

COAST BUSINESS TO CLEAR FOR ACTION TODAY

Opening Meeting of Representative Western Men Will Begin at 2 P. M.

Auto Ride About City Will Precede Session; Big Reception Tonight

PACIFIC COAST CONGRESS AT PALACE HOTEL. PROGRAM FOR TODAY

9:30 a. m.—Automobile ride about the city, starting from Palace hotel.

2 p. m.—Organization of Pacific coast congress in the Palace hotel ballroom. Called to order by Frank B. Anderson, president of the Merchant Marine League. Governor James N. Gillett introduced as temporary chairman. Address of welcome by Governor Gillett and Mayor P. H. McCarthy. Election of permanent officers, president, nine vice presidents, secretary, treasurer.

8:30 p. m.—Reception to delegates and visitors at congress in the ballroom of the Palace hotel by the California club, Mrs. Lovell White, chairman, assisted by representative committee. The Pacific coast congress will hold its first session today and will continue its sessions Friday and Saturday at the Palace hotel. Men prominent in the affairs of the west will be present and delegates will attend from California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii.

The subjects of most importance to the Pacific coast will be discussed, including the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine, a Pacific battleship fleet, permanent organization of the congress and the Panama-Pacific exposition.

This evening the California club reception will be held.

Friday evening a banquet will be given at the Palace hotel.

Saturday afternoon the delegates will be taken for a ride on the bay on the Western Pacific ferry boat Telephone.

Pacific coast interests will receive a decided impetus, beginning today, when the first session of the Pacific coast congress is held in the ballroom at the Palace hotel. The congress has been called under the auspices of the Merchant Marine League and the commercial organizations of San Francisco. While the subject which may be said to have inspired the congress is the rehabilitation of the American marine through national legislation, other topics of prime importance to the Pacific coast will be discussed. The four big themes of the congress will be: Rehabilitation of the American merchant marine. A Pacific battleship fleet.

Pacific expositions—The Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

Permanent organization of the Pacific coast congress. The states and territories to be represented by delegates, many of whom have already arrived, are: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Alaska, Hawaii.

METHOD IN DISPUTE

The question of ship subsidy and the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine will be the big issue of the congress. While the delegates may be held to be committed to the need of rehabilitation of the American merchant marine, the method by which the federal government may accomplish that upbuilding will be debated before the congress.

Two opposing views will be presented. The Humphreys ship subsidy bill, which provides that vessels of 15 knots speed shall receive the subsidy now accorded vessels of 20 knots for mail carrying, will be presented for approval and its passage by the national congress urged by George W. Dickie of San Francisco. Representative George A. Bartlett of Nevada and J. R. McLaughlin of Seattle. In opposition to this solution of the marine problem William W. Bates, former commissioner of navigation in the United States and author of two important books on the subject of maritime laws and commerce, will present his views.

NOTED MARINE AUTHOR

Bates will be the most picturesque figure in the congress. He is a venerable man who has devoted the last 40 years, half of his life, to the problems of American navigation and the merchant marine. He is the author of "American Marine" and "American Navigation" and of numerous magazine articles and pamphlets on the subject. Bates will appear before the congress Friday morning and present his views. He arrived at the Palace hotel yesterday, accompanied by his daughter, Dr. Mary E. Bates, a physician of Denver, where Bates also lives.

Bates is the proponent of the theory of rehabilitating the merchant marine by discriminating duties and a revival of the tonnage tax, which was the original form of protection, or "encouragement" of American shipping devised by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

"The authority for this form of support and encouragement of American shipping," said Bates yesterday afternoon, "is given in clause 8, section 8, article 1 of the constitution of the United States, which empowers congress 'to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states and with the Indian tribes.' Congress originally provided the methods of the tonnage tax and duties, but they were suspended by congress under the administration of John Quincy Adams, through conventions and treaties with other nations. Those other nations have since by trick and device assisted their shipping, while ours has been neglected."

TONNAGE TAX EXPLAINED

"A tonnage tax is an arrangement by which vessels entering American ports are taxed in proportion to their carrying capacity. Under the original law in force in this country American built and owned ships were taxed 6 cents a ton, foreign built ships under the American flag or owned by Americans were taxed 20 cents a ton, and vessels built and owned by foreigners were taxed 50 cents a ton, which last tax was later raised to \$1 a ton. Under that system American ships could charge less freight than foreign ships, and in that way make up for the higher cost of construction.

