.

The fatal shot is believed to have been fired about 7 o'clock in the morning, but the body was not discovered until shortly after 10 o'clock. Dr. G. M. McNeve, a dentist, who occupies adjoining offices, in answer to the insistent telephoning of Mrs. Barbat, looked through a crack in the door and saw the prostrate body of Doctor Barbat.

Insanity Theory Strengthened

The theory held by members of the family that a temporary fit of insanity caused the act is strengthened by two short notes addressed to his wife. These were written in a wild style, holding no resemblance to Doctor Barbat's handwriting, and are essentially the same. The first reads:

"To my dear Emily: I leave friendship to you and Billy Boy."
"Billy Boy" is the pet name of Doctor Barbat's 4 year old son.

The second note is identical, with the exception that it adds the word "love" to "friendship."

Disorder marked the scene of the suicide. All the drawers of the medicine cabinets were open and bottles were scattered about in a manner to suggest that the physician had ransacked the office for means of ending his life.

Three Poisons Taken

Three poisons were taken by the dead man before the agony of suffering drove him to use his pistol. Carbolic acid, lysol and cyanide of potassium were taken in quantities which might have been sufficient to cause death. The table was littered with other poisons. The empty box in which the potassium was kept was found in a bucket, indicating that this poison probably was taken first.

To insure the accurate passage of the bullet Doctor Barbat drew a circle with a purple copy pencil on his white vest directly over his heart, and through the center of this the leaden missile entered.

The pistol used was identified as the one they deceased carried about with him on his night calls.

Doctor Barbat had been in bad health. He recently suffered a severe attack of grip, but he displayed no signs of mental derangement. Last Sunday his mother died, and this worried him greatly. His practice was extensive and forced him to work under a high strain, which is believed to have caused the breakdown.

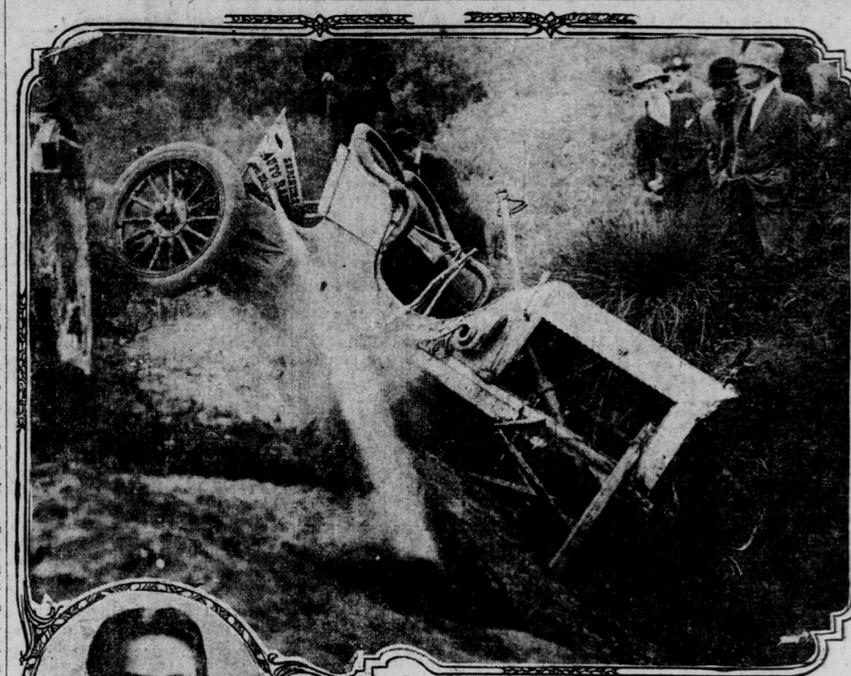
He was a Mystic Shriner and had participated in the festivities of the week. Saturday night he was out with a party of Shriners until a late hour. He attended the races at Ingleside Saturday afternoon and yesterday morning before leaving his home he had given his wife two tickets for the automobile races yesterday afternoon, saying that he would return in time to accompany her. This was at 5:30 o'clock in the morning, when he arose in answer to a telephone call from one of his patients. He told his wife that he would have to go to his office to get his medicine case and he kissed his baby boy and left with a cheery adieu.

Absence Causes Alarm

Telephone calls began to come into his home, from patients that he had arranged appointments with and Mrs. Barbat became anxious and communicated with Doctor MacNeve. The latter went to the office and found a number of patients standing in the hall waiting for Doctor Barbat.

Looking through the letter latch of the door, Doctor MacNeve saw Doctor Barbat's body on the floor.

