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THE CALL



CALIFORNIA

THE WEATHER
YESTERDAY—Highest temperature, 70; lowest Saturday night, 54.
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Fair, moderately warm; light north wind, changing to brisk west.

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HOTEL CLAUSE IN CITY'S LAW PUNCTURES LID

Map of Moral Geography Shows Gaping Apertures Over Beach Resorts

There the Turkey Trot and the Grizzly Bear Abide Until Dawn Appears

Jealous Downtown Cafe Men Prepare to Become Inn Keepers, Too

DEFINITION: THE LID.—A new instrument which measures by inverse application the moral tendencies of a municipality. Question—Where is the lid; on or off?

HAS the lid of San Francisco been raised or even tilted during the exciting days when no knew if the chief of police was white or black and when the only portrait that could have been taken of the chief executive officer of the department would have been a motion picture? Now that the police department is straightened out after a fashion, the position of that thermometer of the moral temperature of the city is a perplexing.

Dancing Is Index

It has been the custom in San Francisco during the last few years to measure the lid in terms of dancing in cafes. If there was no dancing the lid was on and the moral atmosphere was cooler. If there was dancing in the cafes it was a sign that the lid was up, or off, and the moral temperature had become vaporized and dissipated, and in its place was a temperature that was hot and moist—moistened from the spillings of many glasses. A lid that is screwed down hides the dancers, but when the lid is lifted or taken off, a sightseer can look into the cofferdam and see the excitement inside, or he can fall in himself with such facility as his temperament will dictate.

Just where the lid is now seems to be a question of geography. The law makes no distinction between various parts of the city, but the police seem to have more discrimination and discretion in such matters.

Law Is Prohibitive

The law "regulating the playing of music in dance houses and drinking places" is ordinance No. 826, passed by the board of supervisors and approved June 11, 1903. The published ordinances do not indicate just in what attitude the lid was July 11, 1903, but the presumption is that it was about ready to go down, if it wasn't down already.

The ordinance reads:

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, between the hours of 1 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock a. m., to keep open, maintain, carry on or conduct any saloon, dance house or any drinking place, where liquor is sold and music is furnished or played between 1 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock a. m., or for any person to furnish or play music in any saloon, dance house or drinking place between the hours of 1 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock a. m.; provided, that this section shall not be construed to apply to any entertainment given in hotels or public gardens, or to any charitable exhibition or entertainment given by any amateur dramatic association or literary society, or to any ball or entertainment, given by any beneficial association; and further provided, that if an entertainment or ball is given for the purpose of evading the provisions of this ordinance, then this section shall be construed to apply thereto."

Pseudo Hotels Flourish

It is the clause in reference to dancing in hotels that has served as the pretext under which several of the beach resorts are openly defying the real intent of the ordinance and permit music and dancing to continue unchecked until 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. It is reliance upon this clause that has brought about a condition under which the law is enforced in some parts of the city and evaded in others.

"As a usual thing, dancing stops in the Barbary coast cafes and dance halls with some punctuality at 1 o'clock in the morning, but on the beach, where there is a chain of cafes and road-houses, the rule does not apply. Like charity, the word "Hotel" is a mantle that covers a multitude of sins. There is a series of "hotels" on the beach which have dance music and dancing all night at times.

While this proviso of the ordinance relating to hotel is relied upon as a safeguard against police interference, the second proviso making the ordinance applicable in the event of any attempt to evade the real intention of the law is given scant consideration.

No Limit on Beach

At the beach are Sheehan's Dibble's, the Lodge, the Breakers and Charles Mitchell's M. and M. cafe, and on the beach circuit are the Cabin at Fell and Stanyan streets and the Casino at Fulton street and Twenty-fourth avenue. At the majority of these places

Bernhardt Scorns Farewell; Coming Back by Big Canal

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, June 18.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who will be 68 years old next October, finished a 25,000 mile tour of the United States at 7 o'clock this morning when she arrived from Baltimore. In her tour, during which Americans contributed \$892,000 to witness the great French actress, she gave 255 performances, and through her manager, William F. Connor, she told of her experiences with the enthusiasm of a schoolgirl.

With theatrical gestures she asserted the greatest achievement in American life that she had seen was the rejuvenation of San Francisco.

Sarah uttered no "farewell tour" talk. She said she would return to this country in 1915 on her way to see the opening of the Panama canal.

When some one commented on her good appearance Bernhardt repeated her recipe to American women for beauty and longevity—hard work, not too much outdoor exercise and moderation in eating.