"The other method of aiding the upbuilding of the American marine is by discriminating tariffs. This system would be arranged that goods brought into America from foreign countries would secure a tariff rebate or pay less duties; goods brought into America from a foreign country and carried on vessels flying the flag of the shipping country would pay a higher rate, and goods brought into the United States from a foreign country in a ship of a third country, foreign to both the shipping and the importing countries, would pay a still higher duty."

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King and Queen Chosen for Fete



Erminia Guinasso, chosen queen of the Mardi Gras carnival, 661,959 votes having been cast by her friends during exciting campaign.

Angelo Ferroggiaro, elected king of the North beach carnival by securing 662,382 votes in the contest.

RULERS ELECTED FOR CARNIVAL

Angelo Ferroggiaro Is King and Erminia Guinasso Queen of North Beach Fete

More Than Two Million Ballots Cast During the Most Exciting Contest

After the most spirited contest witnessed in the district, the struggle for the offices of king and queen of the Thanksgiving carnival ended yesterday, when it was announced that Angelo Ferroggiaro and Erminia Guinasso would be crowned on the royal dais in the presence of the multitude of loyal subjects November 24. From that time until November 26 the court of honor will be a scene of splendor and revelry. Gorgeously gowned pages and maids and ladies in waiting will make the scene for three days and night brilliant with color, life and carnival.

Ferroggiaro and Miss Guinasso were elected king and queen by the respective votes of 662,382 and 661,959. Altogether more than 2,000,000 ballots were cast, netting \$6,526, which, added to the \$2,100 donations, will enable the committee to provide a great celebration.

CONTEST SPIRITED

The contest lasted six weeks. All contestants had to be entered October 15, 50 days before the count, and voting became so spirited that hand wagons and automobiles were used to show off the strength of the rival candidates. The contest ended Tuesday night amid great excitement.

Albert Kelly had charge of the count. It took until 9 o'clock yesterday morning to determine the winners. Relatives and friends remained up all night, vying for the success of their favorites. Mabel Canepa received the third highest score, 662,000 votes. Next came Frank Sillineri with 446,000. The last pair of candidates, Emelia Bardellini and George Duddy, totaled more than 300,000 each.

KING IS A CASHIER

Ferroggiaro is the son of Natale Ferroggiaro, a retired capitalist reputed to be worth \$500,000. He is cashier of the Mason-Margat branch of the Bank of Italy and a prominent member of Stanford parlor, N. S. G. W.

Miss Guinasso lives with her mother at Grant avenue and Vallejo streets. She is a native of this city and convent trained. Ferroggiaro is related to her. Those who failed to be elected king or queen will serve as a court of honor. Their robes will cost \$100 each and will be paid for from the proceeds of the contest.

There will be six carnival floats and 12 provided by business firms. The king and queen will ride in the first float, accompanied by others representing "California" and "America." Stanford parlor has arranged for one. Likewise, Salesian council of the Young Men's institute.

BODY FOUND ON BEACH—Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 16.—The body of H. S. Slater, aged 29, of Port Ludlow, was found on the beach at Squishy harbor today. Slater and his 12 year old brother in law, Denver Butler, started on a fishing trip three days ago and were drowned by the capsizing of their boat.

HARAHAN TO RETIRE—New York, Nov. 16.—The old officers of the Illinois Central railroad, with the exception of President J. E. Harahan, who is to retire next Saturday, when he reaches the age limit, were re-elected today by the directors of the railroad.

Mrs. H. W. Ballard, Who Vanished From Home November 8



FARMERS INDORSE "EXPOSITION CITY"

National President Promises to Support San Francisco for 1915 Fair

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN JOSE, Nov. 16.—Election officers for the state union of the Farmers' educational and co-operative union, endorsing San Francisco as the place for holding the Panama-Pacific international exposition in 1915 and recommending that the national convention of the Farmers' union be held in San Jose in 1915, the farmers closed their annual state convention today. Two hundred agriculturists from all parts of the state have been in attendance and the sessions have brought splendid results.

On account of its proximity to San Francisco and the ease with which the visitors to the exposition can run down to attend the convention, the farmers probably will meet here in 1915. National President Charles S. Barrett, who was present at the convention and is chairman of the board which chooses the places for national gatherings is heartily in favor of the idea and has promised to do his utmost to bring the exposition to San Francisco and the convention to San Jose.

