

WOMEN IN FIRE
BON AIR REQUIRES FIRE

Grass and Brush Blaze on 75 Acres for Six Hours and Two Are Hurt

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LARKSPUR, Aug. 15.—Women and men fought side by side today in saving their homes and the hotel Bon Air from a fierce grass and brush fire that raged from noon until 9 o'clock this evening.

Edward McGonigle, a retired fireman of San Francisco and member of the local department, was seriously injured when he was forced to jump from the top of a high boulder that had been surrounded by flames. Robert Rice, another fireman of Larkspur, fainted from the heat and was rescued by Mrs. Jean Escalle.

It required the united efforts of citizens from Kentfield, Ross, Larkspur, Corte Madera and Escalle to keep the flames from spreading. It is estimated that 75 acres of trees and grass on the hills surrounding the hotel Bon Air and the firemen and Greenbrae were burned, but little damage to property was done.

The fire started near the home of Mrs. F. Sinclair, wife of San Francisco business man, after the departure of some blackberry pickers.

Among the women who fought to save their homes were Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. H. J. Lounse, Mrs. A. H. Thella, Mrs. Jean Escalle and Mrs. R. C. Dougherty. Mrs. Frank Murphy of Larkspur aided by supplying water to the firemen and taking care of the two injured men.

Among the men who did good work were A. W. Larsen, William Bredhoff, Tom McNamara, Frank McQuinn, J. McQuillan, Bert Black, A. Vessel, J. R. Dougherty, John Colin, A. Wozel, J. Zaro, Nick Biegler, Jean Escalle, Henry Bain, J. A. Green and George Martin.

FRENCH JOURNALIST VISITS
FINDS CITY HAS MANY CHARMS



Francois de l'Espigarie de Tesson, editorial writer on Le Matin of Paris.

Author Seeks Data for Book on American People and Their Characteristics

Francois de l'Espigarie de Tesson, editorial writer on the Paris daily papers, has come to San Francisco on a visit during which he will couple pleasure and study.

He will give himself up to the enjoyment of the beauties of California, but he will observe closely that he may incorporate into his new books some of the interesting things that the state has to offer.

The journalist is the brother in law of Paul Verdier, the manager of the City of Paris. He has taken apartments at the Fairmont and will spend the next two months in and about San Francisco.

De Tesson is one of the eminent journalists of Paris and has achieved special distinction as a thorough student of American affairs. He spent some time in Washington and New York as correspondent for his paper. He has an intimate knowledge of the intricacies of American politics and commercial conditions.

His new book will treat of American institutions and will discuss American affairs in their dynamic intensity rather than in a superficial way. While in California, De Tesson will inquire into the labor situation, the immigration question, the wine industry, and kindred topics that find universal interest.

"I find much to please me here," said he yesterday. "I think there is more of the atmosphere of France here than in any other American city I have visited. Needles to say, it pleases me that I find much to please me here."

There is the same hospitality, the same ease, and the many things that suggest the artistic. Your people do not rush and hurry as they do in so many cities. They seem to find something more in life.

"I look to see San Francisco the home soon be made to feel at home."

GRAFT TRIAL DELAY IS HELD ILLEGAL

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ery on the part of the United Railroads officials. It is shown that Gallagher left San Francisco November 26, 1909, three days before another trial was to have opened, and that he was not under orders to remain as a witness. It is shown that he had planned a trip abroad openly, had visited railroad and steamship offices, and had made the statement that he was "not coming back until the whole thing had blown over."

On this showing Judge Lennon based his decision, quoting from the English law as laid down in the case of the King against Edon, decided in 1784 and reported in Blackstone. The citation follows:

"Three things are necessary to put off a trial. First, that the witness is really material and appears to the court to be so; secondly, that the party who applies has been guilty of no neglect; and, thirdly, that the witness can be had at the time to which the trial has been deferred."

Following this form, Judge Lennon agrees with the law and the facts, to the effect that the witness is material and appears to the court to be so; secondly, that the party who applies has been guilty of no neglect; and, thirdly, that the witness can be had at the time to which the trial has been deferred.

