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TWO ONLY OF BOND MEASURES ARE RATIFIED

Third of Qualified Electors Approves Issues for Completion of Hospital and County Jail and for Police and Fire Alarm System, Rejecting the Others

NO. 5 CARRIED BY NARROW MARGIN

Proposition No. 1, Authorizing an Indebtedness of \$700,000 for Acquisition of the Sutro Baths and Shore Properties, Fails of Passage by 2,044 Votes

Story of Voting at a Glance Only 47,238 Ballots Cast

Table with columns YES, NO. Rows include \$700,000 for acquisition Sutro properties, \$1,700,000 for completion hospital and jail, \$800,000 for aquatic park, \$200,000 for Twin Peaks park lands, \$750,000 for police and fire alarm system.

One-third of the qualified electors of San Francisco ratified two and rejected three of the bonding propositions submitted to them yesterday.

The bonds for the completion of the hospital and county jail, aggregating \$450,000, were ratified.

The proposed bonds for the purchase of the Sutro properties, acquisition of the Twin Peaks park lands and the aquatic park, aggregating \$1,700,000, were rejected.

Out of a total registration of approximately 128,000, only 47,238 votes were cast.

NO. 1 LOST BY 2,044

Proposition No. 1, authorizing a bonded indebtedness of \$700,000 for the acquisition of the Sutro properties, received 28,845 votes, as against 17,489 in the negative, and failed of the two-thirds necessary for ratification by 2,044.

The \$1,700,000 issue for the completion of the city and county hospital and the county jail buildings was ratified by a vote of 35,013 to 11,142, or 4.243 more than the necessary two-thirds.

The aquatic park bond issue of \$800,000 received only a bare majority of the vote, and failed of the necessary two-thirds by 7,200.

The proposed Twin Peaks park issue was rejected by a clear majority of the vote cast on the proposition. The affirmative vote was 21,949 as against 23,299 in the negative. The adverse majority was 1,250, and the shortage from the necessary two-thirds was 8,216.

NO. 5 WINS BY 87

The \$750,000 issue for the police and fire alarm system escaped rejection by the narrow margin of 87 votes. The proposition received 30,765 affirmative votes as against 15,252, and 30,678 were necessary for its ratification.

None of the three park projects carried even in its own district. The Twin Peaks project was beaten by a majority vote in its own district. A completion of the votes on the three projects in the districts contiguous to the proposed improvements shows that the Sutro Heights bond issue was most favored, while surprising opposition developed against the Twin Peaks and aquatic park bond issues.

The territory contiguous to the Sutro project comprises precincts 34 to 45 of the twenty-seventh assembly district and the whole of the twenty-eighth. The vote in these precincts was:

Table with columns For, Against. Rows include Sutro proposition, Aquatic park, Twin Peaks park, Territory contiguous to the proposed improvements.

The territory contiguous to the North Beach proposed aquatic park comprises precincts 1 to 21 of the thirty-first assembly district, precincts 1 to 21 of the thirty-second and the

NINE YEAR OLD IN ROLE OF HERO

Tommy Ahlers Runs in Front of Streetcar to Rescue Two Little Girls

Unselfishly thinking only of the safety of two little girls whom he saw playing on the track, 9 year old Tommy Ahlers of 1098 Natoma street rushed in front of a rapidly advancing streetcar at Van Ness avenue and Market street yesterday afternoon and pulled them away, rescuing them from death or serious injury.

The boy was struck by the car fender and thrown some distance, suffering a number of bruises. Even then his thought was not for himself, for on regaining consciousness little Tommy, who originally had started out on an errand for his mother, Mrs. J. Ahlers, promptly inquired, "Where's my mama's two bit piece?" The missing quarter was found by the side of the track.