RACING AUTO HITS FENCE DRIVER DANGEROUSLY HURT



The wrecked motor car, as it came to a stop after crashing through the outer fence on the Ingleside track and plunging down a steep grade, and William Nelson, driver of the car, who is dangerously hurt.



HARRY THAW FINDS CHANGE IN EVELYN

"Your Poetic Figure Has Passed
Away," He Tells Her, and
Dispute Continues

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, May 24.—Harry K. Thaw is mourning because his wife is growing stout. "Your poetic figure has passed away," he said to her the moment he saw the former model when she visited at Matineau Saturday afternoon. "But you are still beautiful," he made haste to add.

For some time the two bantered each other about their increasing weight and Thaw begged his wife to walk up and down the room that he might see her better. Then they took up the often discussed question of a settlement.

Mr. Thaw declined to consider anything but going abroad to study sculpture, but his husband insisted as firmly that she should study in America.

"It will be only for a little while until I am released," he told her, but the interview ended with no agreement in sight.

On the drive back to Fishkill Landing Mrs. Thaw and Doctor Sillo, who accompanied her, met an open carriage in which Mrs. Mary C. Thaw and her daughter, the former countess of Yarmouth, were riding. Mrs. Mary Thaw spoke cordially to Doctor Sillo and ordered her carriage stopped. Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, however, curtly told her driver to hurry on without so much as looking at her mother in law.

SUICIDE FEARED HARD TIMES WOULD RETURN

Closing of Northwestern Shingle Mill Causes Tragedy

Absence Causes Alarm

HEALDSBURG MARSHAL IS SHOT ACCIDENTALLY

Condition Critical; Revolver Fell From Pocket

TAMMANY'S OLD BOSS HOMESICK

Richard Croker, Before Leaving
Gotham, Tells Friends He
Will Return to Stay

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, April 24.—Richard Croker, the old time Tammany boss, will return to New York before the summer is over to make this city his permanent home. When Croker sailed for Ireland on the Lusitania on Wednesday he had apparently decided to surrender to the call of Gotham, and imparted the fact to several friends who went to the steamer to bid him farewell. During his stay in town following his return from Palm Beach, he confided to some of his intimates that he had tired of the old country of late and had frequently experienced the pangs of homesickness.

"There is no town like New York in the world," he said to John Seannell, "and it is getting more wonderful and attractive every year. After a man has spent nearly fifty years of his life here and formed strong friendships and attachments, he can not go away and find others to take their places.

"I think I will come back to stay. Though I shall spend a month or two in England and Ireland each year, I shall always spend my winters in Palm Beach.

"I shall not take any active part in politics. I am through with that sort of thing forever."

It was learned today that Croker made some heavy investments in Bronx and Long Island property before sailing.

BOYS' FIGHT TO SAVE COMRADE IS FUTILE

Youth Bathing in Surf Falls Victim to Undertow

OCEANO, April 24.—Caught in the swirl of an undertow while bathing with his two brothers and Charles Everett, a friend, Paul Sanford, 16 years old, was drowned in the surf here today. His body was swept seaward and has not been recovered.

Sanford's brothers and Everett made a desperate effort to save the lad, and in the attempt they nearly met the same fate. They were rapidly swept along by the current when strong swimmers from shore and two men in a boat reached them and dragged them from the water.

Medical aid was summoned, and it was with much difficulty that the young men were restored to consciousness.

SAN JOSE-OAKLAND RUN MADE IN 55 MINUTES

Southern Pacific Train Makes Record on Cutoff

SAN JOSE, April 24.—A special train carrying 200 excursionists from San Jose to see today's ball games in Oakland and San Francisco made a run from this city to San Francisco this morning in the remarkable time of 55 minutes.

CAPTIVE BALLOON CRASHES TO EARTH

Huge Basket Tumbles 200 Feet
and Woman Is Seriously
Injured

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, April 24.—Four passengers, three of them women, and an aeronaut had a thrilling escape from death tonight when a captive balloon operated in Oak park was torn to pieces by a high wind and the huge basket and occupants fell to the ground from a height of 200 feet. An unknown man and wife were seriously injured and two girls, Norma Riddie and Flora Flower, and the aeronaut, Earl Wayne, were bruised.

The balloon was at a height of 1,000 feet when it was blown out of its course by the wind and the cable rested across an electric power line. For fear the contact of the wires might sever the cable the operators would not haul in the balloon, and the big bag was tossed about like a feather in a heavy wind for half an hour, the passengers all becoming seasick.

Finally the wind tore a rent in the bag, and with the gas escaping the balloon floated toward the earth, while several thousand spectators stood breathlessly watching.

