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THE WEATHER

YESTERDAY — Highest temperature, 56;
lowest, Wednesday night, 46.
FORECAST FOR TODAY — Fair; moder-
ate west winds.
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AMUNDSEN REACHES SOUTH POLE

TAFT ORDER DEFIED BY MADERO

Mexico Sends Soldiers Through
American Territory, Is the
Rebels' Report

SAN JINES' 300 TROOPS
ENTERED TEXAS TOWN

Shipments of Arms to Vasquis-
tas at Juarez Held Up at
El Paso

PROPERTY OWNERS
INSURE AGAINST RIOTS

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 7.—
President Madero has succeeded
in moving troops through Amer-
ican territory notwithstanding
Governor Colquhitt's protest and the
refusal of the government at Wash-
ington to grant permission, according to in-
formation received by the rebels from their
agents in the north.

A message received today states that
General San Jines had crossed the
Rio Grande at Ojinaga with 300 federal
troops, who had been shipped into the
United States via Laredo and Eagle
Pass, and then, dressed in citizens'
clothes, moved to Presidio, the Ameri-
can town opposite Ojinaga.

San Jines is the general ordered to
Juarez to command the government
forces, and who arrived there after the
town had been taken by the rebels.

To avoid loss, should rioting and
looting grow out of the present situa-
tion, a number of wealthy property
owners have secured insurance at 1 1/2
per cent from Lloyds. There is not
now and there has not been any great
excitement among Americans because
of their inability to leave this city.

No Anxiety to Leave
There was no train north today, but
there were a few who were expecting
to leave. Almost all who wished to
get away have gone.

An American who arrived here to-
day from Torreon said that when he
left there several days ago the garrison
comprised 3,000 men, 10 machine
guns and five mountain guns. There
will be a train out to Juarez tomorrow.

Arms Held in El Paso
EL PASO, Tex., March 7.—Shipments
of arms and ammunition to the Vas-
quistas rebels at Juarez, alleged to be
in violation of the neutrality laws,
were obstructed today by Colonel E. Z.
Steever, commanding the United States
troops on duty along the Mexican
border.

A consignment of 60 carbines and
10,000 rounds of ammunition, destined
to James Smith, whom Colonel Steever,
on advice received from operatives of
the departments of state and justice,
characterizes as "a fictitious person," is
being held at the United States immi-
gration station pending instructions from
the war department.

Two Shipments Passed
The shipment detained by Colonel
Steever is one of three which have
been made in two days, all of which
have occasioned the greatest concern
in Texas. On Tuesday a shipment of
200 rifles and 35,000 rounds of soft
nosed bullets was made. This was
manifested and passed by the customs
officers, acting, it is said, under instruc-
tions from Washington.

The arms and ammunition were dis-
tributed Tuesday morning among the
men of the Vasquistas army at Juarez.
Yesterday a shipment of 10 old model
Springfield rifles and 20,000 rounds of
ammunition was made.

Question Undecided
The question of the transmission of
arms and ammunition has been on the
taps for more than a year, it having
arisen during the Madero revolution.
It is understood that at the time the
customs officials here were advised to
allow all commodity shipments, whether
munitions, clothing or food, to pass.
This course was pursued and it oc-
casioned considerable dissatisfaction
among the people of Texas, especially
the residents of El Paso.

Situation Discussed
WASHINGTON, March 7.—Secretary
of War Stimson had a brief conference
with President Taft today and an-
nounced as he left the White House
that he expected to see the president
later to discuss the Mexican situation.
Stimson said that although he had not
looked over the latest reports from
Mexico, he believed alarming reports
were exaggerated. He would not dis-
cuss the report that more troops are
to be sent to the Texas border.

Americans Leaving
TUCSON, Ariz., March 7.—A number
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Drowning Man Is Brought to Shore by 12 Year Old Boy

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

REDWOOD CITY, March 7.—
Duncan Fitzgerald, a 12 year old
boy, braved the waters of Red-
wood City creek tonight, when
he swam to the rescue of two
white men and a Japanese,
whose boat had capsized in the
stream, bringing the latter to
shore while the white men were
drowned. A score of persons
watched the heroic efforts of the
lad in trying to save the men,
yet in the excitement no assis-
tance was given him. The two
drowned men and the Japanese
have been employees of the Frank
tannery. The names of the vic-
tims have not been ascertained
by the authorities. One of the
bodies was recovered several
feet after the tragedy.