Further, it is noted that the trial court made no showing or suggestion that Gallagher was absent through the connivance of the petitioner. Closing, the decision reads as follows:

"So clear is the right of the petitioner, upon the law and the facts, to the relief that he seeks, that to deny it would be a deliberate defiance of the plain mandate of the law and a manifest abuse of the judicial power."

ALL CASES HELD ALIKE

The petitions of William M. Abbott, Thorneill Mullaly and Patrick Calhoun were considered as being practically identical with the circumstances surrounding the Ford case. The decision, also signed by the three judges, orders the dismissal of the indictments in the following words:

"In point of law and fact the cases are practically identical. The differences are non-essential. In the case of Patrick Calhoun he was once tried. In the cases of the other petitioners they were never given even a single trial. For the reasons stated in the case of Tracy L. Ford versus the Superior court of California for the city and county of San Francisco, the prayer of each petitioner is granted."

AVIATOR FLIES 101 MILES

Aviator Finishes First Quarter of Trip From St. Louis to Boston

He Quarrels With Committee-man in Chicago Over Price for Landing

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fused him an aeroplane, and this denial, found today in a letter written by the father to his son almost a year ago, seemed to forestall the fatal accident.

"My conscience will not permit to contribute to your certain death by providing you with a flying machine," wrote Doctor Johnston. "I can't buy you one, St. Croix."

After learning to fly in France, Johnstone went to Havana, where he was the first to fly over the city. He gained a record when he was the first to fly around the wreck of the battleship Maine. Returning to the United States he was engaged by Alfred Moisant, and had since been with the group of French aviators.

After his return from Havana, Johnstone established an American record. During a flying exhibition at Mineola, August 5, he remained in the air 4 hours 1 minute and 59 seconds.

Atwood Reaches Elkhart

ELKHART, Ind., Aug. 15.—Skimming the southwest corner of Lake Michigan and 55 miles over the sandhills of Northern Indiana, Harry N. Atwood flew the 101 miles from Chicago to Elkhart in two hours and 55 minutes, without stopping, thus completing 337 miles of his 1460-mile flight from St. Louis to New York and Boston.

Atwood made the 101 miles from Chicago in just 19 minutes slower time than the fastest train service in the United States, which covers the distance between Chicago and Elkhart in one hour and 15 minutes.

The Boston aviator, arising in his Burgess-Wright biplane on the lake front in Chicago, circled over the thousands gathered there at the city's expense and at 2:31 shot out on his journey eastward. He arrived here at 5:45, settling down into a hay field.

His highest altitude today was 2000 feet, reached over South Bend, Ind., but generally he kept low in order to follow the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern tracks which fixed his course. It was while he was out on Lake Michigan that he saw a machine of persons lined up along the shore and sometimes called by the whistles of steamboats, that Atwood made his most spectacular appearance today.

HIT HIGH SPEED

Once away from Chicago, he hit up a high speed against a head-on wind and cut across the corner of the lake to save a few miles. As it sped on, in the late afternoon sun, the shore craft and boats in the distance.

By his performance today, Atwood is confident that his flight begun by his 258-mile trip from St. Louis to Boston Sunday will be ended in Boston easily within the ten days limit. He will resume his flight tomorrow morning, going to Toledo, and to Sandusky, Ohio, where he expects to land for the night.

"I could make much better time were it not for my arrangement calling for making fourteen stops on the trip," said Atwood. "If I had my way, I would go right on through, stopping wherever night overtook me."

It is becoming more evident to me that aeroplanes are losing much of their danger and are becoming vehicles for practical use. The ocean-air flight will soon be in vogue."

Atwood Demands Money

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—There was much vehemence of language and a great deal of shouting and shouting today just before Harry N. Atwood started on the second stage of his St. Louis-New York flight. The dispute was between Atwood and Chairman Mudd of the aviation committee and it terminated only with the thrusting of a certified check for \$500 into the aviator's hands just as his big biplane was starting.

Atwood, here to please the crowd, landed here to please the crowd, but I was promised \$1,000 for doing it."

Loud language was brought to the starting line. The check for \$500 was thrust into his hands, and rejected because it was still uncashed. The aviator was required to restrain the machine while Chairman Mudd did a quick job of certification.