When about 200 feet up the whole affair collapsed and was dashed to the ground. The unknown woman was badly injured and was rushed to a physician.

JOHNSON TO FLY AT MERCED MAY 4

Aviation Exhibition Will Close Foresters' Convention

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MERCED, April 24.—At a mass meeting called by the chamber of commerce last night the services of Colonel Frank H. Johnson, the well known aviator of San Rafael, who was one of the exhibitors of the art of flying at the recent meets in Los Angeles and Fresno, were engaged for the afternoon of May 4.

The state convention of foresters will be held here at that time and Johnson and his aeroline are to be the attractions closing the fraternal gathering.

A big grandstand will be constructed at Aviation park, and the railroads have agreed to run special excursions from neighboring towns to Merced on the day of the flight.

MISSING MILLIONAIRE IS FOUND IN HOTEL

Located in Ann Arbor After Four Day Search

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 24.—Norman P. Cummings, millionaire real estate owner of Chicago and California, who mysteriously disappeared from Chicago Wednesday with a large amount of cash and several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry on his person, was located in a local hotel where he had been staying since the middle of last week. Cummings says he came to Ann Arbor to visit his mother. He says he left Chicago on the spur of the moment, but he has not communicated with his wife, and she will join him here, and the two will then leave for California.

TRAGEDY AT SHRINERS' RACES

William Nelson's High Powered
Roadster Throws Wheel and
Plunges From Track

YOUNG DRIVER'S LIFE
MAY PAY FOR SPEED

Mechanician Hurlled 20 Feet,
but Escapes With Compar-
atively Slight Injuries

ACCIDENT AT INGLESIDE
WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS

IN the last event of the two day automobile race meet at Ingleside yesterday, and in full sight of over 10,000 spectators, William Nelson, driving a high powered four cylinder roadster in the five mile handicap for members of the Mystic Shrine, crashed through the heavy wooden fence bounding the outer edge of the second turn on the mile track and sustained injury that may cause his death. His wife was watching from the grandstand as the 24 year old driver met with his all but fatal mishap. His father, Fernando Nelson, was driving in the same race.

Mechanician Thrown 20 Feet

The auto dished a wheel on the turn, and after tearing the fence away, shot down a steep embankment, piling up in a ditch. A. B. Bright, Nelson's mechanician, was thrown 20 feet as the machine struck, but was tossed into a marshy spot. His left wrist was badly sprained and his right knee torn and bruised.

Ben Kerschler, a famous driver, also went through a fence in the 10 mile handicap, when the steering knuckle on his big 100 horsepower Darracq broke, but as a cloth fence had been substituted at the place for the heavy wooden affair, the driver was not even scratched.

New Record Made

Barney Oldfield, "the speed king," himself hung up a new mark yesterday in the mile, devouring the distance in the time of 51.56-100 seconds, a second better than his record Saturday, when he set a new coast record by shattering the time of 56 seconds made by him here some six years ago in the Winton Bullet.

Nelson, whose father, Fernando, is a wealthy contractor, and himself the holder of speed records, was removed to the city and county hospital, in the Ingleside grounds, with Bright, the mechanician.

Mounted police, always on the alert during the two day meet, were quick at the scene of the disaster, and the crowd was driven back. Dr. R. F. Tomlinson took charge of the two injured men and discovered that Nelson's most serious injury was a deep cut, extending to the bone, that completely encircled the right eye, caused by a board from the fence flying up and striking the autoist. The physician found it necessary to close the circular wound with 139 stitches.

Internal Injuries Feared

At a late hour last night Doctor Tomlinson announced that, aside from the possibility of internal injuries, Nelson was not dangerously hurt. His body is badly bruised and lacerated in numerous places.

When the accident occurred the young man was driving his car at a speed of about 40 miles an hour. Given a place some seconds behind W. T. Warren, in his Matheson, Nelson was striving to overtake his rival. He came down the backstretch at a terrific clip, his mechanician pumping busily and nursing every inch of speed out of the machine. The turn was taken without pinching down, and as the auto swung into the tangent the strain upon the outer front wheel proved too much and it caved. In a wink the flying vehicle was through the fence and over the bank, while a heavy cloud of dust obscured the details of the accident from the spectators.

Fernando Nelson, driving his record breaking Columbia in the same race, passed the scene of the mishap without noting it. In the tense excitement of the race, but on the second round he stopped. George Nelson, the young amateur driver whose work with his Oakland during the two days' meet has made him locally famous, was on the scene immediately, and the two accompanied the injured men to the hospital.

Heavy Outer Fence Left

Both inner fences on the two turns were taken out and light cloth fences,