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THE WEATHER  
 YESTERDAY—Highest temperature, 64;  
 lowest Saturday night, 50.  
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## TAFT TO OPEN HIS CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON

President Will Fire First Gun of Great National Political Struggle Today

Campaign Manager to Be Chosen With Help of Big Party Leaders

Brilliant White House Reception Will Follow Marshaling of the Field Forces

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The republican campaign will open here tomorrow, when a dozen or more of the big leaders of the party will have a series of consultations among themselves and with President Taft, select his campaign manager and make plans for the opening of the political battle. The subcommittee of arrangements, appointed in Chicago, arrived tonight for the conference.

It is understood that the choice for national chairman lies between Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus, O., who is President Taft's choice, and Senator Newell Sanders of Tennessee.

Secretary Hilles, it has been decided, can be of more service by remaining in his present post.

If President Taft insists, Daugherty will be elected chairman of the national committee and will be placed in charge of the campaign. Members of the subcommittee, however, prefer Senator Sanders, who would have the support of the progressive element of the party that has cast its lot with the president. Harry New of Indiana could have the post, but has declined it. Joseph B. Keating of Indiana has been mentioned.

Committeemen on the Ground

The members of the subcommittee here are Powell Clayton of Arkansas (chairman), F. W. Esterbrook of New Hampshire, Alvah H. Martin of Virginia, Roy O. West of Illinois, John J. Adams of Iowa, Charles B. Warren of Michigan, Newell Sanders of Tennessee and Thomas Neidringhaus of Missouri. Samuel A. Perkins of Washington has not yet arrived.

In addition, William Barnes Jr., republican national committeeman of New York; Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, Taft leaders, are here conferring with the members of the subcommittee today and will be present at the meeting tomorrow. Former Speaker Cannon, Congressman Mann of Illinois and other leaders also conferred with the subcommittee today.

The subcommittee will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Willard, and at 10:30 will go to the White House for luncheon and a long conference with the president, which may last until evening.

The selection of the national chairman and of a secretary and treasurer of the national committee will be agreed upon.

Political Reception Announced

Tomorrow night President Taft will give a reception in the White House which will be of much political significance. He will then meet not only the members of the committee on arrangements but many other important state leaders, who are coming here to see the president, get acquainted with him and obtain plans and ideas for the campaign, which is to be pushed vigorously from now on.

Particular attention is to be paid the election in Vermont, the first to be held, which will come on September 5. A Taft man is running for governor, and it is especially desired that the Taft republicans make a strong showing in this state for the moral effect the victory will have.

With practically unvarying uniformity dispatches from all over Pennsylvania are showing the subsidence of the Roosevelt wave. There is some third term sentiment in the anthracite regions and in the southern tier, but to all intents the bottom has dropped out of the movement.

In Allegheny county former Senator Flinn, head of the third term party in Pennsylvania, has been deserted by Mayor McGee and other powerful lieutenants. In a few sections where talk of a new party persists there is no indication of preparation for an organization. No man is so rash as to predict the election of Roosevelt, and this total lack of confidence is a fatal handicap to third term prospects.

Leaders Flock to Taft

There is little doubt that nearly all of the leaders who espoused Roosevelt's cause at the April primary will be found in the Taft camp long before November.

Most of the Roosevelt supporters who were animated by sentiment rather than self-seeking and who are loyal believers in the protective tariff doctrine will be found enrolled as regulars under the impulse of party fealty.

A smaller number, deeply imbued with so called progressive ideas and not greatly concerned about the tariff, are turning to Wilson, the democratic nom-

## One of These Men May Direct Taft's Political Battle



## Fighter Worst In Collision With Modest Civilian

NEWPORT, R. I., July 7.—While groping its way through a dense fog near the Newport naval training station today, the Fall River line steamer Commonwealth rammed the Illinois State battleship New Hampshire. Both ships sustained considerable damage, but no fatalities or injuries resulted.

The Commonwealth struck the New Hampshire astern and nearly end on. When the New Hampshire was discovered by the lookout the Commonwealth was almost upon it. Before the ship could be turned aside the collision occurred.

The sleeping passengers were badly shaken in their berths and several were thrown from their beds.

Part of the 1,000 passengers scrambled to the decks to ascertain the trouble, but were assured by officers that there was no danger.

The Commonwealth's bow was stove in where it rammed the battleship, while the New Hampshire's stern was cut above the protective deck. The after compartment was crushed throughout, the gun and berth decks were smashed and the captain's after cabin and the boiler room beneath were damaged.

