

# TAFT TO HEAR FAIR CLAIMS OF SAN FRANCISCO

## \$17,500,000 Pledged for the Exposition, Will Be Told President

### Marvelous Rehabilitation of the City and State's Growth to Be Pointed Out

road is exerting its influence in behalf of San Francisco for the Panama-Pacific exposition "in order to secure a longer haul." Echoes of Louisiana's state of mind reached here today. It was learned at the office of the Southern Pacific company, that Governor Sanders lately called upon President Lovett and endeavored to exact from him a promise that the Harriman lines would remain neutral.

The following telegram has been received by President Lovett from Governor Sanders:

"Advices received from Washington inform us that Southern Pacific influences are actively working for San Francisco. Confirmation of this appears most authentic and it is a great surprise to me. New Orleans will unquestionably win unless the influence of the transcontinental lines defeat us, and I think we are well within our rights in urging you to make public at Washington the neutral position of your lines in this controversy as promised me in your office. Louisiana is intensely in earnest in this matter."

Before I had the honor of a visit from you instructions had been given that the Southern Pacific company should not be involved in the contest between New Orleans and San Francisco respecting the location of the proposed exposition, and these instructions have been extended and reiterated from time to time since.

Upon inquiry since the reception of your telegram I learned that one of the subordinate officers of the Union Pacific company, at the instance of a personal friend in San Francisco, had written letters to some of his friends in Congress on behalf of that city. My instructions had not reached him, as he is exclusively a Union Pacific official and is so well connected with the Southern Pacific. But no Southern Pacific official or agent and no one jointly employed by the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, so far as I know, has acted in concert with my instructions. I indicated to you that Southern Pacific officials, who are residents of New Orleans and San Francisco, respectively, might co-operate with local committees, etc., as other citizens, but that they should not, in any way, be representatives of the Southern Pacific in any part of the matter."

# UNCLE SAM DINES WITH JOHN BULL

## Peace and Good Will at Lunch Given U. S. Navy Officers by London's Lord Mayor

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Rear Admiral Joseph B. Murdock, commanding the third division of the United States Atlantic fleet, and 100 officers of the first and third divisions were the guests at a luncheon given at Guild hall today by Sir Thomas V. Strong, the lord mayor and the corporation of the city of London.

Nearly 2,000 persons sat down to the feast. The British admiral, Admiral Murdock at his left. British and American flags were draped back of the guests' table. In proposing a toast to the United States navy, Sir Thomas said the present was the first occasion when Guild hall, which had witnessed a reception of naval heroes like Nelson, Howe, Rodney, Collingwood and Drake, had been permitted to welcome as friends and allies in the peaceful amenities of citizenship the naval representatives of friends and cousins from the other side of the Atlantic.

"We in England," he added, "can not think of America as a foreigner, for America is an integral part of the English speaking family."

Replying, Admiral Murdock spoke of the American navy, Sir Thomas said that native born American citizens instead of foreigners, as is sometimes easily supposed. He described it as an instrument of peace. Referring to the many questions between the two countries that have been settled by arbitration, the speaker said it was inconceivable that any question could arise impossible of such solution.

# ALASKA LINER IS ASHORE IN NORTH

## Passengers Are Taken Off and Revenue Cutters Offer Assistance

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 2.—A rising wind is the chief menace to the safety of the Alaska steamship company's liner Northwestern, which went ashore in False bay, San Juan island, early today. Three revenue cutters and the wrecking steamer Salvor are standing by. Captain Croskey, master of the wrecked steamer, has declined assistance from the Salvor, saying that he will await the arrival of the wrecking tug Wyadoda, which has been dispatched from Seattle by the underwriters.

The Northwestern lies in an exposed position and should the wind increase to a gale would suffer severely from the pounding of the waves. The passengers, who were taken off by the steamer Tees, returned to Seattle tonight. They will resume their journey to Alaska on the steamship Olympia, which sails tomorrow.

# Marin Boosters Hold A Big Mass Meeting



Two members of the Marin County promotion league.