BURGLARS AT PESCADERO

Eight Hundred in Golden Twenties Secured by Safeblowers SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 20.—Cracksmen blew up a large safe in the store of C. Y. Williamson at Pescadero early today, escaping with \$500. The safe was entirely demolished and the store nearly wrecked. Five \$20 gold pieces were found on the floor, curiously twisted by the force of the explosion. Three strange men seen at Pescadero yesterday are believed to be the culprits. The cracksmen left behind in a bottle containing enough nitroglycerin to destroy the town.

WILL TRY AN OPERATION

Terror of Casitas Section Said to Be Insane From Accident OXNARD, Cal., Dec. 20.—Believing that Henry Smythe, who terrorized the Casitas section by shooting at dozens of persons early this week, became insane as the result of an accident at Stockton, surgeons who have examined him are planning an operation which is expected to restore his sanity. Search of his effects showed that Smythe had graduated from an Australian university with high honors. Some time ago he fell from a porch at Stockton, striking on his head.

SHERIFF IS OUTWITTED

"Gift" Brings Admission From Officer That Pocket Was Picked (Special Dispatch to The Call) SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 20.—Sheriff J. J. Keating today received a neat little beribboned pink box, labeled "Do not open until Christmas." The sheriff peeked inside and discovered his own \$200 solid gold watch. The story came out then that the sheriff's pocket had been picked last week at an affair given by the members of Native Sons. Mayor E. V. Baraty of Sausalito was the expert who did the trick.

DIES ON "MOVIE" STAGE

Death Comes to Woman in South While Comedy Is Being Shown LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Fannie S. Roe, an elderly Chicago woman, who had come to Los Angeles to pass the winter, died of heart failure on the stage of a moving picture theater here today. Mrs. Roe suddenly became ill in front of the theater. She was carried inside through the crowded auditorium to the stage. She expired behind the curtain, upon which a comedy scene was being depicted.

SALLY FRANCIS DIVORCED

Daughter in Law of Former Governor of Missouri Wins Action (Special Dispatch to The Call) ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Sally Calhoun Francis was awarded a divorce in Judge McQuillen's court today from David R. Francis Jr., son of former Governor David R. Francis, St. Louis financier. The decree gives her custody of her daughter, Alize Peppercorn Francis, 8 years old, and alimony of \$150 a month.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER ILL

Malady Described by Physicians as Approaching Nervous Breakdown (Special Dispatch to The Call) WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representative Oscar Underwood, the majority floor leader in the house, is seriously ill at his home here. It is learned that Underwood's illness, which was first attributed to a slight cold, really approaches a nervous breakdown and that he had been under the care of two physicians.

QUEEN TO BREAK CUSTOM

Oiga of Greece Will Violate Tradition of Fifteen Centuries VIENNA, Dec. 20.—The Neues Tagblatt's Athens correspondent says Queen Oiga of Greece intends to visit the 21 monasteries on Mount Athos, 50 miles southeast of Saloniki, thus breaking the rule prohibiting women to visit the sacred mountain which has been strictly observed for 1,500 years.

PERFECT WOMAN FOUND

She Is Miss Elsie Scheel an Athlete Basketball Player ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Cornell has a perfect woman, according to an announcement today by Dr. Esther Parker, the physical examiner at Sage college. She is Miss Elsie Scheel of Brooklyn. Miss Scheel is an athlete and plays basketball.

BILLION DOLLAR ACTION AGAINST S. P. CO. BEGUN

Prediction of The Call Verified by Filing of First Suit Brought Against Railway Corporation, Subsidiaries and Others for Recovery of Valuable Oil Lands

BILL OF COMPLAINT SAME AS FORECAST

Ground for Prosecution by United States Based on Alleged Violation of Clause of Patents Granting Common Carrier Alternate Sections Along Road

The first suit of the government's billion dollar litigation against the Southern Pacific and subsidiary companies and parties operating leases on its oil lands for the recovery of the property was filed in Los Angeles yesterday by T. J. Butler and B. P. Townsend, special assistants to the United States attorney general. The names of Attorney General Wickersham, and United States Attorney A. L. McCormick also appear on the complaint.