After unloading her passengers the Commonwealth proceeded tonight to New York, where she will go into drydock for repairs. The battleship New Hampshire has not yet received orders where to proceed to have its damage repaired.

## CZAR'S AGENTS HAMPER SAN FRANCISCO FAMILY

Hebrews With Passports Enter Russia With Difficulty

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 NEW YORK, July 7.—Mrs. A. Lincoln Brown of San Francisco, who is touring Europe with her husband and sons writes to a morning paper from Carlsbad complaining that, although armed with a passport, the family found it difficult, as Hebrews, to gain entry into Russia. They were harassed at every step, but took copious notes of the utter degradation and woe of the working Jews caused by injustice practiced upon them by the Czar's tyranny.

## GRAHAME-WHITE ENDS HONEYMOON WITH FLIGHT

Thousands of Belgians Witness Exhibition at Folkestone

[Special Cable to The Call]  
 LONDON, July 7.—Returning from his honeymoon, Claude Grahame-White flew in his hydro-aeroplane at Folkestone this afternoon in the presence of thousands of Belgians who had crossed especially to see the flight.

There was an enormous number of spectators. Later he commenced to fly to London with Mrs. White.

Verrier flew from Hendon to Brighton in 65 minutes.

## ROYALISTS ADVANCING ON PORTUGUESE BORDER

Bombs Are Being Thrown; Many Arrests Made

[Special Cable to The Call]  
 LISBON, July 7.—The royalists on the frontier are advancing between Tuy and Caldelas. The government is prepared and an encounter is definitely expected. Bombs are being thrown and arrests are being made day and night.

## TWENTY 'SPORTS' NABBED IN RAID UPON COCKPIT

San Francisco Possé Fires a Volley to Stop Flight of Gamblers

Six Birds Dead, Betting High, at Visitation Hotel; \$500 Collected

Twenty eager sportsmen, hailing from far and near, assembled in the quiet backyard of the Visitation hotel, just below the county line in Visitation valley, yesterday afternoon to enjoy the ancient spectacle of cock fighting, conducted on rules handed down from the classic Greeks.

Lean, scrappy birds were there in plenty, along with all the paraphernalia of the pit, and the afternoon's tournament had been commenced in earnest. Betting was high and excited, six birds were dead, including two or three that had been favorites for the high stakes, and the 20 eager sportsmen were having the time of their lives when—

"Hands up!"  
 And Matthew McCurrie, secretary of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, walked through the back door of the hotel at the head of a dozen or more deputies with drawn revolvers.

There was a mad scramble for the fence, each sportsman with his pet "bird" under his arm; but McCurrie had meant what he said, and after the first volley there was no bolt from the convention. Six shots were fired, and the 20 eager sportsmen became 20 sorrowful prisoners, only too anxious to give fictitious names and get out on \$25 bail.

For while the rules of the game have not changed since the days of the ancients, the laws are different, and although history records that Plato constantly reproached the Athenians for their fondness for the cockpit, today he might have had them arrested, just as McCurrie did.

It is not anticipated that the cock fighters will appear for trial or to claim their bail money, which amounts in all to the tidy sum of \$500. At Redwood City, whither they were taken immediately after their arrest, they cheerfully parted with the money and drove away—some north, some south, but all in automobiles, for it was a session of the exclusive Goodfellow club that the officers had interrupted.

After the scramble was over papers were found showing that the Goodfellow club had been organized March 15, 1910, and that it had as its object the "betterment of game fowls, their breeders and fanciers." Being arrested

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## SHADOW GIRL ADDS MYSTERY TO WRECK

Lace Sleeve Found in Ditched Auto, but Owner Says He Was Alone

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 LOS ANGELES, July 7.—A "shadow girl" figured today in a mysterious accident in which a big touring car, owned by Walter E. Byrne, former district attorney and one of the wealthiest young bachelors of San Bernardino, plunged headlong down a steep embankment in the Venice road, tearing through a barbed wire fence and landing in the bed of a small creek.

Just before daylight the automobile was found standing in the creek bed. The torn up earth and broken fence marked its pathway from the road. In the bottom of the machine was a lace sleeve, evidently torn from a dainty feminine creation. The auto party which discovered the wrecked car and found the sleeve believed that some woman had been seriously hurt in the accident.

However, the mystery only deepened when Byrne appeared at the Washington automobile station this afternoon and said that he was driving when the accident occurred and that there was no woman in the car.

