

BOOSTERS BACK WITH WIGHT AND VICTORY IN EYES

Hale Returns From Washington Believing San Francisco Will Get Fair

Acting President Given Credit by Fellow Delegates for Success of Fight

Reuben B. Hale, acting president of the Panama-Pacific international exposition, and director of the winning fight the committee of Californians has been making at Washington for the fulfillment of San Francisco's exhibition ambitions, is back from the national capital with cheering news of the situation there. He returned on the Overland Limited last night, with M. F. Tarpey of Fresno and Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Lloyd, all of whom have been among the most active and energetic workers the west had in its fighting contest.

The word of returning committee-men and every other source of news from Washington has granted to Hale the leadership in the struggle with New Orleans, and paid great tribute to his executive ability, energy and unquenchable cheerfulness at every stage of the contest. For this reason Hale's own opinion of San Francisco's chances for success has been awaited with considerable interest—even anxiety—by local businessmen.

LOOKS FOR VICTORY "When it comes to a national issue, as this is," the acting president said last night, "nothing is certain until the vote is taken. But I think we will win. It is not assured that we will; it may be that we will not. We have a fight on back there, and no one here can realize, I believe, how hard a one it has been. But the situation favors us, and I firmly believe that ultimately we will bring the Panama-Pacific international exposition to San Francisco, where it belongs."

"The committee in Washington, Theodore A. Bell, Leon G. Stebbins, A. W. Scott Jr., and the organization we are maintaining here and will maintain until the decision, have done some very good work since we started home, and owing to their efforts our position is still better than when we left the capital. And when the matter comes up in January for hearing before the industrial arts and expositions committee, when it comes before the house for judgment, San Francisco will be well represented there."

Hale hurried home to attend to affairs of business that needed immediate attention, as did F. B. Lloyd and A. E. Murphy. The latter was in San Francisco but a few minutes last night, as he at once boarded a train for Fresno and the Christmas reunion and dinner that awaits him there.

"To my mind the most at Washington, unfolding into a victory for San Francisco, and I do not expect anything but defeat for New Orleans," Tarpey said. "It has been a continual joy to me back there to watch the odds and obstacles the California committee overcame. Under Hale's leadership—and Hale kept us all on the jump, I assure you—the fight went on to success. We are on the winning side and the work is well in hand. We will keep at it, help it along, and 1915 will see no exposition in New Orleans, I feel sure."

POLITICS ELIMINATED Mrs. Lloyd, who was one of the moving spirits among the feminine California delegation that aided greatly in the fight for San Francisco at Washington, gave it as her opinion that San Francisco would be returned the victor this session. Fred B. Lloyd, a member of the congressional committee on the exposition and leader of the delegation that went back to St. Louis before the opening of congress and thwarted the efforts of New Orleans to secure the indorsement of the lakes to the gulf waterways convention, has something to say of the nature of the fight at the national capital.

"We decided firmly, and maintained our decision, that we would fight and win this contest by a campaign of education, of argument and reason, and by resorting to politics and its ways, and we have been victorious through the attack we made. But our opposing city is deep in political plots, and is still handling its fight through politics."

Governor Sanders of Louisiana declined a seat in the United States senate that he might wage a contest for his state, and Governor Sanders is one of the shrewdest politicians of the country. He is assisted by Congressmen Broussard, Estepinal and Ransdell of Louisiana, with their colleagues, who are clever parliamentarians and men with a thorough knowledge of national affairs and of conditions at Washington. Duval Armstrong and McCarthy, manager and assistant manager of the exposition company New Orleans has organized, have been struggling hard at Washington, and they are clever and resourceful men.

Hale Leading Spirit In Exposition Fight



R. B. Hale, to whom home coming boosters give the credit for San Francisco's showing at Washington.

WEST OVERCAME BIG LEAD, HALE DECLARES

By R. B. HALE, Acting President, Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The most gratifying experience we enjoyed in Washington was to witness the unanimity of action and the spirit of co-operation among the members of our committee. It was the wonderful team play that counted. We were told on many occasions that never before had such a representative and effective body of men visited the capitol on a similar mission. Every one was earnest, enthusiastic and each in his own sphere of usefulness bent his every energy and gave his best thought to the accomplishment of one central object.

A month ago if congress had been called on to decide the question as to where the next great international exposition should be held, San Francisco would unquestionably have lost the fight, owing to the systematic and persistent personal campaign waged by our rival city. The sentiment at that time, however, had already begun to turn, because of the opening of our campaign of education inaugurated some months before, the most effective part of which was the multitude of letters written by our businessmen asking assistance in securing the vote of congressmen and the distribution of high class descriptive literature, which pictorially demonstrated California's resources and attractions and San Francisco's capabilities for the successful holding of a great international exposition. This and other work paved the way for the committee and made possible the change in public sentiment which now causes us to feel sanguine of our ultimate success.