Young Fitzgerald is at pre-
sent under the guardianship of
Sheriff Joel Mansfield of San
Mateo county, his father having
been shot to death in a hunting
accident last winter at Brighton
beach.
When the lad learned that the
two white men had perished, he
was stricken with grief and was
inconsolable, even though praise
for his courageous action was
showered on him by his elders.
He did not deem the rescue to
be anything unusual, but ex-
pressed his contempt for the
other men who had not tried to
lend help. The boy was none
the worse for his experience, and
asserted that any person who
could swim should have done the
same.

SON FINDS FATHER IN SLAYER'S CELL

Harry Miller of This City Identifies
Condemned Wife Mur-
derer as Parent

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OAKLAND, March 7.—One of the
most affecting scenes ever witnessed in
the city prison took place this morning
when Harry Miller of San Francisco
entered the cell of Samuel Miller, who
is under sentence of death in Tennessee
for wife murder, and cried out that the
prisoner was his father.

Harry Miller, who is 26 years old and
a tailor in San Francisco, saw a picture
of Samuel Miller in The Call this morn-
ing. The picture resembled that of his
father, and he crossed the bay to see
the condemned slayer, who was cap-
tured after a nine years' hunt following
his escape from a Tennessee prison.

Young Miller entered the office of
Captain of Inspectors W. J. Petersen
this morning and asked to see the
prisoner. "I saw the picture of Samuel
Miller in The Call today, and I believe
he is my father," said Miller. "May I
see him?"

Miller was taken to the cell. The
prisoner was seated in a corner, with
his head in his hands. On hearing
footsteps he looked up and stared at
Jailer Jorgensen and the young man
with him, without showing any signs
of recognition. Young Miller peered
into the cell for a moment as if to
make sure, and then exclaimed,
"Father!"

The prisoner rose and approached the
cell door.
"Why, it's Harry," he said. "My son,
my son!"

The cell door was opened by Jorgensen,
and young Miller walked in and
embraced his father, the two men re-
maining with their arms about each
other for several minutes, while tears
streamed down their cheeks.
"How you've grown, Harry," said his
father. "I would not have known you.
It has been more than nine years since
I have seen you."

For a long time father and son talked,
while Jorgensen withdrew out of ear-
shot. They talked of the days before
Miller, in a fit of anger, killed his wife
and had been condemned to death for
the crime.
Miller and his son seemed to realize
that it might be the last talk they
would have, as Samuel Miller tomorrow
will be returned to Memphis, Tenn.,
to pay the penalty for his crime.
When Miller killed his wife Harry
was 16 years old and was living with
relatives in Kansas City. He left his
relatives after having learned tail-
oring, the occupation of his father, and,
being a wanderer, traveled from city
to city, arriving finally in San Fran-
cisco, where he has been for the last
year.

The Millers found, by comparing
notes, that they often had been in the
same city.

FISK'S CHARGES AGAINST GIRLS AROUSE PEOPLE

Powerful Fraternities and Men
of Prominence Will See
They Get Fair Play

Meanwhile Postmaster's Reap-
pointment Awaits Result
of Investigation

WHILE the work of preparing
a complete report setting
forth every detail of his case
is being carefully followed by
Postmaster Arthur G. Fisk, the move-
ment among local men of prominence
intended to insure a full and fair hear-
ing before the committee of the United
States senate for Miss Mary Joesten
and Miss Mattie Fitzgerald, who have
charged the official with persecution
and misconduct, still is being actively
pressed. Supplemental affidavits cov-
ering the main points of the original
charges have been forwarded to Wash-
ington and in a few days will be in
the hands of the subcommittee of the
committee on postoffice affairs.