The officers were elected as follows: President, H. W. Wrightson of Fowler, elected; vice president, Homer A. Craig, Campbell; secretary-treasurer, John McKinley, Imperial; state executive committee—F. H. Lewis, Loomis; R. M. Richter, Campbell; P. Bowditch, Kernan; William J. Vanorsdel, Chico; J. L. Church, Sacramento. Modesto was selected as the next convention city.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES IN POCKET—Berkeley, Miss., Nov. 16.—Marvin Hudson, a farmer, placed a stick of dynamite in his pocket yesterday. Hudson stumbled and fell. The stick was not blown to pieces when the dynamite exploded is considered marvelous. He has a slight chance to recover.

HUSBAND OFFERS REWARD FOR WIFE

Alamedan Is Nearly Distracted Over the Mysterious Disappearance of Spouse

Declares He Will Become Insane if Woman Is Not Found Soon

ALAMEDA, Nov. 16.—"If I do not hear from my wife soon or ascertain her whereabouts I will go crazy," said H. W. Ballard, whose wife disappeared November 8 from her home, 2136 San Jose avenue, and who has not been heard from since. Ballard today offered a reward of \$100 for clews to the whereabouts of his wife.

Mrs. Ballard is 34 years of age and weighs 135 pounds. She is 5 feet 6 inches in height, has dark brown hair and dark brown eyes, and prominent teeth. When she was last seen in this city by Mrs. Taylor of the Glenn Taylor school, with whom she left her daughter, Mrs. Ballard wore a wine colored dress, trimmed with black. Ballard has notified the police in all the large cities to look for his wife and has announced the offer of reward.

TOBACCO MAN'S WILL BEQUEATHS \$25,000,000

George S. Myers' Estate Goes to Daughters and Grandson

REDLANDS, Nov. 16.—The will of the late George S. Myers, a millionaire tobacco man of St. Louis, who died in this city August 29 last, has been filed for probate in the superior court here. The entire estate, said to be worth \$25,000,000, goes to his three daughters, Mrs. John S. Cravens of Pasadena, Mrs. Bob Myers Babcock of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Herbert Coppel of Tenafly, N. J., and the one grandson, George Myers Church. John S. Cravens and Herbert Coppel are named as trustees and Cravens is named as executor. The property is principally in St. Louis, where Myers made his millions as a member of the tobacco firm of Liggett & Myers.

LETTER TO DR. KILMER & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp Root Will Do For You. Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince any one. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing be sure and mention The San Francisco Daily Call. For sale at all drug stores. Price fifty cents and one dollar.

DR. KILMER'S SWAMP ROOT

Physician Said Appendicitis Gall Stones Expelled by the Great Kidney Preparation

I thought I would do you a favor and let you know what Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root has done so far for me. About one year ago I was taken sick with a terrible pain in my right side. My family physician pronounced it appendicitis. About two weeks ago I received your Almanac and read in it about weak kidneys, and my back hurting me so much. I thought I would try your Swamp-Root and to my great astonishment, after using one bottle, I expelled three gall stones, which weighed 135 grains—just think of it! My kidneys are not well yet, and so I have concluded to continue with Swamp-Root. Mr. Schwake, the druggist, thought that it never was appendicitis, and that the doctor had made a mistake. It was no doubt, gall stones that caused the trouble, or they would not have come away so soon after commencing with Swamp-Root.

I shall always praise Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root to all those who suffer from kidney, liver and bladder troubles and am very thankful that I ever discovered such a worthy remedy. I feel confident that it will cure me entirely of all kidney and liver trouble.

MRS. MARY J. SCHNITZGER, 1502 15th St. and 5th Ave., Nebraska City, Neb.

Personally appeared before me this 31st day of August, 1909, Mrs. Mary J. Schnitzger, who subscribed to the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

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The reception committee of the congress has been requested to meet at the Palace hotel this morning at 9 o'clock to meet the delegates and start them on the automobile tour of the city, which is the first form of entertainment arranged for them.

The reception to be given tonight at the Palace hotel under the auspices of the California club will be a brilliant affair. Mrs. Lovell White is in charge and will be assisted by a large committee of prominent women.

In addition to the formal reception line by which guests will be welcomed at the banquet, Mrs. Lovell White has arranged for a series of informal receptions at booths located in the corners of the ballroom. Each booth will be in charge of a committee of women of the California club.

A special feature will be the booth arranged as a Panama-Pacific drawing room. The women in charge of this will be:

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