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THE WEATHER
YESTERDAY — Highest temperature, 56;
lowest Thursday night, 46.
FORECAST FOR TODAY — Fair; moder-
ate temperature, brisk west wind.
For Details of the Weather see Page 25

Kings Send Congratulations to Explorer Amundsen

CAPTAIN ROALD AMUNDSEN, THE FRAM, AND HIS PROBABLE PATH TO THE SOUTH POLE.

HURT BY CUPID, ODDIE WARS ON WARDEN BAKER

Head of Nevada State Prison
Refuses to Resign at Gov-
ernor's Request

Attorney General Sides With
Brother, Sister in Law Hav-
ing Broken Engagement

Love and Friendship Wrecked
and Secretary of State
in Clover

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
RENO, March 8.—Governor Tas-
ker L. Oddie and the Baker boys
have split.

The engagement that existed
between the governor and Mrs. Dale
Hartley Baker, sister in law of At-
torney General Cleveland Baker and Ray
Baker, warden of the Nevada state
prison, has been broken. Love and
friendship are having a vacation at the
capital.

The situation is so intense that Gov-
ernor Oddie has written to Attorney
General Baker asking him to persuade
his brother Ray to resign as warden
of the penitentiary, and he has made
the same request to the warden. But
Warden Baker still clings to his title
and his job.

A fresh angle to the situation is that
on account of the split in the Oddie-
Baker combination, Secretary of State
George Francis Brodegan is placed in
a position in which he controls the
lever that can move the wardenship
whichever way he pleases.

Prison Board Deadlock

The governor, the attorney general
and the secretary of state constitute
the state board of prison directors in
Nevada, and while the Oddie-Baker
combination held Brodegan couldn't so
much as have a friend taken off the
rock pile. Now both Baker and Oddie
are courting the favor of Brodegan,
who is sitting tight and waiting de-
velopments. If Brodegan favors Oddie,
then Ray Baker will have to go. If
he casts his fortunes with Cleveland
Baker, then the attorney general's
brother can stay and perpetuate his
copyrighted honor system in the sage-
brush prison.

Oddie's stated reason for wishing Ray
Baker to resign is that the warden is
doing politics and interfering with
the political career of the governor.

The fact that a sister in law of the
Bakers, Mrs. Dale Hartley Baker, a
widow, was engaged at one time to be
married to Governor Oddie and now is
not, is an added reason for the un-
pleasantness between the Oddie and Baker
clans.

Illness of Cleveland Baker

Cleveland Baker is in Oakland, Cal.,
at the home of his wife's father, Sen-
ator Perkins. He is seriously ill, and it
is not known when he will return to
Nevada.

The elections of Oddie and Cleveland
Baker to the highest offices in the state
of Nevada excited much interest, for
Oddie is a republican of the ultra pro-
gressive type, now a Roosevelt leader
in Nevada, while Baker is a democrat.
Both men made whirlwind campaigns
and both were elected by large majorities.

With their election Oddie and Baker
became close friends. They formed the
combination on the state board of
prison directors and Baker imported his
brother, Ray Baker, from Oakland to
be warden of the state prison.

Prison Reform and Love

Ray Baker immediately put into
execution many new penalological reforms,
including the honor system, which he
inaugurated in the state road work.
Prisoners were permitted to travel
about the route of the road, to and
from the prison and the convict camp,
without guard, and it is reported that
none has betrayed the confidence re-
posed in him. Magazines have pub-
lished "uplift" articles about Baker's
prison reform, and in them Baker has
been the big figure, which prominence
has given the governor a deep and
scarlet chagrin.

However, that was not all that
caused the governor to become at odds
with the Baker boys.

The Bakers had a sister in law, the
widow of their brother, who visited the
attorney general at Reno. At the home
of the attorney general she met the
governor, Governor Oddie had been
married and, as frequently happens in
Reno, had been divorced. He was fancy
free when he met Mrs. Baker.