A plan is being considered under
which both of the young women may
be sent to the capital to appear in
person before the investigators, who
are to make the report to the senate
concerning the confirmation or rejec-
tion of the presidential recommenda-
tion for the reappointment of Fisk as
postmaster handed down January 24.

Fisk Still Denies
Fisk still is emphatic in his denial of
the story told by Miss Joesten con-
cerning an unpleasant experience in
the office of the postmaster in April,
1909, in which it has been alleged that
Fisk made objectionable advances.

Fisk's answer to the charge is that
Miss Joesten prepared a case against
him to counteract the effect of im-
pending dismissal or official censure
for inefficiency. Fisk is confident that
this will be proved before the senate
committee, and says that he is willing
to rest his case on the records and the
reports of the postoffice inspectors who
investigated the case and upon whose
findings the two young women were
discharged from the service.

Both Miss Fitz Gerald and Miss Joesten
insist that their honor has been
outraged in the manner of their dis-
missal, and that unless there is gov-
ernmental action to rectify the mis-
take their names will always rest un-
der the stain of the charge that they
lost their positions because they rifled
the mails. They are anxious for a
complete hearing to prove their inno-
cence, and have written to Washington
to say that all they ask is fair play.

Knights Protect Women

Although Eugene Conlon, grand
knight of San Francisco council,
Knights of Columbus, stated that the
order was in no way interested in the
case of the two young women, Attorney
James M. Hanley, grand knight of Cali-
fornia council No. 880, served notice
yesterday that the matter had been
taken up by the executive officers of
his council and that they would not
recede from their position.

"The brother of Miss Joesten is a
member of our council," Hanley said
yesterday, "and he laid the matter be-
fore me. I took it up with several
members of the fourth degree, and the
result was that we sent two telegrams
to Senator John D. Works asking that
he take steps to see that Miss Joesten
and Miss Fitz Gerald were given a fair
hearing before the committee. We did
not make any charges against Post-
master Fisk, knowing nothing of the
case except what we had been told. All
we asked was a fair hearing for the
complainants.

"I do not know what San Francisco
council has seen fit to do, but I do know
that Mr. Conlon does not speak for our
council. We will maintain our position
that these two young women are en-
titled to a full hearing and we will see
that they get it. The fundamental
tenets of the knighthood in which we
are banded together calls for the pro-
tection of women and I believe that it
is their due."

Other Fraternities Aroused

Several other organizations, fraternal,
religious and nonsectarian, have taken
an interest in the case and have pledged
their support to see that the case of
the two clerks is properly heard in its
entirety. Members of the clergy who
have been acquainted with the facts
have also taken an interest and are
among those who are giving counsel to
Miss Joesten and Miss Fitz Gerald.

Referring to the statement of Miss
Joesten that she had confided the story
of the alleged indiscretion of Fisk to
two priests to whom she always had
looked for guidance, the postmaster
said yesterday:

"I never have denied that Miss Joesten
told the priests of this incident
which she claims occurred in my office.
I believe that she took that step in
line with the ultimate purpose she had
in view—the filing of this terrible
charge against me."

HONORS SHARED WITH DIVA Tetrazzini Helps Plant McLaren's Tree



Scene at the planting of the cypress, named in honor of John McLaren, superintendent of Golden Gate park. On the extreme left is Mayor James Rolph Jr. Next to him is McLaren, and in the foreground, placing the first spadeful of earth, is Madame Luisa Tetrazzini.

TRAIN JUMPS TRACK AND FIVE PERISH

Sixty Injured in Wreck of the
Continental Limited on
Wabash Railroad

DANVILLE, Ill., March 7.—Five per-
sons were killed and 60 were injured
tonight at Redwood Bridge, two miles
west of West Lebanon, Ind., by the de-
railment of the Continental Limited
train, westbound, on the Wabash rail-
road.

All the cars left the rails and some
turned over. A broken rail is said to
have caused the accident. Two of the
cars rolled partly into a creek.

Wrecking and relief trains rushed
to the scene from east and west. The
injured were placed on a special train
and taken to Danville.

Several of the injured may die and it
is said that others might be dead in
the wreckage.

