



THOUSANDS ARE READY TO BACK BUNKER TO END

Women and Men Rally to Support of Berkeley Educator, Now Under Fire

Registration Clerks Kept Busy by Fair Ones, Who Would Vote Down Opposition

"Facing a Crisis, It Is Up to the People to Decide," Says Superintendent

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BERKELEY, Feb. 9.—Twelve hundred men and women, packing and overflowing Masonic temple at Shattuck avenue and Bancroft way, tonight gave their moral support with cheers and plaudits to Frank F. Bunker, the superintendent of schools, whose dismissal from the service had been decided in secret session by School Directors Herman I. Stern, John A. Wilson and Mrs. Elinor Carlisle.

Bunker made public that plan last Tuesday evening, when he fired a broadside at the opposition in the form of a report exposing not only the particular program but alleged political machinations and the alleged neglect of the department by his foes.

Women Out in Force

The meeting was equally composed of men and women. The women are showing intense interest in the school department problem and were present tonight just as in the last few days—since the question arose—they have registered to vote in numbers beyond the men.

The meeting tonight was open, called by Fred G. Athearn and several other citizens. The call was issued to the public, and the response was more than 1,000 strong. From the vive voce vote on a resolution, which was adopted, directing Athearn to appoint a committee of 15 men and women who shall investigate and advise a recall or whatever action is desirable, it was evident that Bunker's friends were many and his foes in the room were few.

Athearn will appoint the committee tomorrow. Had the three directors under fire been present there might have been other action. But they failed to appear, sending instead a letter which did not defend their action toward Bunker, but accused the meeting of being a packed gathering that would treat them unfairly.

Superintendent F. F. Bunker said in part: "Apparently, these directors think it necessary only to come together in secret sessions to decide upon a course of action, and carry it through without regard whether or not such course of action makes for the upbuilding of the schools of Berkeley. I venture the assertion that the educational department of the university and those educators of the state who know what is under way in our schools will testify that constructive work of the highest educational significance is being developed."

"I say, therefore, that these three directors are unaware of the value of the work right here in Berkeley because they have never taken any steps toward finding it."

"I would feel myself a coward to withdraw from Berkeley without giving the people in this city an opportunity of knowing the truth."

"The matter of the selection and dismissal of teachers may be of interest to you as another item in which a distinct advance has been made. Under the old ward system, in many instances, teachers were selected because they had personal friends of the board of education or because they had friends who knew members of the board of education."

"The school department of Berkeley is facing a crisis. The issue is clear cut. It is for you, the citizens of Berkeley, to decide."

Rumors Run to Ground The only criticism of Bunker's efficiency or integrity was detailed by one of his friends, Prof. E. P. Lewis, former school director, who told what he called slanderous rumors, one being that Bunker was so dishonest that he took commissions on sales to the department.

Lewis said he and another man had told Mrs. Elinor Carlisle of this rumor and told her she was said to be its source and to have the proofs. He said she denied all knowledge of the

Patrick Calhoun's Eldest Daughter Soon to Be a Bride



CALHOUN'S DOORS OPEN TO LOVE GOD

Engagement of Eldest Daughter Martha to Cleveland Man Announced

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 9.—The announcement was made tonight of the engagement of Miss Martha Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Calhoun of Cleveland and San Francisco, to become the bride of Wilson B. Hickox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickox. The announcement was made at a dinner party given at the Calhoun residence. The date has not been fixed.

Calhoun is known all over the country as a traction magnate and formerly lived in San Francisco.

The Hickox is among the wealthiest in Cleveland. Hickox has varied interests, principal among them being coal, iron ore and steamship concerns. He is a Yale graduate of the Year 1905 and a member of the Country, Mayfield, Tavern, Union and University clubs.

The marriage of the second daughter, Miss Margaret Green Calhoun, to Paul Scott Foster of San Francisco, celebrated last June, was one of the most brilliant events in Cleveland's social history. The marriage of their eldest daughter will be a replica of the first wedding.

The Calhoun residence in Derbyshire road, Euclid Heights, was a blaze of lights and fragrant with spring blossoms tonight. The table was arranged for 22 guests.

CLARK MEMORIAL HOME CORNERSTONE IS LAID

Former Senator Thanked for Gift to Women

[Special Dispatch to The Call] LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—The cornerstone of the Mary Andrew Clark memorial home was laid this afternoon by the donor, former United States Senator W. A. Clark. The building, which is being erected on Loma drive near Third street, will cost \$250,000 and will be transferred to the Los Angeles Young Women's Christian association.