STRONG PLEAS MADE FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE

OAKLAND, Aug. 15.—Miss Ethel Moore, a leader in civic work in Oakland, and Mrs. James B. Hume, one of California's most prominent club women, made a strong showing tonight for equal suffrage when they addressed the Men's League of Pilgrim Congregational church at a dinner given by that organization at the church, Eighth avenue near East Fifteenth street.

H. D. Ames presided at the affair, which was unusually well attended. Five hundred strong, at least, they will leave this city Friday morning at 9 o'clock on the "yellow special." Three hundred enthusiastic suffragettes have already sent notices of their willingness to go to Sacramento to the women's suffrage party, which is arranging the pilgrimage to the capital to have women make an impressive showing at the fair and to obtain as many new devotees to the cause as possible on the way.

The "yellow special" will make frequent stops along the route after it leaves this city. Speeches will be made from the train's platform at each stop and at Stockton addresses will be made.

At Sacramento the special will be met by a business men's association with a brass band. Thereafter, until 8:30 o'clock in the evening, when a mass meeting will be held in the pavilion, the suffragettes will be the guests of the association.

Those who have signified their desire to go to Sacramento from this city are residents of all the cities about the bay.

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

SACRAMENTO RIVER DATA COLLECTED

Channel From Chico Landing to Red Bluff May Be Used Year Round

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RED BLUFF, Aug. 15.—The state engineering department has collected data on water conditions in the Sacramento river between Chico Landing and Red Bluff to show that with proper dredging the channel can be kept open for navigation the year round. The department report is in detail and will be submitted to the next legislature, when an effort will be made to get an appropriation to handle the dredging.

VICTIM OF FIT DROWNS IN BUCKET OF WATER

Man Is Smothered Before Aid Can Be Summoned

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 15.—Osborne Meehan was drowned today in a bucket of water. He was standing over the bucket when attacked by a fit. He plunged headfirst into the bucket. He drowned before aid came. Meehan was 50 years old and had lived in Sacramento for years.

SAN FRANCISCAN KILLED BY SLAG

Molten Mass Explodes, Sending Lump Flying Against Victim's Head

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARTINEZ, Aug. 15.—John Watson, aged 54 years, born at Somerville, Contra Costa county, was killed at 3 p. m. today at the Mountain Copper company's works two miles east of this place. He was helping to dump hot slag into the bay and the mass exploded, a flying lump of it hitting him on the left side over the heart. He died in about 30 minutes after the arrival of a physician. Watson's home is at 210 Carolina street, San Francisco. He leaves a widow and two children. He had been working for the Mountain Copper company about two weeks.

AMATEUR AVIATOR MAKES SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT

Grass Valley Man Sails in Home-Made Craft

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

GRASS VALLEY, Aug. 15.—Lyman Gilmore, amateur aviator, flew half a mile today in a machine of his own invention and construction. He has been working on the machine for several years and claims that it is nearing perfection.

Big Meeting Planned For Next Saturday

The biggest meeting to be held by the suffragettes since they gave their dinner in honor of Mrs. Gertrude Atherton some weeks ago will take place next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Scottish Rite assembly hall at 1270 Sutter street.

This meeting, which is being conducted by the College Equal Suffrage League, will be the most important of an organization standpoint. In addition to a speech by Miss Gail Laughlin, who is the lawyer for the Denver Women's club, and who obtained a victory in the supreme court of Colorado over former Governor Thomas of that state, final plans for the campaign will be formulated.

All committees will report at this meeting, and it is expected that complete arrangements for the remainder of the campaign, even for the day of election, October 10, will be determined. The regular officers will preside.

The College Equal Suffrage League has unveiled the ranks until there are enrolled as members 700 enthusiastic women.

BY YOUNG RELEASED

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 15.—Cy Young, most famous of all pitchers in the history of baseball, was given his unconditional release by the Cleveland club tonight. Young is 45 years old. He will remain in Cleveland for a time, but expects to become a member of a big league team.