Almost every passenger in the train
was hurtled over the cars. Several
were pinned down by seats or splin-
tered timbers and mangled to death.

Those who were unhurt soon dragged
the injured from the overturned cars
with the exception of a few who could
not be extricated until wrecking der-
ricks arrived.

Along the snowy banks of the rail-
road, fires were kindled to keep the
women and children warm while the
men attended the more seriously in-
jured. Residents of West Lebanon and
Redwood crossing hurried to the wreck
with hot coffee and bandages.

It may be many hours before the
wreckage is cleared away and the total
number of dead ascertained.

MAN ATTACKS GIRLS AND THEN BLOWS HIMSELF UP

DANBURY, Conn., March 7.—George
Mead, a coachman for Rev. Frank
Hartfield, rector of the Episcopal
church at Brewsters, N. Y., made a
murderous attack on the two daughters
of the rector and then blew himself up
with dynamite.

According to the story received here
today, Ruby Hartfield, 20 years old,
and Amy, her sister, 21, carried some
tools yesterday to Mead, who was at
work in the carriage house. As they
entered Mead sprang at them and
struck Amy over the head with a pair
of pliers, felling her.

Ruby made her escape and went to
summon help. Amy revived and ran
from the building, when a terrific ex-
plosion occurred and the end of the
building was blown out. Searchers
afterward found Mead's body in pieces
among the ruins.

Keith Parlor Conducts Pretty Ceremony On Fair Site

By MARY ASHE MILLER

HONORS were divided at the tree
planting held by Keith par-
lor, Native Daughters of
the Golden West, yesterday
in Lincoln park between John Mc-
Laren, superintendent of Golden Gate
park and Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini,
although the former was scheduled as
the real hero of the occasion. Luther
Burbank also was honored when the
members of the Outdoor Art league of
the California club arrived on the spot
with a magnolia tree which he had sent
them to help celebrate his birthday
anniversary, and which they planted
near the McLaren cypress.

Yesterday was Arbor day in Cali-
fornia, and in celebration of this Keith
parlor each year plants a tree. This
year permission was obtained from the
directors of the Panama-Pacific expo-
sition to plant the first official tree on
the exposition site, and it was decided
that John McLaren, who has made
Golden Gate park such a wonder spot
for the last 25 years, should select the
tree which is named for him.

Divas, Smiling, Arrives

So speakers were obtained, school
children were brought together to sing,
cheer, wave flags and otherwise lend
patriotic atmosphere; the mayor and
other city officials were asked to be
present, and then late on the eve of
the day a note was sent to Tetrazzini
asking her to come, too, for the sake
of the Native Daughters and the school
children.

She came, smiling the magnetic smile
which has helped to make her beloved,
waving her hands to every one, and
finally helping John McLaren plant his
tree.

In fact, she fell in completely with
the spirit of the occasion and did what
she could to make every one happy, ex-
cept that she did not sing and she did
not eat the Saratoga potatoes which a
very small boy in the crowd kept ur-
ging upon her from a very greasy brown
bag.

He might have been 4 years old—
the boy—and he had big brown eyes
almost as fascinating as the singer's
own, as well as an ample supply of
the little potato wafers.

Under Hypnotic Spell

He seemed hypnotized by Madame
Tetrazzini and knelt at her feet most
of the afternoon, apparently unashamed
by her refusal of his potatoes, which
refusal, it is unnecessary to say, was
most graciously accomplished. The
entire crowd seemed to share his ad-
miration of the great singer.

The diva was gowned in black vel-
vet and embroidered chiffon, with a
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CANAL TOLL BILL WAIVES PREFERENCE

Knowland Objects to Provision
Detrimental to American
Shipping

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
WASHINGTON, March 7.—Following
a long debate in the committee on in-
terstate and foreign commerce today,
the Panama canal bill probably will be
reported to the house tomorrow. The
session today was devoted to a discus-
sion of the toll question, with the re-
sult that the bill as reported will carry
a maximum toll of \$1.25 per net regis-
tered ton, with a minimum based on
the cost of operating the canal. The
committee report will not provide free
tolls for American ships.