## FORTUNE AT STAKE IN TETRAZZINI SUIT

### Manager Leahy Cast Down by Court's Delay in Reaching Decision

noon. Judge Lacombe was trying to decide whether Mme. Tetrazzini is under contract to Hammerstein and should be restrained from appearing in concerts under the management of William H. Leahy.

For the first few minutes after being seated Hammerstein devoted himself to smoothing his latest Parisian model silk hat. Then the impresario turned his magnetic eyes upon his most prized song bird and sighed audibly. Either the spell of the eyes or the sound of the sigh caused Mme. Tetrazzini to look timidly toward Hammerstein and give him a bright smile.

A letter formed a part of the argument of Benjamin F. Spellman, counsel for Mme. Tetrazzini, to the effect that the singer's contract with Hammerstein had been given up by the manager. In the letter Hammerstein wrote to G. N. Bazell, business manager for Tetrazzini, under date of May 5, 1910:

"Tomorrow I again leave for Paris, but will return to London in a week and will then remain here a longer time. In regard to your contract I can tell you the following: The Metropolitan company will take over the contract I have with you as per written agreement. I received yesterday from my lawyer, A representative of the Metropolitan opera company is coming here to arrange further particulars with the members that are to join their staff."

"If all my members had been as reasonable as Tetrazzini I should never have retired, but such creatures as Garden, Romano, etc., are not worth having my hair turn white. It was not a money matter—it was the unbounded meanness of such artists."

Denial was made of the receipt by Tetrazzini of a letter said to have been written her by Hammerstein, and it was argued that so many conflicting offers had been made her on behalf of the Metropolitan company by so many different persons that she feared to accept the statement of any one person representing that organization.

During the two-hour argument William H. Leahy, who says he has a fortune at stake in having made arrangements for Mme. Tetrazzini's concert trip, sat upon one of the rear benches in court surrounded by artists who had been engaged to support Tetrazzini. He says that four of the scheduled concerts have already been cancelled at a great loss because of the injunction proceedings, and he was greatly disappointed when the judge announced that he would wait until tomorrow to hear further argument, and would not decide the case until Monday.

## RONCOVERI NAMES CLOUD AS DEPUTY

### He Has Been Connected With Lowell High School

The board of education yesterday afternoon granted Archibald J. Cloud, in charge of the English department of the Lowell high school, a leave of absence for one year, and assigned Miss Anna G. Duffy of the Commercial high school to fill the vacancy. Immediately after the leave had been granted Superintendent Roncoveri announced that he had appointed Cloud as a deputy superintendent to succeed James Ferguson, recently elected principal of the polytechnic high school. The new deputy is a graduate of the University of California and president of the Public School athletic association.

President Bannerman was invited to preside at a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon in the assembly hall of the Laguna Honda school, at which Charles L. Jacobs, superintendent of manual arts in the schools of San Jose, and F. K. Barthel, superintendent of the department of manual training in this city, will speak. The meeting will be public.

### ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"

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### FIFTEEN HURT IN COLLISION

Lamone, Mo., Dec. 2.—Fifteen persons were injured when a Missouri Pacific passenger train was wrecked two miles east of Knobnoster, Mo., early today.

# PROSPERITY PORTS AWAIT NEW LINE

## Bates & Chesebrough Will Find Big Cargoes at Every Point

### Steamers Will Take Much Business From the Transcontinental Railroads

### Progressive Citizens Unite To Place County At the Top

With the California-Atlantic steamship company now well established, Bates & Chesebrough declare that the support given to their New York via San Pedro and Panama line has fulfilled all their expectations. They have an equitable agreement with the Panama railroad both on the isthmus and in New York and their gulf business is developing into what they believe will be a large and important branch of the trade of this port. Taking his past experience at their face value, they believe that R. F. Schwerin upon his return from the orient, will discontinue the Pacific Mail company's direct service.

On its part the new line has kept faith with the shippers and has maintained a schedule of 27 days between New York and San Francisco.

### FUTURE HAS ROSEATE HUE

The steamer George W. Fenwick left the isthmus yesterday with 3,100 tons of New York freight for this port, the Stanley Dollar has just arrived at Annapolis with a full cargo and the Melville Dollar and Olson & Mahony brought full cargoes to this port. There is enough freight now on the way to Panama from New York and New Orleans to insure full cargoes for all the Pacific Mail company will withdraw, and the local shippers are so supporting the line that outward freights to the full capacity of their ships is also assured.