But the "shadow girl" was not dispensed with this statement as the night man at the garage said that a young woman walked into the garage at 1 o'clock this morning, accompanied by a young man. The latter said that his car had been ditched in the Venice road.

Byrne is engaged to a local society girl and she says she was not in the accident and that the sleeve belongs to some other woman. Attorney Leo Byrne of San Francisco is a brother of the hero of this adventure.

## SAN FRANCISCO GIRL IS ENGAGED TO COUNT

Azeala Keyes Will Take Name of Falkenstein

LONDON, July 7.—The Morning Post this morning announces the engagement of Count Lewin Haupt of Falkenstein and Miss Azeala Keyes of San Francisco. No date for the wedding has been set, but it is understood it will be early in the fall.

## MISS CROCKER'S WEDDING WILL COST \$55,900

Gifts Alone to Represent an Expenditure of \$40,000; Orchids \$4,500

Detectives Will Guard Rare Jewels at Brilliant San Mateo Affair

COST OF WHITMAN - CROCKER WEDDING TO BE CELEBRATED IN SAN MATEO ON JULY 16

Wedding gifts	\$40,000
Bridal gown	1,000
Dresses for bridesmaids and flower girls	1,150
Dinner to groomsmen	500
Bridegroom's gifts to attendants	800
Orchids	4,500
Orange blossoms and other decorations	1,000
Burlingame club, for accommodation of guests	2,500
Wedding breakfast	3,000
Automobiles and carriages for guests	200
Secret service agents	500
Maids, porters and grooms	500
Miscellaneous	250
Total	\$55,900

The rarest and most costly orchids grown in the conservatories of Hillsborough, Fair Oaks and Beresford, will give the dominant decorative touch to the wedding of Miss Jennie Adeline Crocker and Malcolm Whitman, which is to be celebrated in the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew, San Mateo, at noon a week from tomorrow.

Miss Crocker, who is the wealthiest heiress in California, will embark upon the sea of matrimony with a more gorgeous function than ever before terminated the single blessedness of an American society maid.

According to present calculations, the wedding, including the gifts to the bride, will cost \$55,900, and will set a new mark for rival American weddings. William Bowers Bourn, president of the Spring Valley, gave a \$25,000 wedding in the same little church at San Mateo two years ago, when his only daughter, Miss Maud Bourn, became the bride of Arthur Rose Vincent of Somerville House, Ireland, and that function has served to arouse the envy and stimulate the emulation of all California society.

But it is on the shoulders of Miss

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## GLIDER SAILS AWAY BUT SPILLS RIDER

Joseph C. Vierra, Professor Montgomery's Successor, Is Slightly Hurt by Fall

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 REDWOOD CITY, July 7.—With his glider sailing away over the hills until it was lost to view, Joseph C. Vierra, the aviator who is engaged in continuing the experiments in aerial navigation begun by the late Professor Montgomery of Santa Clara college, had a narrow escape from death today in an accident similar to that which killed his distinguished preceptor last fall.

As he was mounting against the wind, at the height of 10 feet the glider overturned, flinging him violently to the ground. Then, caught by a fresh gust, it sailed riderless away.

Vierra was picked up by his brother, Edward C. Vierra, who is assisting him in his work under the direction of the Montgomery heirs, and was taken to the hospital here. His injuries proved slight.

The glider was not recovered, but a model that was used in connection with the work will enable the brothers to continue their experiments until they can build a full sized machine. Then they hope to demonstrate the solution of the problems involved in keeping an aeroplane on an even keel.

## FORMER ACTRESS GETS AN ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

Ernest M. Shipman Charged With Infidelity by Wife

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 NEW YORK, July 7.—A final decree of absolute divorce has been granted to Mrs. Agnes Jane Shipman from Ernest Montague Shipman by Justice Gavegan in the supreme court. The couple were married August 15, 1905. Mrs. Shipman in her complaint named several women as the cause of her troubles.

Before her marriage the plaintiff was an actress known as Rosette Knott and was well known throughout the west and northwest.

Shipman for years was an advance agent of the Cort syndicate, but now owns the Shipman companies playing in California.

## Author Davis to Marry Yama Yama Girl Bride



Miss Bessie McCoy, the "Yama Yama" girl who is to be married today to Richard Harding Davis.

## Writer Admits That He Will Lead Actress to Altar of Hymen Somewhere Today

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 NEW YORK, July 7.—Richard Harding Davis, the author, and Miss Bessie McCoy, the popular "Yama Yama" girl of stardom, will be married tomorrow. That much Davis admitted tonight, but when pressed for the details of place, hour and attendants he demurred.