The great strength of New Orleans lies in her early efforts and promises of support obtained largely before San Francisco's claims were fully understood. Whenever the merits of each case are disinterestedly considered the decision is almost invariably in favor of San Francisco. This is a very hopeful sign, but more significant even than this fact is the experience of the various members of our committee of having so many members of congress switch from New Orleans to San Francisco, while very few, if any, have been reported as switching against us. From a strategic standpoint there were two positions we wished clearly defined: First, that New Orleans desired the government to assume the financial responsibility for the success of her exposition, and second, that the city destined to hold the celebration should be named at this short session of congress.

Both of these issues are now clearly determined. San Francisco has announced her desire to assume full financial responsibility, independent of government aid, while the bond issue in the state of Louisiana precludes the possibility of holding any exposition in New Orleans without the government taking its full financial responsibility for the success of the proposed enterprise.

Both cities have announced their desire for an early settlement, and the committee has decided to bring the issue to a vote in the house not later than January 17, at which time both cities will struggle for supremacy. The bills will then have to be passed on by the senate which probably means that the final decision will not be rendered much before March 1. The New Orleans fight is being waged by experienced politicians and shrewd managers who take advantage of every opening and are conducting a most persistent systematic campaign. No fight is won, particularly if of national interest, until the vote is finally cast.

ALL LETTERS ARE FORGERIES, SAYS MRS. TURNBULL

Woman on Stand Intimates Baldwin's Gold Paid for Alterations in Epistles

Denies Writing That She Resisted Turfman More Than Colonel Pope

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—"Lucky" Baldwin's gold could do anything against a defenseless woman. This was one of the parting shots launched at the opposing attorneys and to the jury by Mrs. Lillian Turnbull before she ended her testimony today in the contest of her daughter, Beatrice, for nearly a fourth of the millions the old turfman left when he died two years ago.

The record of the woman's testimony at the trial of her \$75,000 suit against Baldwin has been destroyed, and the attorneys for the estate were endeavoring to secure her present version of that testimony preparatory to introducing evidence for her impeachment, when she shot the above retort in reply to a query as to what reason there might be for so many forgeries of her letters.

LETTERS ALL FORGERIES Seventeen more of her alleged letters were introduced and she declared every one of them "base, atrocious forgeries, perpetrated by a villain in the employ of that treacherous man, James E. Wood." Wood is the Boston detective employed by Colonel Albert Pope, whom Mrs. Turnbull previously declared, "sold me out to Baldwin."

One of the letters contained this sentence: "I resisted 'Lucky' Baldwin more than I did Colonel Pope, for I loved Colonel Pope. I shall never betray his name. A woman never betrays the man she loves. Never." Mrs. Turnbull declared she never wrote this or anything like it, although it is quoted as part of the evidence in the decision rendered by Judge Charles Slack, who presided in the seduction case.

Former Judge Slack will be one of the chief witnesses for the defense after the case is reconvened, January 4. Mrs. Turnbull said she did not testify regarding her alleged marriage by contract to Baldwin in the former case because she had not been asked.

"Did you testify that there had been a promise of marriage?" was asked. "No," Mrs. Turnbull replied. "I did not so testify. I did say there had not been a promise of marriage, which was true. Mr. Baldwin married me without making a promise. He did it out of hand as quickly as he could write the contract."

DENIES CONTRACT Mrs. Turnbull also denied that she had ever admitted an alleged contract between herself and A. H. Anderson, Baldwin's former advertising agent, to give Anderson 10 per cent of whatever sums she could recover from Baldwin in return for his testimony in the betrayal suit. She was shown the alleged contract.

"That's another forgery, probably, because I never saw it before, and I never signed it," she said. However, it bore identification marks as having been introduced in the seduction case. Mrs. Turnbull was asked whether previous to her meeting with Colonel Pope she had not met a man named John Osborn and taken him out "to Boston" for a period covering an entire week. "In your previous case did you not admit that a picture introduced in evidence was of you and Osborn in a loving attitude?" "I remember a picture that Osborn made of himself and me," she replied, "but as a matter of fact the woman in the picture was the daughter of Osborn's landlady. Incidentally, Mr. McNab, that was the picture that nearly cost 'Lucky' Baldwin his life when it was shown. My sister took him then."

INDIAN TRIBE DOOMED BY LANDS' BARRENNESS

Starvation and Disease Said to Be Destroying Jicarillas

DENVER, Dec. 23.—The Denver Post charges today that the Jicarilla tribe of Indians, a branch of the Apaches, is being rapidly wiped out of existence by starvation and disease owing to the alleged unfitness of the lands allotted to them. The Post asserts that its representative found the land allotted to the Indians in northern New Mexico to be "bleak, rocky and too poor for ordinary agriculture or grazing purposes, so rugged that irrigation is out of the question and a place where goats are about the only animals that can thrive. The correspondent asserts that the redmen have skinned bark from trees, which they chew and of which they make soup."