William Marshall, president of the Marin labor council, followed and pledged the support of local unions. Mayor M. J. Pedrotti of San Rafael pointed out how the boosting campaign would bring material benefit to the community, and said that the San Rafael board of trustees was with the league to a man. Mayor W. E. Jones of San Anselmo voiced the sentiments of the neighboring towns and promised the help of the trustees and citizens of his community. Trustee James Follis of San Rafael, one of the league founders, delivered a convincing address. M. F. Cochrane, editor of a local weekly, spoke in behalf of Belvedere, Tiburon and Lyford's Hayes, which are planning to consolidate. He also called the attention of the mass meeting to the fight which the towns are now waging against the ferry fare between Tiburon and San Francisco.

Supervisor L. C. Pistolesi of Sausalito outlined plans for the improvement of roads in his district. The proposed consolidation of Lakeside, Scott, Madara, Escalante, Kentfield and Ross was brought to the notice of the meeting. A greater San Rafael, which has long been a favorite plan among many citizens, also was discussed.

The opening of the league received systematic consideration. A board of directors was elected who will have full power to appoint committees. The committees will be selected within a few days. Among them will be committees of legislation, publicizing, bonding, complaint and public meeting.

Supervisor Mike Burke was elected chairman of the board of directors. A. L. Hirtlich secretary, and George Hansen treasurer. The following directors were elected:

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| E. S. Bate            | George Hansen        |
| A. W. Hauser          | W. E. Jones          |
| Mike Burke            | M. J. Pedrotti       |
| A. L. Hirtlich        | W. E. Jones          |
| William Klinger       | M. T. Gardiner       |
| James Follis          | W. Z. Gilman         |
| Richard Kinella       | C. Pistolesi         |
| Colonel E. S. Ciprico | Charles Paff         |
| Sigfried Herzog       | J. Fred Schillingman |

## CANADA WILL SPEND \$10,000,000 ON NAVY

### Vessels Will Probably Use Fuel Oil

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 2.—The triumph of the government over the opposition in the house of commons on the naval policy and the overwhelming defeat of resolutions declaring there should be an appeal to the people before the creation of the Canadian navy, means that contracts for the construction of Canadian war vessels will soon be let.

The contract will call for the construction of four cruisers of the improved Bristol class and six torpedo boat destroyers of the improved river class. They are to be built in Canada, and as there are no yards in the dominion capable of doing the work, negotiations are in progress with several British firms for the establishment of yards.

The Canadian government will aid in the establishment of the new building industry. It is prepared to allow the British firm to get the contract at a higher price than is paid in British yards. It also will subsidize the plant and dock under a statute providing aid for drydocks.

It is estimated that it will be three years before the first vessel is completed. The last of them will be in the water at the end of six years. Both the cruisers and the destroyers, it is understood, will use oil for fuel and will involve an expenditure of \$10,000,000.

## AMERICAN FINANCIERS TO LEND CHINA \$50,000,000

### It Is Possible That European Bankers Will Join in Loan

PEKING, Dec. 2.—Willard D. Straight today resumed negotiations with the Chinese government over the proposed loan of \$50,000,000 by an American financial syndicate, of which he is the agent. Straight returned to Peking on Monday after a visit to New York, where he conferred with representatives of the loaning houses of J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City bank and the First National bank of New York city.

Straight had new terms to propose, suggesting the participation in the loan of European financiers.

## ECCLESIASTICS ARE RESTRICTED BY ORDER

### Administrative Posts Now Held Must Be Vacated

ROME, Dec. 2.—The official bulletin of the holy see today publishes a papal decree forbidding ecclesiastics to occupy administrative posts. Where now held they must be resigned within four months of the date of the decree.

BURLINGS RAID BANK—Franklin, Ga., Dec. 2.—The Bank of Heard County was entered by burglars, the safe dynamited and \$7,000 in cash taken last night.