Soon their engagement was infor-
mally announced among their friends
and news of it was published in San
Francisco. Oddie received the pub-
lished announcement with complacence,
but Mrs. Baker, who was in Portland at
the time of the announcement, declared
that the report was premature.

Reno is a place of much gaiety, with
a fashionable divorce factory operating

Coroner's Jury at Lone Pine Brings In Unique Verdict

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BAKERSFIELD, March 8.—
A coroner's jury at Lone Pine,
on the Mojave desert, has re-
turned a unique verdict at an
inquest. The dead man was a
native of Greece. He and an
American had an altercation,
winding up in a fight, in which
both rolled under a wagon
loaded with gravel. The mule
team started, and the Greek,
who was on top of his opponent,
was crushed.

At the inquest the district at-
torney asked a witness if he had
seen "the dead man wrestling
with the live man," and the wit-
ness answered, "Yes."

It was shown to the satisfac-
tion of the jury that the dead
man saw the wheels coming, and
tried to get up, but his oppo-
nent held him on top so that
the wagon killed him.

The jury commended the sur-
vivor on his ability to hold his
adversary just right and decided
that the mules were responsible
for the death.

PACIFIC MAIL TRIES TO GRAB CANAL TRAFFIC

Southern Pacific's Steamship
Line Seeks to Prevent In-
dependent Competition

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Pacific
Mail Steamship company is making a
desperate fight to control the Panama
canal. If it succeeds, San Francisco
will get no more benefit from the canal
than it got from the Panama railroad
while it was controlled by the overland
roads. The canal will not be a com-
petitor of the overland roads, but will
be an adjunct to them, and no in-
dependent steamship line will be able
to exist.

Although all the overland railroads
would be benefited by destroying the
canal as an independent competitor,
the Southern Pacific is the only one that
has shown its hand. This company is
the owner of a majority of the stock
in the Pacific Mail and dictates the
steamship company's policy.

Attitude of Taft

In a message to congress last year
President Taft expressed the opinion
that no railroad should be permitted
to own or control any steamship line
going through the Panama canal, for
the reason that no railroad should do-
minate its natural competitors. His view
was that if the railroads should own
the steamship lines there would be no
real competition and therefore the canal
would be of no practical benefit to
interstate commerce.

The matter did not become acute
until a few days ago, when the inter-
state commerce committee of the house
began to draft the bill for the regu-
lation of commerce through the canal,
toils, etc. At that time President
Taft of the Southern Pacific, Vice
President Schwerin of the Pacific Mail
and Maxwell Ewart, counsel for the
railroad and steamship lines, came to
Washington and saw President Taft.
They urged upon him a reconsideration
of his views and stated that the Pacific
Mail company had completed plans for
four steamships to cost \$3,000,000 each,
all of them larger than the Mongolla.

Offer of Railroad Men

They proposed to use these ships
with the four large vessels now in the
trans-Pacific line to form a new line
from New York to Hongkong by way
of Panama, San Pedro, San Francisco,
Honolulu, Yokohama and Manila, giv-
ing a service of two ships a month
from each terminal.

They said that if congress should
pass an act prohibiting a railroad
owned steamship line from going
through the canal they would be un-
able to establish this line and that
the effect would be the destruction,
instead of the upbuilding, of American
commerce.

They said that they were perfectly
willing to place the line under govern-
ment regulations and suggested that
the interstate commerce commission
could not be supposed to object to rail-
road interests in such lines.

Secretary Stimson thus expressed the
president's views before the house com-
mittee. In the meantime the president
consulted Chairman Prouty and Com-
missioner Lane of the interstate com-
merce commission as to the practica-
bility and advisability of clothing the
commission with power to regulate
steamship rates. These commissioners
at once expressed doubts both as to the



NEW ZEALAND

STEAMSHIP RATES TO SOUTH REDUCED

From 10 to 15 Per Cent Cut
Following Reduction in
Railroad Freight

The Pacific Coast Steamship com-
pany yesterday announced a cut of
from 10 to 15 per cent in freight rates
by water between San Francisco and
Los Angeles. The North Pacific Steam-
ship company will make a similar re-
duction in its rates between these ports.
The reduction is the result of the ac-
tion of the state railroad commission in
reducing the Southern Pacific rates be-
tween San Pedro and Los Angeles, and
the new rate will give shippers by the
steamship lines a reduction equal to
the cut made by the railroad com-
mission.