"Immediately after the ceremony my brother will issue a statement con-

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## NOTED CLUBWOMAN, MINE BLAST HURLS MEN 1,000 FEET

Mrs. Sarah Sophia Platt Decker Suffrage and Child Welfare Leader Passes Away at Sanatorium

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 ELI, Nev., July 7.—Al H. Cook of Roanoke, Va., here two years as a powder man of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company, Copper Flat pit, and eight others were instantly killed this afternoon when a load in a drill hole with several hundred pounds of black powder and a large quantity of dynamite exploded.

C. B. Phay, a drill operator, 50 feet away, was hurt by flying rocks, but not seriously.

The cause of the premature explosion is unknown. It was caused possibly by hot cinders from a passing engine on another pit level or carelessness in handling the explosives.

The accident occurred next to the top level. There are several levels, averaging 50 feet, one above another.

Cook's remains were partially dismembered and were identified by the clothes remaining and the card found therein. He was blown 1,000 feet from the middle of the pit. He was soon to quit and return home.

The remains of a few parts of the others were identified. The pit where the accident occurred is 60 feet deep below the entrance, while the west side rises more than 400 feet. Churn drills precede the steam shovels. The holes are drilled and shot to loosen the ore.

Sometimes a ton of dynamite and black powder are charged in one hole.

## VINCENT ASTOR GIVES PARK TO BASEBALL CLUB

Young Master of Ferncliffe Wins Hearts of Fans

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
 POUGHKEEPSIE, July 7.—By presenting to the Rhinebeck Baseball club a fine ball park, Vincent Astor has won the hearts of the baseball fans of the community and the admiration of the rest of the population. It became known today that the young master of Ferncliffe presented the park to the baseball club two days after he learned that such a park was needed.

## EARTHROCKS 40 SECONDS IN NORTH ALASKA

Tembler Wrecks Supports of Mine Near Fairbanks and Foreman Is Suffocated by Cavein

LESS VIOLENT SHOCKS OCCUR THROUGHOUT NIGHT

Seismic Waves Recorded Thousands of Miles Distant at Salt Lake City and Kansas University

QUAKE IS WORST IN PENINSULA'S HISTORY

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 7.—The most violent earthquake ever known here took place at 10 o'clock last night, the earth rocking continuously for 40 seconds. Less violent shocks occurred throughout the night.

Louis Anderson, foreman of a mine on Dome creek, was killed as a result of the earthquake. He was suffocated beneath a huge slab of earth which the quake loosened from the roof of the mine.

Record of Violent Temblor

SEATTLE, Wash., July 7.—Violent disturbances lasting from 12:01 to 2:06 a. m. today were recorded on the seismograph at the University of Washington. The heaviest shock was from 12:06 to 1:15, with the most intense vibration of this shock between 12:06 and 12:15, at which time the needle ran clear off the paper.

Volcanic dust is still falling over the region within several hundred miles of Mount Katmai, Alaska, which awoke from slumber one month ago today. As only a few hundred people live permanently in the sphere of influence of Katmai and its sister volcanoes, Redoubt, Iliamna and St. Augustine, the financial damage caused by the shower of ashes from their four chimneys was not large, and the loss of life, if any, was among the Indians of the fishing villages along the Alaska peninsula.

Lava Lacking

Following the first day of the eruption, when the volcanoes after a struggle, blew out the rocks that clogged their throats, the discharge has been only of ashes, with no lava. At first the Redoubt cinders that poured down the sides of Katmai were supposed to be lava. The scalded ashes may be duplicated by reducing to powder the pumice stone to be obtained at any drugstore. Fine particles of volcanic dust have been known to float in the air for many weeks, and to be carried half way around the world.

This ash is composed principally of silica, but contains also all the chemical elements required for plant growth, and consequently acts as a fertilizer of the soil. On Kodiak, Raspberry and Afognak islands, which were entirely covered by the ash, grass is pushing its way through the deposit where it is not too thick, and where the cover is deep—in some places 30 feet—vegetation will obtain a foothold from above. At the government experiment station on Kodiak island the cattle were saved, but many sheep perished. It is assumed that the wild herbivores managed to browse on the trees and bushes. The water in the lakes and streams ran clear in a short time after the fall of ashes abated, and fish were not exterminated. In the ocean no injury was done to fish. The spawning run of the salmon had not begun at the time of the eruption. The canneries are operating as usual, and the salmon are going up the rivers just as in former years. Government rations are sufficient.

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