This announcement follows the recent exclusive prediction of The Call that the suit would be filed in the Fresno division of the United States district court, the clerk's office of which is in Los Angeles, and the subject matter of the bill of complaint bears out The Call's statement of details.

VALUE EXCEEDS \$250,000,000 The present value of the lands involved in this suit is stated to be in excess of \$250,000,000.

The defendants named are: Southern Pacific company, Southern Pacific Railroad company, Kern Trading and Oil company, Associated Oil company, Southern Pacific Land company, Central Trust company of New York, Equitable Trust company of New York, Homer S. King, St. Paul Consolidated Oil company, Zier Oil company, Fresno-San Francisco Oil company, Penn-Columbia Petroleum company, Coalinga Pacific Oil and Gas company, Commercial Petroleum company, Aztec Oil company, Guthrie Oil company, Confidence Oil company, Maine State Oil company, Associated Pipe Line company, Section Seven Oil company, C. F. Ireddell, I. L. Briner, Julius Fried, J. J. Vincent, G. E. Shore, Oren G. Myers, W. S. Porter, C. Scribner, C. A. Murdoch, George W. C. Baker, W. W. Machem, M. L. Woy and M. Madsen.

REVERT TO GOVERNMENT

On account of the great scope of the suits there has been some delay in filing until the details could be completed, but the present complaint, as filed gives a complete statement of the government's intention. If the program is carried out at least 125,000 acres of the very richest oil lands in the state of California will revert to the government. These are included in the Kern river, Sunset, Maricopa, McKittrick, Midway, Elk Hills, Devil's Den, Lost Hills and Coalinga fields.

The ground on which the suit is filed is the alleged violation by the defendants of the clause of the patents granting the railroad alternate odd numbered sections to the extent of 10 sections on each side of the road, provided, however, that mineral lands were to be excluded from this grant.

PROSECUTION CHARGES FRAUD

The Southern Pacific Railroad company, it is charged, accepted the patent, containing the exception, and inserted in all sales of these granted lands this same exception, from 1866 until some time subsequent to 1903. Later, however, approximately 45,726 acres of valuable mineral land were placed in application for patent and listed with the United States land office at Visalia, with the secret and fraudulent purpose of inducing the department of the interior to issue a patent for these lands, with the further fraudulent intention subsequently of denying the validity of the exception of mineral lands as stated in the original grant, according to the bill.

The railroad further intended to conceal from the government the facts, it was charged, until six years had elapsed from the date of the issuance of the patent, to the end that the government should be so delayed in instituting legal proceedings that the delay itself might be set up as a defense.

Further to enjoy the fruits of the fraud and at the same time conceal the facts the railroad caused the Kern Trading and Oil company to be organized as a dummy corporation to extract minerals. In 1906, it was also declared, the Southern Pacific Railroad company acquired a controlling interest in the Associated Oil company. The Southern Pacific Land company was likewise organized as a dummy corporation, but with the purpose this time of holding the legal titles to the lands for the use and benefit of the railroad company.

In addition to the mineral lands before referred to, approximately 12,965 more acres were once Southern Pacific railroad property, but have since been sold.

Death Warrant for Hammer

DIRECTOR SUMMONS SINGERS FOR HAMMER REQUIEM

All singers who desire to aid in the requiem at The Call's hammer burning at Lotta's fountain, Christmas eve, will assemble at Kohler & Chase hall, 26 O'Farrell street at 8 o'clock tomorrow and Monday evenings for rehearsals. Music will be distributed.

JOHN W. MCKENZIE, Choral Director.

Burning to Crystallize 1915 Spirit

BERNICE DE PASQUALI.

Christmas Time Most Appropriate

By C. C. MOORE, President of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition company.

At this Christmas season it is particularly fitting that the spirit which has united our people in the accomplishment of the nation's exposition be recognized by some formal observance.