The steamship companies were not
bound by the ruling of the railroad
commission to reduce their rates, but
did so in the belief that the reduction
conferred a benefit to which the
shippers were entitled to full.

The cut will amount to from 40 to 60
cents a ton. The present rate of \$2.50
will be cut to \$2. The rate on canned
goods and on all fifth class articles will
be reduced 60 cents a ton. First class
freight in less than carload lots will
be reduced from 52 1/2 cents per 100
pounds to 49 1/2 cents. The cut in
freight of the fifth class will be from
\$4.50 a ton to \$2.30.

**SEVEN ARE KILLED
IN MINE EXPLOSION**

**Thirteen Entombed Workmen
Rescued With Difficulty**

MERRITT, B. C., March 8.—Seven
men were killed and two severely in-
jured yesterday by the explosion in the
No. 1 level of the Diamond Vale colliery.
Only 20 men were at work in the
mine apart from the one in which the
explosion occurred. The explosion is
believed to have been due to the strik-
ing of a pocket of gas. The dead are:
Assistant Superintendent John Hoag,
William Herdy, H. Grimes, John Patte,
John Templeton, William Baxter, Frank
Kelly.

All of the men entombed in the mine
as the result of the gas explosion have
been brought out. Some of the escap-
ees were marvellous. James Fairclough,
G. Gaezer and Dick Hoskins, diggers,
were working at the bottom of the main
slope when the explosion occurred about
360 feet above. The shock threw them
off their feet.

The men had been working for two
hours in No. 3 level with naked lights,
and the generally accepted theory is
that they struck a pocket of gas.

**"RAGING" IS DONE TO
TATTERS IN CLUB DEBATE**

**Improper Even "If Conducted
Properly," Is Verdict**

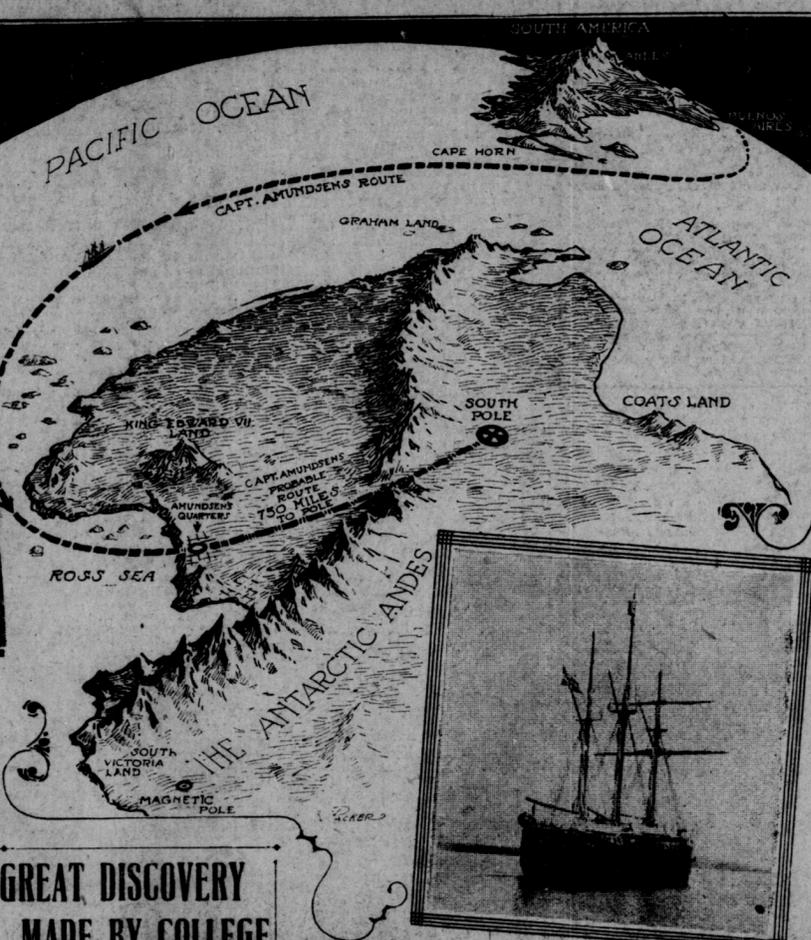
[Special Dispatch to The Call]

