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YESTERDAY — Highest temperature, 62;  
lowest Saturday night, 46.  
FORECAST FOR TODAY — Fair; moderate west winds.  
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## POLICE BOARD TO CLEAR OUT BAIL BOND EVIL

### Commissioners Instruct Chief White to Obtain Evidence Against McDonoughs

### Cook Says Offending Saloon Keepers Will Lose Licenses and Shysters Their Graft

### Patrolmen's Records to Be Watched to Prevent Possible Collusion

RESIDENT JESSE B. COOK of the board of police commissioners cleared up all doubts yesterday as to the stand that he and the board would take on the bail bond evil, which was exposed last week by Superior Judge Dunne and Assistant District Attorney Maxwell McNutt. Cook said that in instructing the chief of police to secure evidence against the bail bond brokers and their allied shysters, the commission meant business. He stated specifically that McDonough brothers, the saloon men, were notorious for their activity in bail bond graft, and that upon the presentation of legal evidence that they were involved in the traffic which has been associated with their name for 20 years, their license would be revoked.

The evil, the president of the commission said, lay in the corruption which the bail broker exercised over members of the police department. The patrolman is bribed by the shyster and bond broker to telephone to their headquarters whenever an arrest is made. This exposure of the situation made by Cook, who was formerly chief of police, should give Chief of Police White a good lead on how to attack the evil. A record is kept of the arresting patrolman in every case, and by comparing that record with the name of the attorney who appears for the prisoner, a check can be made that would indicate what policemen are in league with the bail bond brokers.

In discussing the bail bond evil and McDonough brothers yesterday, Cook said: "The board of police commissioners has instructed the chief of police to investigate the bail bond evil and secure evidence that we can use in driving the men who practice it out of business. If we get legal evidence that McDonough brothers, or any other saloon keeper, is engaged in that traffic we shall take away their license."

### Shysters and Their Work

"We all know that McDonough brothers have had the reputation for being engaged in the bail bond business for the last 20 years. They have been notorious, but the board of police commissioners can not take away their saloon license without process of law. We must have charges made against the saloon before we can act. But if it is established legally that a saloon man is engaged in the business his license will be revoked instantly."

"The trouble does not usually occur in the prison, but in the street. When a policeman makes an arrest and puts his prisoner in the patrol wagon he then slips off somewhere and telephones to McDonough brothers. Then a shyster from McDonough's will go over to the city prison and bail out the fellow. These men are not lawyers. They could not appear in a superior court; they are simply shysters, the offal of the earth, and they should be driven from business, from the police courts. It is difficult to catch the policemen and the bail bond brokers at their game, for naturally their work is done secretly."

"However, we have told the chief of police to get evidence for us and we shall act. The other members of the board, Commissioner Woods and the others, are in accord with me in this matter. We have frequently talked it over and decided that as soon as any evidence is available we shall revoke the licenses of the saloons that are engaged in this traffic. The board of police commissioners has the power to do that."

### Working for City's Good

"The bond brokers and the shysters have flourished in this city for years. We all realize that McDonough brothers have been in that business. When I was chief I kept a close watch on the city and prison and they were not busy. The police commission can not go out and get evidence, but we have instructed the chief of police to do that and he has the whole department to work with. And if evidence is placed before us that McDonough brothers or any other persons can be incriminated directly and justly we shall act promptly."

## King Manuel Quits Gaby's Side to 'Woo' 'Betty' de Braganza

PARIS, March 17.—King Manuel has gone to Tower, Austria, to go through the form of wooing his young cousin, Elizabeth de Braganza. Tower is the section of the empire set apart by Emperor Francis Joseph for numerous members of the royal house of Bourbon who are out of jobs.

Princess Elizabeth will be 18 years old next November and Manuel will be 23 the same month.

Manuel was forbidden to pass through Paris on his way to Austria, through fear of meeting Gaby des Lys, but the simultaneous presence of Gaby and Manuel in Vienna, where the former was filling an engagement, caused a flutter in the house of Braganza, into which Anita Stewart married.

Manuel says the meeting of himself and Gaby des Lys at Vienna was a mere coincidence.

## CHAMBELLAN SENDS DEFI TO TETRAZZINI

### Challenge to Vocal Contest Follows Refusal of Tickets to Concert

When professional courtesy in the shape of tickets at the Tetrazzini concert was denied yesterday afternoon to Mme. Chambellan, the French coloratura soprano, the madame waxed wroth and issued a deft to the Italian songbird, and a challenge to such a vocal contest as never has been held before in America.