San Francisco has been signally honored by the nation, and the nations of the world have responded to America's invitation in a manner that must prove gratifying to every American. It is well to let the world know that peace and good will rule among our citizens.

As the new year starts, with its era of construction upon the exposition, we may hold out the assurance to all people that a happy and united people will welcome America's visitors and that San Francisco, which will stand before the world as the representative of the American people, will leave undone no task which may contribute to their happiness, their comfort, or the warmth of their welcome.

The ceremony which The Call will undertake will serve to crystallize the 1915 spirit. The exposition management on the event of this occasion extends Christmas greetings and wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year to the people of San Francisco and of California who have steadfastly accorded the work of the exposition loyal and devoted support.

Moore Gives Last Antemortem Approval

With President C. C. Moore of the Panama-Pacific exposition expressing the belief that The Call's hammer burning ceremony will crystallize the 1915 spirit, which he feels is to make the exposition the magnificent success that is promised, the last word of the antemortem approval has been said in favor of The Call's sentence of death passed on old man Hammer.

Mayor Rolph, President Moore, other city, county and state officials and all prominent business men now are lined up with The Call in its plan to end, symbolically, the life of the knacker.

STREETS TO BE CLEANED

Vice President Thornwell Mullally of the United Railroads has promised to arrange to have streetcar traffic switched from Third and Market streets during the ceremony Christmas eve, and his aids will immediately begin to work out this immense problem. Lieutenant Duncan Matheson, commander of the traffic squad, will have the policemen in his company keep the region clear of other sorts of vehicles.

"This is a splendid time of year to punctuate the life of the hammer of knockery with a period," said Mullally yesterday. "I am glad The Call is taking no chance of a revival by sentencing the miserable hammer to death by burning. Let us hope that once dead, he will prove to be the last of his line."

ESCORTED BY NATIONALS

The beautiful Chopin funeral march will be played by the band of the nations. If present plans are adopted, when the crane covered catafalque bearing the Hammer of Knockery is escorted to Lotta's fountain Christmas eve by a full company of handsomely uniformed nationals. With muskets reversed and crane knotted about the coat sleeves of their gorgeous uniforms of red, yellow and blue, these civilian warriors, commanded by Captain Holmes Mitchell, will march with measured tread toward the scene of the Hammer's martyrdom.

Maybe people will miss him after he has gone, for he certainly has helped to fill a lot of gaps in conversations, but so universal is the approval of the death sentence passed on him that none fears future generations will recall with tears his death.

Mrs. Bernice de Pasquali, whose gracious promise to sing assured the absolute success of the Hammer burning.

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PHOTO BY GEO. G. FRASER.

SIX, HELD IN RAID, FACE \$10,000,000 FRAUD CHARGES

New Yorkers Promoting Mill to Make Linen in Day Arrested for Illegal Use of Mails

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—On a federal indictment charging fraudulent use of the mails in promoting stock for a mill where linen was supposed to be made in a day, six men were arrested in a raid conducted by postoffice inspectors at the offices of the Sterling Debenture company here today.

The authorities estimate that the yearly income of the promoters in this and other ventures has been more than \$1,000,000, and that nearly \$10,000,000 of the public's money has been paid over to them since they began doing business.

Investors in many parts of the country are named in the indictment as complaining witnesses, and the alleged unlawful conspiracy specified extended over a period of 19 months ending December 31, 1909. Government authorities here have been investigating complaints against the defendants for six years, they say.

Then men arrested are Frank W. Shumaker, formerly president of the Sterling Debenture company, and Harry H. Platt, Samuel E. Pindley, Edwin A. Barron, Wilbur M. Stones and Sidney Rosenbaum. Three other men are named in the indictment. One of them, according to news tonight, has been arrested in Chicago.

According to the indictment, investors were induced to send money to the Sterling Debenture company to purchase stock in the Oxford linen mills, a Maine corporation, under the representation that the Oxford mills owned exclusively patent and secret processes that would manufacture linen from American grown flax at one-third the cost of foreign linen and in quicker time.