Mayor George Alexander and Mrs. D. K. Edwards, head of the local association, participated in the exercises. The building is to be a home for working women in which the comforts of a modern hotel will be provided at cost. The home is to be self-sustaining.

Senator Clark's mother was deeply interested in the Y. W. C. A. He was thanked in behalf of the city by the mayor, and Mrs. Edwards thanked him for the association.

HARRIMAN EMPLOYEES PLAN CLOSER UNION

Train and Shop Men All to Be in One Union

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 9.—W. E. Rhodes, president of the local federation of Harriman shop employees, confirmed today the report from Chicago that a union of all the employees of the mechanical departments of the western railroads would be considered at a conference at Kansas City March 4, and added that the plan was to include engineers, firemen, conductors, switchmen and brakemen as well as shopmen. The first demand, he said, would be for recognition of the federation, a question to which the matter of wages is considered secondary. The mechanics' organization of which Rhodes is the president has been on strike since last October.

CHICAGO STREETCAR MEN THREATEN BIG STRIKE

Removal of Operating Superintendent Demanded

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—After a meeting of leaders of the Streetcar Men's union the following statement was given out today: "A general street railway strike, affecting both surface and elevated roads, will be ordered in Chicago some time next week unless James B. Hogarth, superintendent of the Chicago Railways company, is removed from the operating department."

President John M. Roach of the Chicago Railways company, who arrived in the city from Florida today, refused to make any statement until he had conferred with the men.

GRIMLY FIGHTS RUEF; IMMUNITY HIS ONLY HOPE

He Holds Two Conferences With District Attorney's Office to Gain Ends

Can Not Be Paroled While Indictments Stand Against His Name

The narrative of negotiations between Abraham Ruef and the district attorney's office in the matter of Ruef's appearance as a witness against former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz has the elements of a serial. Yesterday's installment consisted of two chapters, with District Attorney Fickert and Ruef figuring in one and Assistant District Attorney Fred L. Berry and the possible witness participating in the other. The story will be continued, for there will be a third chapter today, which may give to the world the climax. In all of the episodes Ruef is fighting for as much as he can secure at as little injury to his attempt to rehabilitate himself in popular approval as it is possible. The prosecution attorneys, on their side, are working to secure important testimony from Ruef at as small a concession by the state as possible.

"The situation in this," said Assistant District Attorney Berry at the conclusion of a conference with Ruef yesterday. "Ruef is endeavoring to secure as much as he can with as little injury to himself as possible. He is as bright as ever."

"Our negotiations today came to no conclusion. I will have to take the matter up with District Attorney Fickert for his decision. For myself, I will not trade with Ruef on any proposition. I can not say what terms will be made, if any."

"Ruef's proposition is that he be granted complete immunity from further prosecution before he will tell us what he will testify to. He places great store on securing that immunity and the quashing of the indictments against him. It is the rule of the prison board that a prisoner be not given a parole if there are indictments standing against him."

District Attorney Fickert and Ruef had their conference early in the afternoon. It was not long. Ruef gave his ultimatum that he would not divulge the nature of his testimony until he had received a promise of immunity. Fickert desired to consult with Berry, who is conducting the Schmitz trial, before he would give Ruef anything like a promise. So a second interview was set for later in the afternoon.

Ruef left Fickert's office about 1:30

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THOMAS TAKEN BY DEATH FROM BRIDE

Lieut. Commander Succumbs to Pneumonia Two Days After Beside Ceremony

[Special Dispatch to The Call] LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Lieutenant Commander Samuel Browne Thomas, U. S. N., died in the fashionable California club late this afternoon, about 48 hours after he had claimed as his bride Miss Grace Mellus, a beautiful and prominent member of exclusive society circles here. Death was due to pneumonia, contracted a fortnight ago, while Lieutenant Commander Thomas was enjoying an automobile ride with his fiancée.

The lieutenant commander seemed to be improving Wednesday morning and at his request the marriage ceremony, which had been planned for Wednesday night, in St. John's Episcopal church, was performed at his bedside. At the time, despite his seeming improvement, he was too weak to lift his head from the pillow. Immediately after the ceremony his bride went to her parents' home.

Lieutenant Commander Thomas was a son of the late Rear Admiral Thomas, who relieved the late Rear Admiral Evans at San Francisco several years ago and took the Atlantic fleet on the remainder of its cruise around the world. He was stationed at the Mare Island navy yard and was second in command there.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

LORIMER INQUIRY ENDS, 5,000,000 WORDS IN RECORD

10,000 Pages of Testimony, Stenographers Get \$15,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Public hearings in the second senatorial investigation into the election of Senator Lorimer were declared closed today. Attorney Haney, representing Senator Lorimer, was given permission to file a brief that the senator's election had been adjudicated before the present investigation began and therefore it could not be the subject of a second investigation. In the eight months' hearing 10,000 pages of printed testimony were taken, constituting 5,000,000 words. It is estimated stenographers' fees alone reached \$15,000.