SEAMEN UNABLE TO KEEP SHIP IN PORT

Crew Secured for Morgan Line Steamer Despite Strike of Union Men

NEW YORK, June 18.—After a delay of 36 hours because of the strike of the international seamen's union, the Morgan line steamer *Momus*, manned by more than 100 strike breakers, left here at 6 o'clock tonight for New Orleans. The vessel weighed anchor early this morning after lying all night in midstream, but halted again, an hour later, within hailing distance of the state, when 14 recruits jumped from the deck to a picketing tug, leaving the *Momus* without sufficient men.

Shortly after the *Momus* got under way in the early morning its engines began to wheeze, and machinists discovered sand in its bearings. They worked all day removing it, while officials of the line ransacked Brooklyn and New York for available seamen.

The second day of the strike was marked by a continuance of the lack of disaster. A crowd of 1,000 union men and sympathizers hooted the strike breakers when they filed into the company's sheds, but dispersed peacefully.

C. W. Junger, general manager of the Morgan line, said tonight that he thought the backbone of the strike had been broken. He said the Antilles, due to sail Wednesday for New Orleans, and the *El Norte* and *El Rio*, freighters, scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, for Galveston, would leave on time with full crews. The *Creole*, from New Orleans, and a freighter from Galveston, which are due here tomorrow, he said, would also return south on schedule time Saturday.

Officials of the union declare there has been no weakening in their ranks and that they are confident of winning the fight in a few days.

NILE CLUB GUESTS OF CAPTAIN LEALE

Good Ship Caroline Sails Them About the Bay

OAKLAND, June 18.—More than 100 members of the Nile club were the guests of Captain William G. Leale of the steamer *Caroline* today during a cruise of the bay, which included a visit to Winehaven, where the plant of the California wine association was visited. The *Caroline* was boarded at the Webster street wharf at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the cruise, during which all the important points in the upper bay were touched at, lasted throughout the day. The guests of Captain Leale were entertained with music, and during the afternoon luncheon and refreshments were served in the dining saloon of the *Caroline*.

HAWAII ORCHARD PEST PLACES A BAN ON FRUITS

Mediterranean Fly Infests the Trees, Causing Great Damage

HONOLULU, June 18.—An embargo on all fruits produced in the Hawaiian Islands, except bananas and pineapples, involving a heavy loss to the growers and dealers, has been declared, according to cables from California, and will be made absolute.

The ruling is due to the knowledge that the Mediterranean fly, one of the most obnoxious pests known to fruit growers, has obtained a footing in the orchards.

SUFFRAGETTE WAR CHEST NOW CONTAINS \$515,000

Plans Arranged to Obtain a Total of \$1,250,000

LONDON, June 18.—Five years ago the suffragettes started to raise a campaign fund of \$500,000. Mrs. Frederick Pethick Lawrence announces that the war chest now amounts to \$515,000. Plans have been arranged for obtaining a total of \$1,250,000.

CENSUS BUREAU IN WASHINGTON A MONTE CARLO

Roulette and Poker Flourish Under Very Nose of Old Uncle Sam

Clerks Play for High Stakes in Government Building Until Loser "Squeals"

Then Ringleader Is Dismissed and Scores of Others Are Punished

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Gambling for high stakes, some of it at a no-limit poker game and some of it at roulette, with a high official as backer, has been going on for some time in the census bureau building here at the capital under the eyes of Uncle Sam, and Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor has dismissed the ringleader and penalized the other participants by demotions and suspensions without pay.

Dr. Roland P. Faulkner, acting director of the census bureau, with reference to the gambling, that has been going on, issued the following official statement tonight:

"The census authorities have recently been investigating rumors that a small group of men had for some time made it a practice to play poker and other gambling games in the census bureau. When charged with the accusation, the men concerned, made a clean breast of it.

"Upon recommendation of the acting director, the department of commerce and labor dismissed the ringleader and penalized the other participants by demotions and suspensions without pay."

The acting director was unwilling to give for publication the names of those concerned.

Big losses, coming to employees who could ill afford them, was responsible for the expose. Word that a big game was going on had been common gossip throughout the census bureau, and it was even said that one or two women had taken a hand in it and had lost some money, but this assertion is officially denied.

Game on at Night

At nights, under pretext of having to do overtime work, half a dozen of the poker players would enter the building, and over a desk where important public business was transacted in the day time they played their game for high stakes under a shaded lamp.

One employee, who lost \$20, his whole week's salary, at one sitting and later, upon returning for "revenge" lost a borrowed \$20, went to the authorities of the bureau with his complaint. This led to an investigation. A score of other men were found to have lost their money in a like manner. Then came the dismissal of the ringleader and the suspension of the others without pay and the demotion of still others.

The charges made were of cheating. So far as the officials could learn, the poker game, the roulette, the dealing of "cold decks" and even the crap game were all conducted according to gambling rules.

Nobody Barred

There was no partiality shown. Anybody employed in the census bureau could "sit in." It was all the same to the backers of the game whether the player had \$1 or \$100. The sky was the limit.