"I, Mme. Chambellan," goes the challenge, "will bet you, Mme. Tetrazzini, \$1,000 that I am a better singer than you, the press of San Francisco and such musical critics as may be agreed upon between us to be judges of the contest."

Thomas Phillips, manager of Mme. Chambellan, delivered the challenge last night. Tetrazzini has not been heard from. Chambellan came to San Francisco with the Paris grand opera company that played an engagement at the Valencia theater. Her voice was highly praised by the critics and she was said to be the best singer that had come to San Francisco since Tetrazzini first appeared. This comparison was used later by the singer in advertisements when she appeared at the Empress theater in a vaudeville number. Mme. Chambellan was one of the singers who appeared last Christmas eve in the open air concert in Market street, carrying out the tradition established by Tetrazzini the year before.

Mme. Chambellan applied to the Dreamland pavilion yesterday for tickets to the Tetrazzini concert, such as are commonly issued to artists," said Phillips, her manager, yesterday, "but both Mr. Greenbaum and W. H. Leahy, the managers of the concert and of Tetrazzini, refused Mme. Chambellan those tickets. The refusal was made because they did not like it when Mme. Chambellan was compared to Mme. Tetrazzini. Now we have issued the challenge. Mme. Chambellan will put up \$1,000 as a bet that she is a better singer than Tetrazzini. The competitive concert may be held at any time, morning, afternoon or evening; the proceeds may be given to charity or divided among the singers or subjected to any distribution which Mme. Tetrazzini desires."

"The songs selected may be any mutually agreed upon, but we would suggest that numbers sung by Mme. Tetrazzini this afternoon would be satisfactory to Mme. Chambellan. 'Caro Nome,' aria from 'Rigoletto,' the mad song from 'Lucia' and the 'Mignon' selection. We are ready for Tetrazzini. Mme. Chambellan thinks she is the better singer and she will leave the issue to competent judges."

## ROUMANIAN ARRESTED BY ITALIAN POLICE

### Dalba Says He Is Responsible for Attack on King

ROME, March 17.—Several arrests have been made in connection with the attempt to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel last week. Among the prisoners is Nicholas Tacito, a Rumanian, who was mentioned in a report recently sent to the government by the Italian counsel at Geneva as being connected with a plot hatched there to kill the king. Premier Giolitti and Foreign Minister di San Giuliano. Tacito was arrested in Rome.

Antonio Dalba, who fired the shots at the king, was interrogated regarding the attempted assassination. He admitted he had indulged in target practice preparatory to his attempt to kill the king. He again insisted that he alone was responsible for his attempt.

Some persons believe Dalba's mind has been affected by the Turco-Italian war. It is said that after reading an account of the last fight between the Turks and Italians at Lerna, Dalba exclaimed: "How many men are sent to the front to be butchered?"

# FIRE ATTACKS CARGO IN HOLD OF STEAMSHIP

## Flames Defy Heroic Fighters for Four Hours

Steamship Manchuria at pier 42 with flames bursting from hold, with fire tug Dennis T. Sullivan alongside.



## SMOKE FROM HOLD GIVES WARNING

### Mysterious Blaze Develops Between Decks of the Liner Manchuria

### TUGS PLAY STREAMS ON VESSEL AT ITS DOCK

### Oxygen Helmets Allow Men to Venture Below, Led by Chief Murphy

Late last evening, after all the fire apparatus from the Manchuria fire had returned to the city engine house, it was discovered that Thomas Ahearn, of 131 Freelon street, hoseman of engine 35, was missing. Firemen were rushed back to the vessel and after a long search found Ahearn's body in the hold, where the fire had raged. He had been overcome by the smoke and was drowned when the holds were flooded. Ahearn leaves a wife and three children.

## Fire Department Men Injured in Ship Fire

**KILLED:**  
Hoseman Thomas Ahearn, 131 Freelon street, engine No. 35, suffocated in hold.

**THOSE INJURED WERE:**  
Lieutenant H. I. Speckman, truck No. 8, back badly wrecked.  
Hoseman W. J. Wilson, engine No. 5, foot crushed.  
Hoseman Charles Raymond, engine No. 9, overcome by smoke.  
Ladderman W. Krohn, truck No. 1, overcome by smoke.  
Hoseman William Voll, engine No. 3, overcome by smoke.

