

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

AIRSHIP KIDNAPED BY CYCLONIC WIND

Flying Machine Is Taken Out of Aerodrome and Hoisted into Tree

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
OROVILLE, Nov. 16.—A heavy wind of great velocity wrecked an aeroplane, an automobile and several barns and outbuildings in the vicinity of Kentucky ranch, eight miles north of here last night. The wind was followed by a rainstorm, more than half an inch of water falling within an hour. The automobile and aeroplane belonged to Harry Newhart, Harry Roderick and D. P. Roderick. Both were in the barn when owned by D. P. Roderick and used as an aerodrome and garage. The aeroplane was blown into the branches of a tree.

FRIEND OF CRONIN TELLS OF SHOOTING

Prosecution Continues Testimony in Decker Trial

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
MARTINEZ, Nov. 16.—Michael Cronin, a friend of Dennis Cronin, who was killed by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Edwin Decker in Crockett, occupied the stand at Decker's trial for the greater part of today's session.

Cronin testified that he met his friend when he alighted from the train in Crockett on the night of the killing and walked around the station with him until the shooting began, when he turned and fled.

Previous to the firing of the first shot, he said there had been no quarrel and no trouble of any kind.

For more than an hour Judge Frick for the prosecution and Stanley Moore for the defense battled over the admission of a question of Moore's regarding Cronin's sympathies, whether they were with the striking union men or the others.

Judge Latimer ruled against Moore on the ground that no evidence had been introduced to show that Cronin was associated with either side.

Vikton Schumacher, who was injured by a bullet, testified substantially the same as Cronin.

SUIT FOR SALARIES PROPOSED BY BOARD

Vallejo School Directors Will Mandamus the City

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
VALLEJO, Nov. 16.—Members of the board of education will mandamus the city to obtain salaries held up by City Auditor George Hildreth. The board will also appear before the city commission and demand that City Attorney W. T. O'Donnell give the board such legal advice as may be required from time to time.

TWO STOCKTON WOMEN ASK DIVORCE DECREES

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
STOCKTON, Nov. 16.—Divorce complaints were filed today by Mrs. James R. Ivey and Mrs. J. W. Daly. The Iveys were married 22 years ago in Yuba City and have a son, aged 14 years. She asks for the community property and alimony, charging she was abused. The Dalys were married in Sonora in 1891. They have three boys. Daly is a railroad employe and is accused of desertion.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH BOARD WILL GO TO CUBA

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 16.—Dr. W. F. Snow, secretary of the state board of health, will leave this month for Havana, Cuba, where he will attend the American Public Health association meeting December 4 to 9. Health officers from all parts of the American continent will be present.

WALNUT CREEK YOUTHS ORGANIZE GLEE CLUB

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
WALNUT CREEK, Nov. 16.—The young people of this place have organized a glee club and plan many entertainments during the winter months under the leadership of Mrs. Eugene West, a vocalist of note in the bay cities. The officers of the club are: P. E. Brooks, president; Mrs. I. B. Sallert, secretary; Mrs. F. H. Robinson, treasurer.

Marv-e-lous! Here Are Chickens That Talk

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Nov. 16.—Harold Sumner, a farmer living near here, says that he has found a way to make hens talk and it isn't by crossing them with parrots either. Sumner has been experimenting for some time and his neighbors testify that while his fowls do not exactly talk, they make an awful and unwarranted racket, unlike any of the sounds which have heretofore been emitted from a chicken's throat. Sumner brought several of his talking hens into town today and gave an exhibition in front of the postoffice.

Before the hens would perform he gave each a tablespoonful of brown powder. Almost instantly the birds commenced to emit discordant sounds, some of which sounded like English words. Sumner said the powder which he gives the fowls is made from granulated phonograph cylinders and discs. He says that when the phonograph records in their muzzles state gets into the hen's systems they can't help but do something. He calls it talking. This afternoon he gave one hen a mixture taken from the record of "The Ravings of John McCullough," mixed with a pinch of All Coons Look Alike to Me. The effect was marvelous. It killed the hen.

WEDDING DATE NOT DAY OF MARRIAGE

"Postpone It?" "Sure I Will," Says Miss Elizabeth Schmidt, and Elopes

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
COLUSA, Nov. 16.—Because her parents objected to her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Schmidt a few days ago postponed the date of her marriage to Charles Perry Neal, but yesterday she eloped with him and they were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Z. T. Kilgore.