ASTORIA CENTENNIAL—August 10th to 15th

A special train, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and accompanied by an official of the Passenger Department of the Southern Pacific Company, will leave San Francisco August 16th, returning August 21st. \$45.00 covers all expenses. Further information can be secured from Mr. Chester W. Burke, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, or any Agent in San Francisco of the Southern Pacific.

ALLEGED AUTO THIEVES HELD

Keith and James Rodgers, arrested in Matara recently for the alleged theft of an automobile from Dr. F. R. Orella of this city, were held to answer by Judge Weller yesterday morning, charged with grand larceny. They say they took the machine to go on a hunting trip.

WORK BEGUN ON IRRIGATION DAM

Build Solid Concrete Wall 75 Feet High

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Aug. 15.—Work was begun today on the construction of the great dam across the Stanislaus river, the source of water supply for the 70,000 acres in the South San Joaquin irrigation district.

The residents have labored for years to bring about the project and are jubilant. P. K. Beard, the contractor, also has the contract for the construction of six and one half miles of the main canal, all within district No. 6.

The dam will be located about six miles above Knights Ferry and one and one-half miles below the old dam site. It will be built of solid concrete, 75 feet high.

The river will supply plenty of water for the vast district, but as a matter of precaution there will be a reservoir with a capacity of 184,000 acre feet. The water will flow into the reservoir at the rate of 850 cubic feet per second, and will flow out at the rate of 600, so there will be abundance of water on hand for the fall season when the river is low.

DISCREPANCY IN DUPLICATE BOOKS

Paymaster Pippin's Accounts in Washington Disagree With Local Ones

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, Aug. 15.—With three sets of books kept in connection with the United States receiving ship Independence, no one found time to utilize the opportunity for double checking the paymaster's accounts until he got into trouble, according to exhibits made today at the trial of Paymaster A. M. Pippin, charged with embezzlement.

By telegraphing to Washington, past records of the Independence were unearthed, in the shape of the ship's provision returns. These were checked today against the ship's accounts current, and against its cash book.

No two accounts agreed. In one quarter, the cash book showed sale of provisions for cash amounting to \$17,350.85. The accounts current showed receipts of \$353.85, a discrepancy of \$17,704.70, while the provision returns forwarded to Washington show no sales at all. The Washington returns, it was testified, were in charge of Pay Clerk J. V. Fuller, who is accused by the defense of responsibility for the shortage.

Pippin's cross examination terminated today. He will be examined briefly in rebuttal tomorrow, and the case probably will close Thursday.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ASSESSED FOR \$47,624,464

Segregations Show Heavy Totals for Tax Basis

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Aug. 15.—The total assessment of San Joaquin county upon which the tax rate will be computed amounts to \$47,624,464. County Recorder Kroh reports the assessment as follows:

Value of real estate other than city and town lots, \$21,528,379; city and town lots, \$9,173,238; total, \$30,701,617. Improvements on real estate and other than city and town lots, \$2,950,822; improvements on city and town lots, \$4,784,248; total, \$7,735,070. Real estate lots and improvements, industrial, personal property, \$3,856,478; money and credits, \$501,301; total, \$47,624,464.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD IS APPOINTED

Governor Names Three Prominent in Civic Affairs

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 15.—Under the authority of the employers' liability act of the last legislature Governor Johnson today named the members of the industrial accident board of three, the yearly salary of each being \$3,900. A. J. Pillsbury, formerly secretary of the state board of examiners, editor and publisher of the Sacramento Daily Appeal, and W. J. French, editor of the San Francisco Labor Clarion, a labor leader and prominent in civic affairs, and W. J. Morrison, an attorney practicing in Los Angeles, but residing in Pasadena, prominent in civic affairs of both cities and well known throughout the southland, are the men named by Governor Johnson.

CORPORATIONS HAVE PAID \$5,500,000 TAXES

Last Cent Has Been Contributed by 14,500 Concerns

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 15.—The last cent of taxes from the corporations of the state was paid into the state treasury last night and State Treasurer Roberts completed the count today, finding \$5,500,000 paid in for the first installment. The number of corporations paying was approximately 14,500.