REDWOOD CITY, March 8.—"Rag-
ging" was analyzed, dissected, ex-
plained, denounced, defended and de-
fated today by the Women's club of
Redwood City.

There will be no "ragging" hereafter
at dances conducted by the club, said
Mrs. Charles C. Cumberston, the club's
president, introduced a resolution de-
nouncing and prohibiting that form of
dancing, and then the defenders of the
new art arose and declared that it was
proper, "if properly conducted." Mrs.
Cumberston and others held that it was
in its essence improper, and therefore
could not be properly conducted.

After considerable debate the resolu-
tion went to a vote, and it was con-
clusively adopted.

"The ladies of the Women's club,"
said Mrs. Cumberston, "want it under-
stood that ragging will not be tol-
erated at our socials."



GREAT DISCOVERY MADE BY COLLEGE

Santa Clara Verifies Prediction
of Appearance of Spots
on the Sun

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SAN JOSE, March 8.—The most
notable discovery made in 200 years
of observation of sun spots was announced
from Santa Clara college tonight.

The announcement was made under
the signature of Father J. S. Ricard,
college meteorological observer, and
says that the prediction of the time
when sun spots would form and appear
and the verification of the predictions
is the crowning achievement in that
line of research.

Sun spots now in full view on the
sun were predicted early in January,
according to Father Ricard. Their ap-
pearance was coincident with the pres-
ent storm in California and the dis-
covery is declared to bear out Father
Ricard's contentions that sun spots
directly influence the earth's weather
conditions.

The prediction said that the spots
would start forming about February
13 on the western limb of the sun and
that after a semirotaion, plus the
allowance to be made for the change
in the earth's position during that time,
the group would blaze into view on the
eastern limb of the sun about March 4.
Father Ricard continues:

"We did a lot of careful observing
between February 13 and March 4 with-
out success. But March 5 was the day.
A large spot stood on the eastern limb,
say 85 degrees east from the central
meridian and roughly 24.94 degrees
heliolatitude south. On March 7 the
spot was larger and better defined.
On March 8 it was a group of portly
dimensions.

"This is one of the greatest triumphs
of modern science. For more than 200
years sun spots have been observed, but
no real observer stepped to think what
might be the cause of them."

A slight earthquake shock located
37 degrees 7 minutes east was recorded
at the college observatory tonight.

MEYER ASKS PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW FIGURES

Secretary Admits That Esti-
mates Were Incorrect

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary
Meyer before the naval affairs com-
mittee of the house today conceded that
some of the figures contained in the
construction estimate he submitted a
year ago on battleships were incorrect.
He asked to withdraw the estimates.

This request came after a continua-
tion of the examination begun yester-
day into the report of civilian experts
on the conduct of navy yards, in which
it is declared that the yards can be
more economically operated by skilled
contractors than by line officers.