The running of a roulette wheel and various other forms of gambling have been charged in other governmental departments, especially the navy department, but this is the first time the officials of a bureau have been successful in catching the offenders and punishing them.

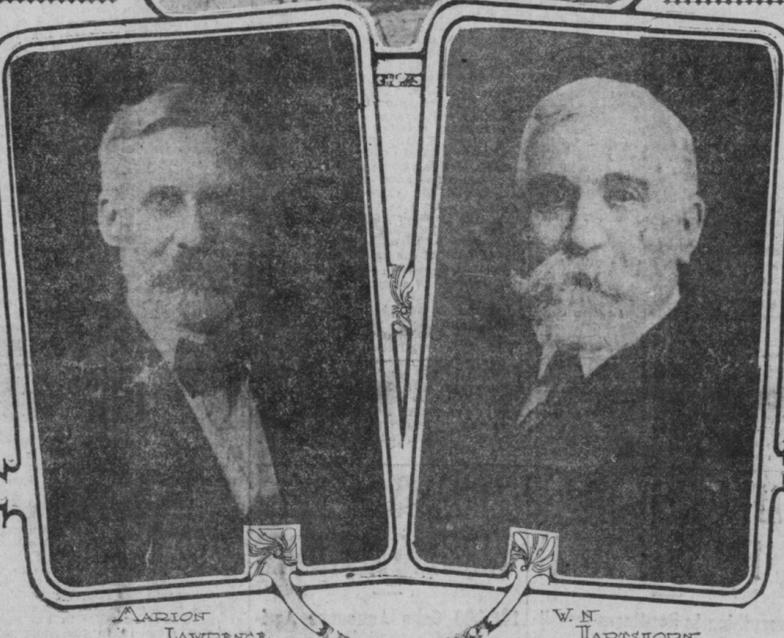
The very darning of the gambling that has been going on in the census bureau is what made it so successful. The man who proposed it originally, the man who, in the official statement given out is called "the ring leader," is said to be an expert poker player, with a true artist's love for the game. Incidentally, it is said he made twice as much money at it as he made from the government.

In one of the smaller offices of the census bureau, where the important work connected with the tabulation of returns from the various cities is supposed to be done, the poker game frequently went on in broad daylight. When the footsteps of a higher official would sound outside the cards would be thrust under a table of figures showing the number of babies in Chicago or the number of divorces in Pittsburgh, and the players who were not assigned to that particular office would rise and appear to be discussing some error in one of the columns.

Sunday School Delegates Due Sabbath Halts Coastward Trip

Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, who organized a bible class comprising one-tenth of the population of Corinth, Mississippi.

W. M. Hartshorn, chairman of the executive committee of the International Sunday school association, at the right, and Marion Lawrence, general secretary of the association.



Representatives From All Parts of Country Will Begin to Arrive Here Today in Preparation for Tomorrow's Opening

In accordance with the determination of the numerous delegations en route to attend the International Sunday school convention in this city, beginning Tuesday, not to travel on Sunday, very few of the representatives from the east arrived here yesterday. The executive members of the association who are already quartered here were actively engaged with preparations for the opening sessions and work at the Coliseum progressed throughout the day.

HUBBY FINDS TWO WIVES TOO MANY

Oakland Woman Who Located Spouse After 40 Years' Hunt Wants Her Rights

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PITTSBURG, Kan., June 18.—The two wives of Peter C. Sharp have quarreled and each is contending that she alone is the legal wife and demanding that the other go away.

Sharp lost his first wife, Anna Catharine, 40 years ago. She was visiting in Chicago then, and when the great fire burned the city he went there to search for her, but could not find her.

She searched for a time and then moved to Oakland, Cal. There she continued her search and after 40 years she found him through the pension office.

Sharp had another and younger wife, Louisa, whom he married nine years ago.

At first it seemed that the two wives would be good comrades, but they soon quarreled. The storm broke a few days ago, when Anna Catharine consulted lawyers and they told her that as she never had been divorced, she was the lawful wife of Sharp.

One prominent member of the association, Rev. Edgar Blake of Chicago, arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans, coming by way of Los Angeles, and registered at the St. Francis hotel. He is assistant corresponding secretary of the Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal church, and will have a prominent place in the convention program.

Three separate parties, scheduled to arrive here early this morning, stopped yesterday at Shasta Springs to avoid the Sunday travel and left there on a late train last night. One party included the delegates from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia, western Washington and Oregon. At their head is Rev. E. W. Halpenny, general secretary from Toronto. They were joined en route by the party from St. Paul, which came over the Northern Pacific railroad under the direction of Prof. A. M. Locker. The third delegation from Chicago included E. K. Mohr of Grand Rapids, Mich., superintendent of the personal purity work. The three parties will arrive here on the same train this morning.