# More Money for The Call's Fund

The following sums were received by The Call for the orphans of Mount St. Joseph's asylum:

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| Previously Acknowledged                        | \$12,898.87 |
| BUSY MAIDS' AND BOYS' PROGRESSIVE CLUB         | 50.00       |
| BALANCE FROM J. W. COFFROTH'S ATHLETIC BENEFIT | 6.50        |
| HAROLD KEEFE                                   | 5.00        |
| MRS. M. A. (through Daily News)                | 1.00        |
| A PUPIL OF NOTRE DAME, San Jose                | .50         |
| TOTAL  | \$12,456.87 |

# CRIME CONFESSED TO SECURE FAVOR

## Life Convict Protests Innocence, Saying That He Was Promised Light Sentence

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on trial. Being ignorant of the laws and without money, an attorney, William G. Page of Ukiah, was appointed to defend him.

During the trial two women were produced as witnesses who said that Owens had knowledge of the plot against Drake and had assisted Finley to escape. The jury failed to agree. Shortly after, Owens says, he was persuaded by the sheriff, the district attorney and his own lawyer to plead guilty on promise of a light sentence. He regarded this as the most expedient method of ending what he regarded as a bad men. He says that he was given to understand that his assistance to Finley at the time of the escape rendered him liable to the most drastic punishment. It was while in the county jail that he learned that he had confessed. Instead of a light sentence he was given a life term.

## Protest of Innocence

Owens now maintains that he was without guilt. He is emphatic in his assertion that he was involved in no plot against Drake.

In his efforts in behalf of Owens, Ahern has found co-operation in influential quarters. He has received the following letter from W. S. Gillett, brother of the governor, and store keeper at San Quentin:

Your favor received and in reply thereto will state that I have known William Owens for a number of years as a hard working, industrious workman, and no one could have been more surprised than I was when I found that an inmate of this institution, I sincerely believe that assistance rendered him will not be misplaced."

## FITZGERALD INQUEST BEGINS AT BURLINGAME

### Hearing Continued to Wednesday After Evidence Is Taken

BURLINGAME, Dec. 2.—Coroner H. G. Plymire began an inquest today into the death of W. H. Fitzgerald, who was shot and killed Monday morning at Brighton beach by Steve Mori. Evidence was taken and the hearing continued to Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

District Attorney J. J. Bullock was present as prosecutor, and Lewis F. Byington, who has been retained by the friends of the deceased, was in attendance as special prosecutor.

## BODY OF CHILE'S LATE PRESIDENT IS REMOVED

### Warship Will Carry Remains From Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The body of Pedro Montt, late president of Chile, was removed to Bremen today and placed on board the Chilean cruiser Blanco Encalada to be taken home. President Montt died at Bremen August 15. A few days later the body was brought to Berlin, where the funeral was held at the Roman Catholic church of St. Hedwig August 25.

It has since reposed in the crypt of the church. The transfer today was made with military honors.

## MORE DAMAGE IS DONE BY RAIN IN FRANCE

### Floods Again Threaten Republic and Wine Crop Is Damaged

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Flood conditions are again general throughout France. About 35 feet of rain fell in November and from all sections come stories of immense damage done. Although the Seine and the Rhine were stationary today, the Gironde, Garonne and the Loire rivers continued rising, and the rivers of Normandy and Brittany are greatly swollen. Great fear of serious effects on next year's cereal and wine crop is felt.

## NEVADA CAN KEEP FAME, SAYS DENVER JUDGE

### "Don't Want Reputation of Being a Divorce State"

DENVER, Dec. 2.—Although he granted a divorce today to Mrs. Marion Denver from Arthur H. Denver, of Chicago, Judge Allen of the district court asserted that he did not want Colorado to get the reputation, "like Nevada, of being a divorce state." The court closely questioned Mrs. Boswell regarding her residence in Colorado.

## RAILWAY TO FIGHT WEEVIL

Alto, Dec. 2.—Fearing a big traffic loss from the boll weevil, the Southern railway established demonstration farms showing how to fight the weevil.