SANTA CLAUS OPENS STATE'S PRISON DOORS

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 23.—The doors of Alabama's prison today were thrown open to more than 100 convicts pardoned and paroled by Governor Comer for Christmas. Among the number are 20 life prisoners and 40 convicts imprisoned for homicides.

CAPTAIN LANNON 24TH FIRE VICTIM

Inquest into Chicago Disaster Will Start Wednesday Morning

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Alexander D. Lannon, captain in the fire department, injured in the stockyards fire here yesterday, died late today. This makes the official list of dead 24. Coroner Hoffman, following a day's investigation with members of a jury, announced that the inquest would be opened next Wednesday morning. A firely pathetic scene occurred at the fire this afternoon when the body of Captain Dennis Doyle, the last to be recovered, was taken from the ruins. Pipeman Edward Doyle, a son of the captain, collapsed when his father's body was found. Edward Doyle had been at the fire for nearly 26 hours. He had assisted in finding the body of his brother, Nicholas Doyle, also killed in the fire, and refused to leave until that of his father was recovered. The citizens' relief committee, of which Harlow N. Higginbotham is chairman and John J. Mitchell is treasurer, established headquarters at a downtown bank today. It was announced that a fund of \$250,000 was desired. Of this \$50,000 had been subscribed when the committee's offices closed for the day.

CHRIS EVANS MAY RECEIVE PAROLE

Famous Bandit Said to Be Slated for Freedom by Prison Board

[Special Dispatch to The Call] FRESNO, Dec. 23.—After spending 18 years in Folsom on a life sentence for train robbery it is probable that Chris Evans, one of the leaders of the famous highway band known as Sontag and Evans, which terrorized the San Joaquin valley in the nineties, will be paroled. Word was received at Fresno to the effect that a meeting of the state prison board would in all probability be held before the first of the year, at which time a New Year present in the shape of a parole may be granted Evans. Judge M. K. Harris of this city, who, as superior judge of this county, sentenced Evans to life imprisonment, has expressed a willingness to see him free. Evans is now almost helpless. One of his eyes was shot out when he was captured and an arm shattered. His limbs are now affected by rheumatism. A married daughter has been working for his release for years.

Christmas Spirit Invades Exchange



Brilliantly decorated Christmas tree in the Merchants' exchange.

MERCHANTS ENJOY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Big Tree, Clever Addresses, Music and Lightning Calculator Entertainment Features

The floor of the Merchants' exchange was crowded yesterday afternoon with members and guests, who enjoyed to the fullest the Christmas entertainment given there. In one corner of the big hall was a huge Christmas tree, brilliant with many colored electric lights, tinsel and colored globes. Cotton was skillfully distributed over the branches in excellent stimulation of snow. By the side of the tree a large orchestra disported well chosen music before, after and during the program. Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon.

It was one of the best of the annual Christmas entertainments given by the exchange. "Christmas Cheer" was the burden of the several addresses given by representative citizens. President James Rolph Jr. leading off with appropriate greetings and introducing Mayor McCarthy, who dwelt not only upon Christmas cheer, but upon San Francisco spirit and spoke confidently of the Panama-Pacific exposition, which, he said, would be held in this city in 1915.

"We shall carry out our determination," said he, "to make San Francisco what we have said it should be—the most beautiful city in the world." An excellent address, which brought much applause, was made by President M. H. Robbins Jr. of the Merchants' association, and William R. Wheeler spoke of this city and its future and held the attention of the large audience from start to finish.

Between the addresses several vocal musical numbers were sung. Frederick Hastings sang some popular songs, his rich baritone voice being much appreciated. The Knickerbocker quartet was repeatedly encored, its choice of music being particularly happy.

"Marvelous" Griffith caused wonder by his really marvelous skill as a lightning calculator. On a blackboard erected on the stage he made instant calculations that were miracles of mental arithmetic. Nearly every member of the Merchants' exchange who was in town attended the entertainment, and many brought ladies with them, who seemed

to enjoy the affair quite as much as the men. It was nearly 5 o'clock when the gathering finally dispersed and most came early and stayed late.

HARBOR BOARD DELAYS WORK IN BEALE STREET

Just as soon as the harbor commissioners appropriate half the \$3,600 required to fill in lower Beale street the city officials will begin work. The board of supervisors has already set apart \$1,800.

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HIGH VOLTAGE KILLS YOUTH—Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Walker Street, 19 years old, was killed by a high voltage wire in a power house where he was working today. The shock threw him against a dynamo and the flames from the short circuit burned the clothing from his body.