Secretary Meyer renewed his request
today for two battleships and auxiliary
vessels and also asked an appropriation
for an armored cruiser. The extra are
not included in the estimate for the
naval appropriation, and if granted will
actually increase the appropriation over
the last one. Instead of showing a sav-
ing, the additional is the estimate

REBELS MOVE ON MEXICAN CAPITAL

Vanguard of Insurrecto Army
Leaves Chihuahua in Two
Detachments

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., March 8.—The
vanguard of the insurrecto army mobi-
lized here departed for the south in two
trains today. It was the real beginning
of the campaign to take the City of
Mexico, although the immediate destina-
tion of the column was announced as
Jimenez, about half way between this
city and Torreon.

Six bridges between here and Jimenez
must be repaired by the troops as they
proceed, and it is believed that the trip
will require at least two days.

There were about 800 men in the
detachment. This leaves 1,000 men
here, but General Pascual Orozco says
that recruits are joining him in crowds.
During the next week he declares 2,000
additional men will be entrained for
Jimenez. Most of the men now at
Juarez under General Rojas will be
brought here.

VILLA'S MEN DESERTING

A messenger from the camp of Gen-
eral Villa, the federal commander,
brought word that 200 of the latter's
men wished an opportunity to join the
rebel ranks.

The force sent in search of Villa has
not encountered him. Jose de la Seta,
who was at the head of federal com-
mand at Parral, is now openly a rebel.
He sent a message to Orozco today
saying that he had heard that Villa
was approaching Parral, but that the
rebel garrison was equal to the task
of repelling him.

Orozco is waiting the arrival of rifles
and ammunition from Juarez with
which to equip his recruits.

AMERICAN'S PROPERTY TAKEN

EL PASO, Tex., March 8.—Henry
Segerson, customs broker, doing busi-
ness in Juarez, complained to American
Consul Edwards today that the Mex-
ican rebels had seized and confiscated
\$5,000 worth of flour in his warehouse
in Juarez. He asked redress. He wired
the same information and request to
Governor Colquhoun of Texas. This
afternoon the rebels succeeded in im-
porting 100,000 rounds of ammunition,
several cases of arms and a machine
gun barrel from El Paso to Juarez.
The United States temporarily detained
the staff last night.

SAN DIEGO WOMAN TRIES TO JUMP FROM TRAIN

Mrs. White Taken From Santa
Fe Passenger in Chicago

CHICAGO, March 8.—Mrs. Anna
White of San Diego, Cal., was taken
from a Santa Fe train when it reached
Chicago today after she is said to have
attempted to jump from the train while
it was running. Her mentality will be
examined by a physician. Mrs. White
was on her way to visit relatives in

RICHMOND COUNCIL DEFIES ONE COURT

Orders Recall Election Despite
Injunction of San Fran-
cisco Judge

RICHMOND, March 8.—If you were
one of the city councilmen of Richmond
and you were petitioned to call an elec-
tion to recall yourself, and the superior
court of Contra Costa county, backed
by the state appellate court and rein-
forced by the state supreme court, or-
dered you to call the recall election,
and the superior court of San Fran-
cisco county ordered you not to call the
recall election, what would you do?

That's what the city councilmen asked
the city attorney tonight.

"Darned if I know," he said. "Whic-
ever way you act you're bound to be
in contempt of court. If you call the
recall election to recall yourself, you'll
be in contempt of the superior court
of San Francisco. If you don't
call it, you'll be in contempt of the su-
preme court and the court of appeals
and the superior court of Contra Costa."

"Well," one harrassed councilman
ventured, "we'd better be in contempt
of one court than of three."

So the city council, by a vote of 5 to 3,
called the election for April 8 next.

But there are indications that the
legal tangle in which the case stands
will prevent the election being held
until, perhaps, all the councilmen are
out of office.

Most of the people have forgotten
what started the recall petition origi-
nally. It was initiated against Coun-
cilmembers Owens, Dooling, Willis, McDuff
and Hartnett. These five constitute a
majority of the present board, but
Owens and Dooling voted for the re-
call election tonight, together with
Pollett, Garrard and Ludwig, who are
not concerned in the recall proposition.

Willis, McDuff and Hartnett chose to
prefer to be in contempt of the three
courts and voted no.