COLTON ESTATE FED TO BEARS, SAYS WITNESS

New York Stenographer's Deposition Throws Light on Bartnett's Methods

Two Years After Trust Company Failed Its Resources Were Wasted, Evidence Shows

Light dawned upon the mystery of the long lost securities of the Colton estate, which have been missing since the failure of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company, tending strongly to show that two years after the insolvency of that institution they went to make good the margins in the desperate Wall street speculations of Walter J. Bartnett.

In a deposition made yesterday before Samuel Rosenheim, representing the depositors of the defunct bank, Max Stern, a stenographer, formerly employed by E. F. Hutton & Co., stock brokers of this city and New York, testified that Bartnett lost in such transactions a large block of Western Pacific bonds and other valuable securities.

Stern, in his affidavit, swore that as the stenographer for Edward Hutton, the head of the firm, during Hutton's visit to this city in May, 1909, he wrote at his employer's dictation a letter to Bartnett regarding certain Western Pacific bonds and other stocks and bonds, which had been put up with Hutton & Co. by him as security for margins in his speculative operations. The market had broken several points, wiping out Bartnett's margins, and Hutton & Co. had taken advantage of its right to indemnify itself by selling these securities.

When, a few days later, the affidavit recites, the market recovered sufficiently to have afforded Bartnett a profit, had he been able to hold on, Bartnett wrote to the brokerage house, asking that it restore these securities and give him his share of the profits. It was Hutton's refusal to do this which was the subject of the letter Stern swore to having written to Bartnett at his employer's order.

That this transaction was only one of many tending to show the destination of the funds of the wrecked bank was further confirmed by the testimony of C. E. Carlson, a telegraph operator, employed in 1907 by the brokerage house of Logan & Bryan in their New York office. He said that in the months of August, September and October of that year messages would be received by him almost daily, transferring to Bartnett from J. Dal-

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FROM WORKHOUSE TO HAWLEY HEIR

Wife of Castoff Nephew of Railroad Magnate Begins Search for Her Husband

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Released today from the workhouse, where she had been sent a month ago on a charge of disorderly conduct, Mrs. Adeline Crandell, wife of Frederick H. Crandell, castoff nephew of the late Edwin Hawley, has been unable tonight to find her husband, who comes into a \$2,000,000 share of the estate through the failure of his uncle to make a will.

In his unexplained absence, therefore, she sought a lawyer to secure protection for her interest in her husband's inheritance and that of their five children, now in Chatham, N. Y. It was stated today that in the recent search for a Hawley will, Miss Margaret Cameron, his ward, who had conducted his household affairs for some time, ransacked the millionaire's country estate at Babylon, Long Island, for such a document.

Attorneys denied reports that Miss Cameron had made a claim for a share in the estate. It was intimated, however, that she would be provided for.

STORM SINKS SCHOONER WITH CREW OF SIX

Survivor Sent Ashore for Aid Before Tragedy

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 9.—Advices received here from storm swept Ensenada this morning confirm reports of the loss of the schooner Alsen with the loss of five of its crew and the captain. The news was brought to Ensenada by the only survivor. He had been sent ashore to secure aid in unloading the vessel, and when he returned a storm had sunk the schooner. A capsized lifeboat was found on the shore and some distance further along the coast he came across the body of one of the sailors kept afloat by a life preserver. The lower portion had been devoured by sharks.

Two relief parties are searching for the missing vessel and its crew.

"JEWELRY" ORE FOUND IN OLD PROSPECT HOLE

[Special Dispatch to The Call] GRASS VALLEY, Feb. 9.—While working alone at the bottom of a 30 foot prospect hole near town today, Murray I. Scott broke into a rich gold ledge and later walked into town carrying a sack full of "jewelry" ore. The shaft was abandoned years ago as being without promise.

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Blaskower Hid Romance Was Engaged to Another



Miss Eleanor Hallahan, who wore an engagement ring given her by young Charley Blaskower.

"Yes, That's True," Says Pretty Eleanor Hallahan, "But I'm Not Sorry We Eloped"

OFF with the old love and on with the new was the gay, boyish motto of young Charley Blaskower when he forgot all about his engagement to pretty Eleanor Hallahan and married Mildred Brooks last Wednesday, after an exciting elopement to Oakland. The secret of the runaway match was startling enough when it was divulged Thursday, but it was overshadowed yesterday when young Blaskower's friends learned that his troth had been pledged to another.