MAN GROUND TO DEATH UNDER PASSENGER TRAIN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
ROSEVILLE, Nov. 16.—Bodie Ray, aged 23, of Loyaltown, was ground to death here this morning under wheels of a passenger train. He was on his way with two companions to Lincoln and was changing trains. He tried to board the train while it was in motion.

SCHOOLS OF STATE SHOW STORK BUSY

Attendance Increases 18,460 in Year, With Population 156,910 More

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 16.—Since last year California shows an increase of 18,460 in attendance of school children and an increase of 156,910 in population, according to Job Wood, statistician in the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Hyatt. The school figures are correct, the population figures are estimated.

In 1910, according to Wood's data, 388,231 children attended public schools of the state; in 1911 the attendance has been 386,851.

In 1910 the high school attendance was 195,115 against 44,489 for 1911, making a gain of 5,274 in 1911; the elementary school attendance was 322,361 against 234,595 for 1911, a gain of 12,234; and in 1910 the kindergarten attendance was 2,915 against 7,757 for 1911, a gain of 852.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS BONDS FOR IRRIGATION

Decision in South San Joaquin Case Confirmed

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 16.—A decision handed down today by the supreme court held constitutional the clause in the irrigation status of 1897 relative to the issuance of bonds by irrigation districts. The judgment relates to the South San Joaquin irrigation district bonds. The case was carried to the San Joaquin superior court to determine the validity of the bonds. The decision of the lower court was favorable to the bonds.

BAR TENDER RESENTS BLOW WITH BULLET

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
BENICIA, Nov. 16.—J. Soske entered Lawrence McCarthy's saloon last night and, according to witnesses, struck P. Luckovich, the bar tender, with a whisky bottle because he was refused a drink. When Luckovich recovered consciousness he shot Soske in the fleshy part of the right leg. Both were arrested, but their friends bailed them out today.

CONTRA COSTA PIONEER SUCCEUMS TO PARALYSIS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
MARTINEZ, Nov. 16.—Charles William Pick, a resident of Contra Costa county for more than a quarter of a century, died here yesterday after a week's illness from paralysis. In the early days he managed the old Pacheco hotel in town, now practically deserted, was the chief business place in Contra Costa county. He leaves two sons, Charles Pick of Martinez and Robert Pick of Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Leona Sprague of Napa.

'T.R.' CALLS TRUST DISSOLUTION FARGE

Court Has Permitted Tobacco Octopus to Merely Change Clothes, He Says

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Recent litigation and legislation to regulate the trusts is discussed and a remedy to meet the present situation is suggested by Theodore Roosevelt in an editorial entitled, "The Trusts, the People and the Square Deal," published today in the Outlook.

"The suit against the steel trust by the government," Roosevelt begins, "has brought vividly before our people the need of pending executive and legislative government policy as regards business."

He concludes with the following recommendation: "The national government exercises control over interstate commerce railways and it can in similar fashion, through an appropriate administrative body, exercise control over all industrial organizations engaged in interstate commerce. This control should not be exercised by the courts, but by administrative bureaus of the government, such as the bureau of corporations, or the interstate commerce commission; for the courts can not with advantage permanently suspend executive and administrative functions."

NOT DECIDED, HE SAYS

Before taking up his general theme, Roosevelt denied that the representatives of the steel corporation misled him while the wet president in connection with the acquisition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company.

"I believed at the time that the representatives of the steel corporation told me the truth as to the effect of the acquisition of the business which the proposed acquisition would give the steel corporation, and further inquiry has convinced me that they did so," he says. "I was not misled. The representatives of the steel corporation told me the truth as to what the effect of the acquisition of the business which the proposed acquisition would give the steel corporation, and further inquiry has convinced me that they did so."

Returning to the main subject Roosevelt continued: "The problem, not by administrative governmental action but by a success of law suits, is hopeless from the standpoint of the consumer because the trusts are so organized that they can fight together under the same control."

DRASTIC ACTION NEEDED

"Such action is harsh and mischievous if the corporation is guilty of nothing except its size; and where, as in the case of the Standard Oil and especially the tobacco trust, the corporation has been guilty of illegal and anti social practices, there is need for far more drastic and thoroughgoing action than any that has been taken under the recent decree of the supreme court."