JORDAN QUESTIONS AMENDMENT NO. 2

Alleges Senate Journal Record of the Measure Is Not Complete

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 15.—Secretary of State Jordan announced tonight that he has found errors in constitutional amendments No. 1 and 2, and measures that he believes will invalidate it. He has found that the officers of the senate instead of spreading the amendments on the journal as required by the constitution made mere reference to its adoption. Jordan says he will continue with the investigation and when he completes the task will pass the matter with data to the attorney general and await his decision as to what shall go on or what shall stay off the ballot.

STOCKTON CLERK GRANTS TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Aug. 15.—Two marriage licenses were issued today, as follows: Frank Peter Dolan, Vancouver, aged 25, and Elsie Matella Barrett, 23, Stockton.

Charles Joseph Barnes, 29, and Elizabeth McDonald, 28, both of Stockton.

LOUISIANA WANTS VALLEJO NEGRO

Jeff Pullens Wanted for Threatening to Kill His Wife and for Murder

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, Aug. 15.—Jeff Pullens, a negro arrested here under the name of George Madino for threatening to kill his wife, is wanted in Natchitoches parish, Louisiana, for murder, according to a telegram received here today from Louisiana authorities.

COURT MUST SETTLE QUESTION OF SALARY

Vallejo School Directors May Have Long Wait

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, Aug. 15.—The claims of School Directors Annan, Topley and Whitaker for their salaries for the month of July were approved by the city commissioners today. When they are presented for approval to City Auditor George Hildreth warrants will be refused, so that the question of out of which fund the salaries shall be paid will be taken into court. The new charter provides that the city shall pay the directors, but the state law says that all school directors shall serve without any compensation.

Navy Yard News

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARE ISLAND, Aug. 15.—The navy department has ordered that the repairs on the gunboat Yorktown, now at this station, are to be rushed to completion so that the vessel can sail for the Hawaiian Islands. The repairs will be started tomorrow.

Chief Carpenter William O'Neill arrived at the yard today from Bremerton. He is Naval Constructor Rumm in the construction of the tug Unadilla.

The tug Unadilla will take 13 prisoners to San Quentin Thursday.

Nidolum, a member of the Independence has been ordered away for duty.

The work of surveying the yard channel has begun.

The Logan will leave for San Francisco tomorrow.

The collier Saturn has been ordered to Bremerton for repairs to its engines.

The tugboats City and Davis will be assigned to the first reserve fleet on their arrival at the yard.

The crubbers California, South Dakota and Maryland will be equipped with the double effect evaporating systems before they leave the yard this fall.

Vallejo Brevities

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VIEWING STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE—Vallejo, Aug. 15.—City engineer A. P. Noyes went to Rio Vista today, where he will be joined by County Surveyor E. N. Eager, and together they will make a trip over the proposed route of the state highway.

MOVING FIGURES—CENSUS WANTED—Superintendent of the census, Albert M. Armstrong has petitioned the city commission to appoint a board of citizenship for the moving picture shows in this city.

SAN RAFAEL SEEKS INFORMATION—Believing Vallejo's water system to be the best in the state, officials of San Rafael may pattern their proposed new system after it. C. C. Edwards from that city appeared before the Vallejo city commission today and obtained details concerning the operation of the system.

FOOD INSPECTOR FOR CITY—Vallejo is to have a food and meat inspector. City Commissioner William F. Blake is having an ordinance prepared providing for the inspection of foodstuffs sold in this city. Doctor Peterson will be appointed health officer September 1 and he will be empowered to assist the new inspector.

A Treat for Visitors

If you want to taste California's finest table wines, ask your waiter to serve you Italian-Swiss colony brand. They are the best.

Political Cards FOR SUPERVISOR JOHN L. POLITO

ALEXANDER RUSSELL "A BUSINESSMAN" Indorsed by Republican County Committee For Supervisor

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, 2104 Market Street.

End It at the Primary Sept. 26 REGISTER NOW GET TOGETHER AND ELECT ROBERT and the Eighteen Municipal Conference Supervisors

Article XI, Chap. 2, Sec. 8 of the Charter provides: "Any candidate receiving a MAJORITY of votes cast at the primary ELECTION shall be declared elected to office."

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