# GIRLS AND BOYS AID ORPHANS' FUND

## Fifty Dollars Contributed by Busy Maids and Young Progressives

### Benefit Entertainment Yields Goody Sum for Worthy Cause

Contributions continue to come in from various sources to The Call's fund for the Mount St. Joseph's orphan asylum, and one of the sums sent in yesterday came from The Busy Maids' society and The Boys' progressive club as the result of a benefit entertainment which took place at Duveneck's hall, Twenty-fourth and Church streets, on November 19. Fifty dollars was the amount realized, and the program was as follows:

- Overture, "The Joyous Farmer".....Orchestra
- George Oviado, piano; William Briare, Louis Muggie, Louis Oviado, George Daley, violins; George Muggie, cornet.
- March—George Oviado, piano; Louis Muggie, violin.
- Opening chorus, "California".....The Busy Maids' and Boys' progressive club; Miss Katie Hoigins, piano; Miss May Song, "The Discarded Husband".....Miss Veronica O'Connor
- Piano solo, "Beautiful Stars of Heaven".....Klabin
- Orchestra selection, "My Old Kentucky Home".....Sketch, "Nigger Mash".....Miss May Song and Albert Biber
- Song, "You Are the Ideal of My Dreams".....Ernest Hoffman
- Vocal duet, "Smarty".....Miss Dorothy Biber
- Recitation, "Teaching Public School".....Orchestra selections, "Ben Bolt," "Yankee Doodle," "Dolan's Wedding".....Miss Velma Bowser
- Skit, "Pat Dolan's Wedding".....Miss Loretta Amrock
- Blindfold test, "The Old Maid".....Miss Mabel Abber
- Mr. Neverslip.....Miss Olga Carlson
- Cornet solo.....George Muggie
- Song, "The Your Little Bull Outside".....Miss Charlotte Wagner
- Recitation, "Asleep at the Switch".....Piano solo, selection from "Marius".....Miss Veronica O'Connor
- Song, "I'm going to Tell on You".....Miss Dorothy Levitt
- Song and dance.....Miss Anna Mastonich
- "Starlight Waltz".....Orchestra
- Violin solo.....Vincent Bunn Wilmer
- Dutch song and dance.....Miss Charlotte Wagner
- Duet, "Call Me up Some 'Rainy Afternoon'".....Miss Charlotte Wagner and Ernest Hoffman
- "The Star Spangled Banner".....Orchestra

## DISARMAMENT MAKES NATIONS UNFRIENDLY

### Italian Minister Says Italy Aims at Peace

ROME, Dec. 2.—Marquis San Giuliano, minister of foreign affairs, in making a statement for the foreign office in the chamber of deputies today, said:

"The Italian policy aims at the maintenance of peace and the maintenance of status quo, of having the triple alliance as a solid base, but neither the renewal nor the modification of the alliance has been discussed in our meetings with foreign ministers."

"In harmony with the provisions of the triple alliance, Italy maintains cordial friendship with France, Great Britain and Russia."

"The armaments of Italy and Austria are not directed against each other. It is in the interest of Italy that Austria is strong, while every time an attempt is made toward disarmament a coolness in the relations between the powers is the only result."

## WENDLING TAKEN TO SCENE OF KILLING

### Court and Jury Make Tragic Pilgrimage

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 2.—Followed by several hundred curious persons, Joseph Wendling, charged with the murder of Alma Kellner, this afternoon was marched through the streets with the jury and trial judge from the courthouse to St. John's church, the scene of the alleged crime.

So many persons try to gain a view of him made the prisoner nervous and he seemed relieved when back in the courtroom.

## MAN ELECTROCUTED IN EFFORT TO SAVE YOUTH

### Heroic Attempt on Railroad Proves a Sacrifice

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 2.—In a heroic but unsuccessful attempt today to save the life of Frank Hahn, aged 18 years, Lewis Rowan, assistant superintendent of the Schuylkill Valley traction company, was electrocuted in the company's powerhouse here along with the youth.

## NEW YORK TO BECOME A NOISELESS TOWN

### Flatwheeled Trolley Cars and Auto Horns Prohibited

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Police Commissioner Cropsey has decreed that New York must be a noiseless town, and today issued an order for the police to put a hush on "flatwheeled" trolley cars, new tangled automobile horns and other disturbers of the city's quiet.

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