While he was slipping the wedding ring on the dainty finger of Mildred Brooks he was figuratively drawing an engagement ring from the tapering digit of Miss Eleanor Hallahan, who is a charming and attractive young woman of the brunette type. Miss Hallahan is the daughter of Dennis Hallahan, manager of a Market street theater and other show houses in this city. She lives with her parents at 56 Pierce street.

Perhaps the fact that she lived in Pierce street while Blaskower and Mildred Brooks resided with their respective relatives at the Hotel Richelieu had something to do with young Blaskower's shifting affections. Blaskower, as the 19 year old son of the late M. Blaskower, the wealthy tobaccoist, had a host of friends and not a few admirers among the fair sex. Mildred Brooks, living at the same hotel, was at hand to be admired and courted. The course of love ran smoothly, and it did not have far to run.

They Met Daily But Miss Hallahan, although she wore the engagement ring which Blaskower had given her and had also received many costly presents as tokens of his love, did not enjoy the same enticement propinquity. She and her young fiancé were separated by many blocks, while Blaskower and Miss Brooks lived under the same roof and met daily.

The friends of Miss Hallahan, who did not dream of Mildred Brooks' existence, expected that the wedding of Miss Hallahan and Blaskower would take place at an early date. They knew that she wore the engagement ring and thought that everything was settled. Like a bolt out of a clear sky came the news to them that he had eloped with another.

"But he is engaged to Eleanor Hallahan," they cried, "how in the world could he run away and marry Mildred Brooks?"

As young Blaskower and his bride are enjoying their honeymoon at Los Angeles, the question, as far as he is concerned, remains unanswered.

She Says Something But Miss Hallahan has something to say on the subject. She declares that she sent back the engagement ring to Charley Blaskower last week, and that she broke off the engagement because of religious differences. Just how much of a surprise "Charlie's" runaway was to her remains unknown.

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TAFT LEADS, MANAGERS ASSERT

President Will Have 780 Out of 1,076 on First Ballot in Chicago, They Say

SENATOR CRANE BACKS OPINION OF MCKINLEY

Campaign for Re-election of Ohio's Son Begun in Earnest by His Friends

FIGURES ARE REACHED AFTER WIDE CANVASS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Taft will have 780 votes out of the total of 1,076 on the first ballot at the Chicago convention, or 241 more than the majority necessary for nomination, according to Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois, C. D. Hilles, secretary to the president, and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts.

The three politicians held a conference today, which practically was the opening of the Taft campaign. The figures were reached after a careful canvass of the country, it was said.

Active work for the renomination and re-election of President Taft, aside from that done at the White House, began here today, when Representative McKinley, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee, took up his new duties as manager of the Taft campaign.

McKinley began work early, and planned to see many of the party leaders in Washington. Quarters for the Taft boomers have not been obtained, but within a few days McKinley expects to open offices.

KISSES ON DAD'S LIPS WIN STRANGER'S GOLD

Chico Girl Gets \$50 as Earnest of Man's Interest

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CHICO, Feb. 9.—A romance that rivals the fairy stories of the "Arabian Nights" has developed here in the last two days, wherein Adelaide and Marion, daughters of M. D. Baker, a popcorn vender, may fall heir to the fortune of a rough and ready western bachelor, who has taken a liking to them because they kissed their father good night as he served popcorn to the patrons of a moving picture house.

A stranger approached the popcorn stand today which the girls were attending and handed them an envelope containing \$50 and a card inscribed "From a friend."

Baker remembers meeting a man two days ago who walked up to him after his daughters had kissed him good night and said in the typical drawing western way:

"Say, stranger, that was about the sweetest thing I ever saw, them two girls a kissin' you. It ain't all girls that think so much nowadays about doin' such things. I just think a heap of them two girls, and I'm going to send them some gold."

"DARROW INDICTMENT IS INCOMPLETE"—ROGERS

Attorney Says Franklin Testimony Not in Transcript

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—When Attorney Earl Rogers, counsel for Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer indicted for jury bribing, received today a transcript of the grand jury evidence upon which the Darrow indictments were based, he declared it was incomplete.

Rogers' objection was based upon the fact that the transcript contained no testimony from Bert Franklin, the McNamara detective, also charged with jury bribing, and who, it is understood, will be the star witness for the prosecution in the Darrow trial.

Franklin is known to have gone before the grand jury. Rogers stated that he also knew of other witnesses whose testimony did not appear in the transcript.

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