"In the case of the tobacco trust for instance, the selection of the board of the government seemed inclined to conceal practically leaves all the companies still substantially under the control of 29 original defendants. Such a result is lamentable from the standpoint of justice. The decision of the circuit court, it allowed the circuit court, the tobacco trust has merely been obliged to change its clothes, that none of the real offenders has received any real punishment."

"Surely, the principle of justice is not too strong a term to apply to such a result when considered in connection with what the supreme court said of this trust."

CONVENTION URGES WATERWAY NEEDS

Trans-Mississippi Congress Is Unanimous in Demand for Improvement of Rivers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 16.—Improvement of inland waterways, the relation of the business man and the farmer to the proposed parcels post, and the effects of legal restrictions upon national industrial conditions were the subjects given special consideration by the trans-Mississippi congress today.

The attitude of the congress toward the parcels post will not be determined until after the committee on resolutions reports tomorrow, when the question will be settled on the floor. The sentiment in favor of the improvement of inland waterways was unanimous.

CLARK ON ECONOMY

Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, delivered the principal address tonight, explaining why governmental economy was necessary. He said the serious question in beginning new enterprises or in greatly augmenting old ones was to devise ways and means to disbursements of the federal government were about equal to its revenues, and that "our annual appropriations have passed the billion dollar mark."

John H. Kirby of Houston, Tex., discussing national industrial conditions, said that the so called reformers and politicians in their zeal to restrict trusts by law had unwillingly repealed the laws of trade.

S. H. Cowan of Fort Worth, Tex., declared that the retention of the tariff was necessary to insure the prosperity of the country.

W. K. Kavanaugh of St. Louis, president of the Lakes and the Gulf Deep Waterways association, said that to get proper railroad rates and to foster and develop the commerce of the country the improvement of the inland waterways was an absolute necessity.

CANAL BOON TO INTERIOR

"With the development of our rivers," he said, "and the completion of the Panama canal the interior cities will become in reality water ports and can ship their goods to and from all parts of the world."

Congressman Charles F. Hooper of Missouri, a member of the house of representatives, suggested that the trans-Mississippi commercial congress was taking up too many projects at this time.

Congressman W. P. Borland of Missouri made a special plea for the improvement of the Missouri river. He said that the other speakers today were Governor John Burke of North Dakota, George J. Kindel of Denver and Darwin P. Kingsley of New York.

ENGINEERS TO INSPECT RIVER IN A ROW BOAT

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
RED BLUFF, Nov. 16.—Major Cheney and Captain Biddle of the board of army engineers, in charge of the navigable rivers in California, left here today in a rowboat for a trip down the Sacramento river. They propose to inspect the river closely and will take the time for the trip, camping along the river bank. They expect to reach Sacramento within two weeks.

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LITTLE TRUSTS TO BEAT BIG ONES

Proposal Made by Witness Before Senate Interstate Commerce Committee

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The senate committee on interstate commerce, that is inquiring into the trust problem, received the first concrete suggestion for new legislation designed for the control of gigantic corporations, without hampering legitimate business organizations.

Taylor Vincent of Huntington, W. Va., suggested the organization of separate federal commissions to deal with the coal, iron, steel, lumber and oil industries with power to authorize small combinations and agreements for selling their products or operating the properties.

A method of trust regulation through a graduated tax on the capital stock of corporations was suggested by W. S. Dwinnet, Minneapolis attorney. Dwinnet said such a tax, increasing in proportion to the amount of capital, would prevent monopoly and stimulate competition.

Vincent said that his scheme for a federal coal mine commission did not contemplate a control of prices. National competition would be stimulated, he said, if the small coal mine operators were permitted to make reasonable combinations.

Dwinnet, who proposed the federal tax on capital stock, said that the big combinations would not be able to pass this tax on the consumer because small competitive concerns would not be embarrassed by the tax.

"If every praver of the government against the United States steel corporation is granted," said Dwinnet, "I do not expect the price of steel rails to decline from \$28 a ton, even though it costs but \$14 a ton to make them, as has been stated. An adequate tax on big capital stock would force moderate prices or invite outside competition."

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