According to the postal authorities, the Oxford linen mills are not connected with the Sterling Debenture company, having broken away from that concern.

DIVORCE LOOMS ON HORIZON FOR WALTER HOBART

Long Expected Suit, It Is Whispered, Will Be a Reality Early in New Year

Rumors are abroad in the land that the long expected divorce suit of Mrs. Hannah Williams Hobart against Walter Hobart is about to materialize and will be filed early in the new year. Mrs. Hobart left last week for the east, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her three children, who are at school there, but in January she will be in California again.

Up and down the peninsula from Third and Townsend streets quite to the county line below Menlo Park, and in San Rafael's most select circles as well as here, conjectures and confidences are rife regarding the affairs of the millionaire polo player and his beautiful wife.

WIFE TO TAKE ACTION

At last, it is declared by those who are in a position to know, the legalizing of the separation of the Hobarts is to be sought by the wife. It is confidently asserted that the complaint has been drawn up by her attorney, T. C. Van Ness, on the grounds of desertion and cruelty, and that when once the holiday season is past the documents will be filed, presumably in San Mateo county.

Since the summer of 1909 Mrs. Hobart has not been at the home of her husband. For a few months she was

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MONEY TRUST VICTIMS WILL UNFOLD STORY OF OPPRESSION

Men From Coast to Coast, Who Were Driven to Wall and Prison Cells by Grasping Methods of Financial Clique, Will Be Summoned to Furnish Congress With Facts on Which to Base Legislation

INVESTIGATORS TO GATHER ALL FACTS

With the Authentic Information of Names of Additional Witnesses Who Are to Be Heard by Pujos Committee, It Becomes Known That Exposure of Gigantic Syndicate Has Hardly Begun; Sensational Disclosures Yet in Store

By GEORGE G. HILL

(Special Dispatch to The Call) WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—With the unofficial, but authentic, information today of the names of additional witnesses who are to be heard by the Pujos committee, it became known that the story of the money trust has not yet begun to unfold.

This sweeping nature of the money trust probe is to become evident when the Pujos committee reconvenes after the holidays, and from those in touch with the plans of the investigators, it is learned that the testimony of J. Pierpont Morgan and the financiers who preceded him on the witness stand will be the introductory chapter to the story of the money power.

TO TELL "THE OTHER SIDE" There are some of the witnesses who are to be called to tell "the other side" of the tale of finance—the men presumably being in position to relate how the money trust seeks to dominate everything with which it comes in contact.

Charles W. Morse, who went down in the panic of 1907 and who later went to the penitentiary; former Senator William A. Clark, who fought the Amalgamated Copper company for many years; Fritz A. Heinze, who waged a similar fight; Arthur E. Stillwell, who claims to have built two railroads only to have them taken out of his hands because of the lack of further financial backing; James A. Moore of Seattle, president of the Western Steel corporation, who obtained capital in France when refused here; Bernard N. Baker, who claims the money powers closed avenues of credit to him when he attempted to finance an independent steamship company; Grant B. Moore and Oakleigh Thorne, who are alleged to have felt the iron hand of the money trust when Tennessee Coal and Iron was absorbed—all these will be called.

The committee also intends to hear John D. Rockefeller and William Rockefeller, who are not regarded as victims of the money trust, but rather as witnesses who may add to Morgan's story of the ramifications of high finance.

DAVISON FIRST WITNESS Henry P. Davison, one of the Morgan partners, will be among the first witnesses heard early in January. It was of Davison that J. P. Morgan said: "I will stand by anything he says." And it was Davison that the master financier entrusted the active handling of many of the big financial transactions, the details of which Mr. Morgan "could not remember."

Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Pujos committee, left Washington tonight, but before leaving outlined to certain house leaders, who are in sympathy with the work being done by the committee, tentative plans for the continuation of the probe after the congress recess.

The hearings will continue probably

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