Fred A. Wells, treasurer of the International Sunday school association and president of the American Baptist home mission society, will be one of the well known Sunday school workers who will arrive tomorrow evening. Dr. Wilbur Thirkield, president of Howard university at Washington, D. C., who is a recognized authority upon questions pertaining to the education of negroes, and who is scheduled to speak at the convention upon a topic of this character, will come in from Los Angeles on the Southern Pacific at 9 o'clock this morning.

Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick of Corinth, Miss., who is renowned in Sunday

GIRL WAKES AFTER NINE WEEKS' SLEEP

Remains Conscious Five Minutes, Then Resumes Mysterious Slumber

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VANDALIA, Ill., Miss Hazel Schmidt, daughter of former Alderman George Schmidt, who has slept almost continuously for nine weeks, awakened today for about five minutes and for the first time during her long sleep asked how long she had been asleep.

Before she again lapsed into unconsciousness she said: "Mother, isn't it too bad you can't keep me awake?"

An attempt was made to give her nourishment, but she was asleep before it could be prepared.

Her case has created considerable interest among the medical profession, and noted physicians and specialists have come from all parts of the country to see her.

YALE-SHEFFIELD NAMES HONOR PRIZE WINNERS

Two Washington Students Are Among Fortunate Ones

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 18.—Many of the honors and prizes awarded in the Yale-Sheffield scientific schools to members of the senior class were announced tonight.

BIRDMAN IS CREMATED IN AIR

Aeroplane's Motor Explodes and Blazing Benzene Covers Army Officer

TWO LIVES ARE LOST IN EUROPEAN CIRCUIT RACE

Fatalities Mar Spectacular Start of 50 Aviators From Vincennes

SEVEN FALL AND ONE IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

DEAD

CAPTAIN PRINCTAU, whose motor exploded in midair, flooding him with gasoline and burning him to death.

M. LE MARTIN, who was dashed against a tree, the motor of his aeroplane crushing his head.

Injured

M. Gaubert, former lieutenant in the army, who was entered in the civilian race under the name of "Dalger." He was found lying senseless near his machine in a wheat field four miles from Villars-Coterets. His injuries are serious.

M. Bille, whose aeroplane struck the earth within a mile of the start. Bille was injured, but not seriously.

PARIS, June 18.—Fifty aviators took wing early today from the aviation field at Vincennes on the first stage of the European circuit race, which calls for a flight to London and return with stops at various places going and returning. Almost immediately after the start two of the aviators met tragic deaths, one was gravely hurt and another less seriously injured.

Disaster overtook Captain Princtau almost immediately. He was scarcely well into the air when one of the planes of his machine caught fire. Princtau was seen struggling to undo a strap that bound him firmly in his seat, so as to be free to jump as he glided toward the earth. Before he could loosen the belt, however, the motor exploded and flaming benzene covered him. He did not utter a cry and when the wreckage fell to the ground the captain was dead. His body was fearfully burned. Captain Princtau probably had been asphyxiated by the first burst of the benzene flames. He was one of the most courageous and capable aviators in the army.

Had Just Been Promoted

Princtau had been a lieutenant since 1908 and was gazetted a captain in the official gazette this morning "for exceptional services rendered to military aviation."

A tragic coincidence of Princtau's death was that the exact spot where he fell, Laforêt, the French aviator, and Pola, a passenger, were killed last December in the competition for the Automobile club's prize for a flight from Paris to Brussels, and only a few yards away the French minister of war met death four weeks ago.

The wind was rising at the start, and Le Martin, who was one of the most experienced aviators in France, rocked about a good deal as his machine cleared the ground and swept away. His aeroplane had reached the woods a quarter of a mile beyond the barriers when it was observed to pitch swiftly downward and into the trees.

Le Martin's Head Crushed

The biplane was broken badly as it fell at the foot of an oak tree. A corner of the motor struck Le Martin's head, crushing his skull, and his right leg was fractured in two places.

The aviator was barely alive when he was taken away by Red Cross surgeons and expired a few minutes after reaching a hospital.

Something was wrong with the steering gear of Le Martin's machine. It had acted badly earlier in the morning, and Roland Garros, who helped adjust it, advised Le Martin not to go up.

Three other aviators fell, M. Lordin near Charleville, Oscar Morrison close to Gagny, and M. Morin at Chevron, within 22 miles of Liege, which is the end of the first stage of the race. None of these men was badly hurt. Of the 59 aviators who started, 28 were civilians and 12 officers assigned for military duty. Hung up for the competitors are prizes amounting to \$94,000.

Great Crowd Present

Dawn at Vincennes saw a crowd estimated at from 500,000 to 1,000,000 persons massed around the military exercise field to witness the start. Six thousand soldiers and 4,000 police, most