A HIDDEN fire that had been smoldering for days and burning in the cargo laden after hold of the steamship Manchuria of the Pacific Mail line, while the vessel lay in dock waiting to sail tomorrow for the orient, burst forth yesterday afternoon when nearly all the officers were ashore except the watch, and for a time threatened to overcome the best efforts of San Francisco's fire department, both the land and water forces.

Four hours it burned after the first alarm, while the fire tug Dennis T. Sullivan on one side and 10 pressure engines on the other pumped water with which to flood the compartment between the bulkheads and smother the flames.

Thick, pungent smoke poured out of the hatches, filling the intermediate decks through which the firemen had to proceed on their way to the flames far down in the hold. Their dangerous task was finished after the most stubborn kind of a fight.

For the most part, the damage was confined to inexpensive cargo such as cotton in bales and government supplies being shipped to Cavite and Manila to the quartermaster's department of the army and navy. Little actual damage was done to the vessel aside from a few blistered plates and it was announced last night that the Manchuria would sail Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock instead of Tuesday, a delay of but two days.

How the cargo caught fire, or in

## MRS. ROOSEVELT JR. HEADS FIRE FORCE

### Wife of Son of Strenuous "Teddy" Responds Hatless to Hillsborough Alarm

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

HILLSBOROUGH, March 17.—Just before noon today and only 24 hours after the citizens of the millionaire colony had voted \$15,000 in bonds to provide a fire department for Hillsborough, the ringing of the fire alarm brought volunteer fire fighters from far and near to aid in extinguishing a blaze that had been discovered in the basement of "El Palomar," the residence of Charles W. Clark, son of former Senator Clark of Montana. And in the very first ranks of the volunteers, hatless and ready to join in the fight against the fire, was Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who, with her husband and others of the select, had responded to the call.

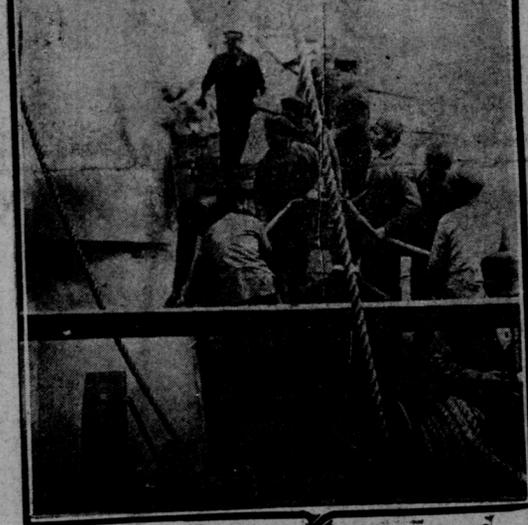
Chief of another battalion that sped to the scene in the high power touring cars was Mrs. Christian de Guigne, leading a corps composed of her husband, Mrs. Clement Tobin and Mrs. W. L. Breese. Both Richard and Joe Tobin also joined the fire fighting forces. Mrs. C. Raoul Duval, Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Gerald Conens, secretary to Clark, were the others in the emergency "department." Thirty-five firemen from San Mateo arrived at the Clark home to find the dining room had chipped through the hardwood floors of the dining room and were about to wreck things in general in an effort to get at the seat of the fire. The regulars from San Mateo took charge of the situation, and after an hour and a half of hard work located the cause of the trouble. A fuse box in the basement was ablaze, and the fire was extinguished with little difficulty.

When the danger was past and the excitement was over the volunteers and the regulars were the guests of the Clarks at an impromptu luncheon, where refreshments were served in unstinted fashion to the fire laddies and the fire lassies as a reward for their pluck and hard work.

## CONVICTS ATTEND GOVERNOR'S FEAST

### Prisoners Assure Executive He Will Be Re-elected

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 17.—Nine convicts from the state penitentiary at Florence were given a dinner by Governor George W. P. Hunt this evening. The governor made a speech to the convicts, to which one of their number responded, conveying the thanks of the convicts for the interest shown by the chief executive of the state in prison affairs, and predicting his re-election. The convict guests of the governor were members of a ball team selected from the prisoners employed on the state bridge at Tempe, and the dinner followed a ball game with the local team.