The recall petition was started be-
cause the council some two years ago
turned City Engineer Orrin Hudson out
of office. Then friends of the council-
men under fire took the matter to the
Contra Costa courts, which ordered the
election held. The decision was ap-
pealed and upheld by the court of ap-
peals. It was appealed again to the
supreme court, which refused to hear
it and upheld the judgment of the ap-
pellate court.

This was quite recently. Immedi-
ately P. H. Moore, acting for the coun-
cilmembers, petitioned Superior Judge Seawell
of San Francisco county for a perma-
nent restraining order prohibiting the
election and attacking the suffi-
ciency of the signatures to the recall
petition. Seawell issued the temporary
restraining order and set next Monday
at 10 o'clock as the day on which the
defendants must show cause why the
injunction should not be made perma-
nent.

City Attorney C. H. Griffin is in a
dilemma over the situation and could
only advise the council to do one thing
or another.

And the council followed his advice.

CAR SWEEPER HAS MANY FINE JEWELS

Antonio Doumas, 40 years old, em-
ployed as a car sweeper at the Oak
street barn of the United Railroads,
was arrested in a jewelry store, where
he was endeavoring to dispose of \$200
worth of jewelry. He stated that he
found the jewelry in a car. The United
Railroads officials have been notified
and they have placed detectives on the

SCIENTISTS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT NEWS

Laconic Report of Four Days'
Stay at South Pole Excites
Curiosity of World's
Savants

LANDS TO BEAR NAMES
OF NORWEGIAN ROYALTY

King Haakon Jubilant at His
Subject's Success; England
Still Hopes That Scott
Is There

LONDON, March 8.—While
there is bitter disappointment
everywhere over the fact that
Captain Robert Scott, head of
the British antarctic expedition, has
yet to report on his quest for the
south pole, there is nowhere anything
but praise for the achievement of
Captain Roald Amundsen, the Nor-
wegian explorer, in locating the south-
ern axis of the earth.

Not even an inkling of the present
whereabouts of Scott and his steamer,
the Terra Nova, has reached London,
but the Englishman's agent in New
Zealand is of the opinion that he is
still engaged in exploring and scientific
work and that he probably may not be
heard from for several weeks.

Report Is Confirmed

That Amundsen had reached the pole
and planted the Norwegian colors there
was confirmed today in dispatches sent
by him to Christiania. One of these
dispatches was addressed to King
Frederick. Its contents were not made
known, but another said:

"Pole reached, 14-17 December."

The two dates were taken to mean
that Amundsen had reached the point
he sought December 14 and remained
there four days, and those who know
the explorer well, especially Professor
Mohn, the famous Norwegian meteor-
ologist, expressed the belief that
Amundsen during this period had made
such observations and calculations as
would render impossible a controversy
similar to that which arose from the
north pole discovery.

Haakon Is Jubilant

On learning of the success of his sub-
ject King Haakon sent a telegram to
congratulate Captain Amundsen on be-
half of himself and the queen, and con-
sented to the use of his name and that
of his wife on the maps of the new terri-
tory of Norway in the Antarctic.

Captain Amundsen and the Fram are
still at Hobart, Tasmania, but the ex-
plorer telegraphed here today that he
would submit his charts and all infor-
mation concerning the discovery of the
south pole as soon as possible.

Report Is Accepted

The Norwegian public and scientists
and even the Royal Geographical so-
ciety of Great Britain accepted today
unqualifiedly the statement of Amun-
sen that he had gained the pole and
that he was the first man to do so.
Some local geographers declared it was
possible that both Amundsen and Scott
might have been within a mile of each
other at the earth's axis and not
known of the presence of each other.

When Amundsen was asked today by
a local newspaper correspondent at
Hobart whether Scott reached the pole,
the correspondent says the explorer de-
clined to answer the question, yes or
no. Englishmen have not yet given up
the hope that Scott also was successful,
and they will hold to their belief until
he reports.

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