A clause prohibiting railroad owner-
ship or operation of ships for canal
business will be included in the com-
mittee bill, although Martin of Colo-
rado moved to reconsider the railroad
inhibition clause adopted yesterday.

Knowland called attention to a clause
which provides that no preference in
rates of regulations shall be given to
the ships of any nation other than to
the vessels of the United States govern-
ment. He pointed out that this pro-
vision voluntarily and unnecessarily
waived whatever rights the United
States had to discriminate in favor of
American ships. It is probable that this
clause will be stricken from the bill be-
fore it is reported out of committee.

"The provision to which I objected,"
said Knowland tonight, "would preclude
the United States in the future from
doing anything for the benefit of the
American shipping coastwise trade, and
I am inclined to believe the committee
will finally take that view. It is against
the state departments' interpretation
and the secretary of war to write such
a provision into the law."

No matter what form the committee
measure finally takes, it is sure to be
contested on the floor of the house, and
the bill will furnish the topic for one
of the most lengthy debates in the pres-
ent congress.

NATIONAL GUARD MAY SEE SOME REAL ACTION

Rumored Mobilization of Citi-
zen Soldiers on Border

SACRAMENTO, March 7.—The possi-
bility of the California national guard
being called out to take part in the ru-
mored mobilization of the army and
state militias at the Mexican border is
indicated in orders issued today from
Adjutant General Forbes' office for the
printing, in large quantities, of various
field forms for rations, movements of
men, equipment disposal, etc., for use
by officers while on duty.

BROTHER IS INFORMED BY CABLE OF FEAT

Bottom of World Attained Be-
tween December 14 and 17,
Is News Dispatched
by Explorer

NORWEGIAN MAY HAVE
ENCOUNTERED SCOTT

Captain Shackleton Raises the
Question: "Briton or Scan-
dinavian—Who Was
First?"

SKIS USED TO GREAT
EFFECT BY FRAM MEN

[Special Cable to The Call]

LONDON, March 7.—The Daily
Chronicle publishes the follow-
ing cable from Leon Amundsen,
brother of the explorer:
"Christiana, March 7.—Following tel-
egram received from Hobart: 'Pole at-
tained December 14-17, 1911. All well,
Roald Amundsen.'"

The Chronicle also publishes an arti-
cle from Captain Shackleton on Amund-
sen's achievement, saying:
"Amundsen's attainment of the
south pole, one from previous ex-
perience would assume the journey was
done in extreme rapidity and under very
favorable conditions as regards
weather. Assuming that the latitude
of Amundsen's winter quarters was
78.44 S., that is only 676 geographical
miles from the pole. This place was
named the Bay of Whales on my ex-
pedition.

Started About October
"If Amundsen did 15 miles a day and
reached the pole on December 14 he
would have started south about the
beginning of November, but it is much
more likely that he did not travel at
that rate, especially for the first 100
or 200 odd miles, so we may assume he
started for the pole about the begin-
ning of October. There is no indica-
tion whether Amundsen followed the
route of my expedition in reaching the
mountains that guard the approach to
the pole.

"It may be possible he found a new
route and an easier one up to the
plateau, which lies about 90,000 to
100,000 feet above sea level.
"Word that the pole was attained
December 14 to 17 evidently means on
reaching the geographical pole he
waited three days, taking the noon ob-
servation, so as accurately to determine
his position."

From a Slow Vessel
Continuing, Shackleton said that if
Amundsen left the pole December 17
he would very likely, with a fair wind
behind him, return to winter quarters
in about 45 days.

"We then assume," continued the ex-
plorer, "that Amundsen reached the Bay
of Whales at the end of January. He
would take two or three days loading
and getting under way with the Fram,
and would then presumably go north
and work to westward of Cape Adare,
then get into westerly winds and make
Hobart. The Fram being a slow ves-
sel, doing about five knots, would take
a month, unless strong winds were be-
hind her, to reach Hobart."

Was Scott There First
"The question arises in one's mind:
Did Captain Scott reach the pole before
December 17? If so the honor lies
with the British flag, but the same en-
durance and skill and meed of endeavor

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