Group of fire fighters pouring water into hold of vessel from the main after deck.

## DR. MARY WALKER LIES NEAR DEATH

### Little Old "New Woman" Worked for Suffrage While Suffering From Bronchitis

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, March 17.—Dr. Mary E. Walker, the determined little old "new woman," who for more than half a century has been wearing trousers and doing things that have made her name known throughout the country, is critically ill in the Presbyterian hospital.

Dr. Walker was returning from Albany when the conductor noticed that the "little old man with silk hat, frock coat and gold headed cane had slipped down into a corner of the seat, apparently in a faint. Restoratives were applied and Dr. Walker was taken to the hospital.

Mrs. von Slingerland, secretary of the Betterment league, who, Dr. Walker says, will act as her press agent during her illness, said tonight:

"Dr. Walker, I fear, is dying. She developed a heavy cold weeks ago, neglected it, and now has collapsed completely. She has bronchitis, pneumonia threatens her, and she is a very old woman."

Dr. Walker had been in Washington for several months, pressing before the judiciary committee her contention that the constitution gives woman the vote. Recently she journeyed to Albany in the interest of the suffrage movement.

## STREET SPEAKERS JAILED FOR PLOT

### Dynamite Outrages Planned, According to San Diego Police Chief

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN DIEGO, March 17.—The campaign of the police department against the street speaking agitators who have been defying the law here for several weeks took a new turn this afternoon, when Chief of Police Wilson arrested six of the alleged leaders in connection with a wholesale dynamiting plot.

Much secrecy was used and the names of the prisoners are withheld from the public.

The police say that they have positive proof showing that the six men arrested plotted to dynamite a number of the larger business buildings and industrial plants here, not with the view of destroying lives, but to wreck the property.

Dynamite was stolen from powder magazines of the city sewer department two weeks ago, but Chief Wilson says that constant vigilance on the part of the police has prevented its use.

## DEATH'S CALL CLOSE FOR WOMAN AVIATOR

### Late Birdman's Sister Narrowly Misses Similar Fate

SHREVEPORT, La., March 17.—Miss Matilda Moisant, sister of the late John B. Moisant, narrowly escaped her brother's fate today when, in descending after an exhibition flight, her monoplane struck the ground at too steep an angle, bounding into the air and turning turtle. Miss Moisant jumped just as the body of the machine dropped to the ground. She was unhurt. The monoplane was wrecked.

## SOCIALISTIC AX HANGS O'ER MOTT

### Oakland's Mayor and Two Commissioners Selected for Recall Attack

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OAKLAND, March 17.—The socialist party of this city has abandoned its plan of attempting to recall the entire administration and finally has settled upon Mayor Frank K. Mott, Fred C. Turner, commissioner of public health and safety, and William J. Baccus, commissioner of streets, as the men who should be ousted from office for responsibility in the Hamilton auditorium raid and for other reasons, to be more fully outlined in a meeting next Sunday in Rice institute.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the party in Hamilton auditorium today, at which all of the 38 members of the recall committee were present, the decision was reached to eliminate the names Harry S. Anderson, commissioner of public works, and John Forest, commissioner of revenue and finance, from the recall petition, which is expected to be on the street one week from tomorrow.

Members of the executive committees of the Central Labor council and the Building Trades council were present as visitors and announced that there was little doubt that the union labor element would back the socialists in the recall fight. These committees will render formal reports to their bodies in the near future.

The attempt at recall is to be "on the subservience of certain members of the administration to big business in their apparent effort to crush labor by lending police aid to strike breakers."

Delegates to the executive committee are to be instructed further by the various branches of the party to which they belong, and will hold another meeting at Rice institute next Sunday, at which much broader grounds than the suppression of free speech will be urged as reasons for the recall. The original five reasons are being revised, and a complete petition, ready for circulation, will be formulated at that time.

## FUGITIVE'S HAIR TURNS WHITE IN TWO WEEKS

### Nervous Prostration Leads to Surrender

SEATTLE, March 17.—When Francis A. Vallely, aged 31, a watch maker, wanted at Elgin, Ill., on a charge of grand larceny, jumped his bond and fled from Illinois two weeks ago, his hair was black, but when he walked into police headquarters here today it was white as snow. Vallely was on the verge of nervous prostration and was placed in the city hospital. He said he would return to Illinois without extradition. A telegram from the police at Elgin confirmed his story.

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