

# THE CALL BEAUTY TO BE SPINSTER

## Miss Bennett Recipient of Shower of Proposals

Miss Mae Josephine Bennett, the winner of The Call's wage earner's beauty contest, who will make round trip to Hawaii as the guest of The Call. The picture shows Miss Bennett at the cash register in the candy store, where she is employed.



### Offers of Marriage Come to Candy Store Girl by Mail and Telephone, But She Declines Even a Kanaka Prince

By MAE JOSEPHINE BENNETT  
Winner of The Call's beauty contest.

I sincerely trust I may be permitted to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to The San Francisco Call and to those who have bestowed on me the honor and distinction of declaring me the winner of the first prize in The Call's Working Girl Beauty Contest. The only way I shall ever be able to return it will be to study and work hard in the years to come and perhaps some day prove myself a credit to our city's leading paper, The Call.

The great hammer burning was a thrilling, joyful event which will remain with me always. To have been thus honored was more than I had dared to dream of. Every one connected with the contest has been most kind and I wish to thank them all.

Since the contest closed I have had all sorts of queer and interesting experiences, from proposals of marriage to visits of small boys who "just wanted to look at the winner of the contest."

#### PROPOSALS BY PHONE

One of the most pleasant things I have to look back to is a note from one of the girls who was entered in the contest with me. She sent me her congratulations on my success, wished me a happy trip, and said that she could appreciate my joy over winning, as she had kindred ambitions with me to become a singer.

It was only a few days ago that some man who said he had been a school chum of mine proposed marriage to me over the telephone. I thanked him, but told him my resolve to be an old maid wouldn't be broken for a long time yet.

He wasn't the only one, for a man signing himself "J. F. M." wrote me a note intimating that he would like to be my husband, and at least wanted me to send him postal cards on my trip. As he mentioned "Philmore street" I didn't consider him seriously; he should be able to spell better than that.

#### RECOGNIZED BY HER DOUBLE

Another man, who evidently had had one egg nog too many, walked into the store the other day, said he didn't drink sodas, but wanted a chance to look at me.

Then there was a waiter in a restaurant, who told me that if I sent him postal cards he would give me a fine present when I returned.

Saying that she recognized me from my picture in The Call, on account of the dimple in my chin, an old lady sat down by the cash register one afternoon and gave me a long religious talk.

But the best of all were two small boys, who sidled up to the counter and asked if a nickel would buy a soda. I explained that ordinarily it would not, but if they were really hungry they could have an ice cream soda and I would pay for it.

#### SMALL BOYS DOUBT SHE'S BEAUTY

Then they hazarded the explanation that they wanted to look at the girl who won the beauty contest. I told them who I was, but they refused to believe it at first, until I got them some ice cream, and then they said they guessed I was the right one after all.

Any number of girls who were in the contest have been in to see me, and they have all been perfectly delightful about it, congratulating me without any show of bitterness.

It is really funny the way some people have come into the store when one of the other cashiers was on duty and have gone away with the conviction that they have seen me. It has been great fun, but the other girls declare they are not going to serve as substitutes for me any longer.

#### CAUGHT LOOKING AT CALL PICTURE

I was recognized once, however, at a time when I didn't expect it, and that was when I was standing in front of The Call office looking at my picture in the window. Several men looked at the picture, then at me and then back to the photograph. After that they exchanged glances and nudged each other, and I departed in a hurry, for it was becoming embarrassing.

The wrioteup Mr. Anthony gave me was simply dandy, and I just love him for it, though I shouldn't say so—Mrs. Anthony is likely to object.

For a long time I thought I would have to abandon my ambitions to be a singer, and be "just plain candy girl," but now I can have a chance to realize some of them, and perhaps sing at Lotta's fountain myself some day. I really feel now like an adopted daughter of The Call. My folks are afraid this has turned my head, but it hasn't, for I like the bustle and excitement of things like this.

#### NO KANAKA PRINCE FOR HER

I never dreamed that I would be given some day the opportunity for so much leisure and enjoyment as I will have on my trip to Honolulu. I most certainly expect to enjoy the vacation which will begin for me in a short time.

My folks think there is some possibility that I will come back from the Hawaiian islands with a kanaka prince in tow, but they need not worry, for I am firmly resolved to be an old maid.

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## WILSON CALLS CONSERVATIVE TO DISCUSS TARIFF

President Elect, Summoning Senator Simmons, Indicates Radicals Will Not Rule

## INAUGURATION IS NOW BEING PLANNED

Great Military Parade, Including State Guards, Outlined for March 4

(Special Dispatch to The Call) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—An indication that President elect Wilson does not intend to devote himself entirely to the radical wing of the democratic party was given today, when it was learned that Senator Simmons of North Carolina had been invited to confer with Wilson in Trenton.

Senator Simmons is in line for the chairmanship of the finance committee of the senate after March 4, and is entitled to the place if the rule of seniority is followed. Some of the democrats in the senate have been disposed to smash the rule, arguing that the nomination of the radicals and that the radicals now should have all the spoils.

The fact that Wilson has conferred with Bryan and the coterie of radicals who brought about his nomination has been cited as an instance of the fact that his whole administration would be of radical character. More recently the president elect has conferred with Champ Clark, whose tendencies outside the tariff are rather conservative, and Senator Simmons, who is one of the leading conservatives in the senate, will advise him with reference to tariff legislation.

The proposed conference has lightened the hearts of senate conservatives. They take it as an indication that he is not going to confine himself merely to the advice of the radicals.

In connection with the Simmons report it was learned that Senator Bailey of Texas would sing his swan song January 2, when he will hand his resignation to the president pro tem. Bailey will rap the new leadership in the democratic party and attack the initiative and referendum. The speech is expected to be in the nature of a sensation.

## INAUGURATION IS PLANNED

Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, who has just been named as chief marshal of the approaching inauguration parade, has begun to outline his plans for a military, naval and civic demonstration.

The selection of General Wood to undertake this task is in line with precedents which for the last several administrations has led the selection of the senior army officer on the active list in Washington, regardless of political affiliations. Thus it happened that the military features of President Taft's inauguration were in charge of Major General J. Franklin Bell, while the late Lieutenant General Henry C. Corbin performed a similar function at the last inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt.

General Wood's purpose is to make the Wilson inauguration parade as well balanced as possible in the matter of the representation of cavalry, infantry and artillery in the army, the blue-jackets and marines of the navy and adequate and liberal representation of the national guard and a well proportioned civic display.

Consultations began today between General Wood and the ranking officers of the army and navy now in Washington and correspondence has been begun between the chief marshal and the governors and adjutant generals of the states and territories in regard to the participation of the militia in the inauguration.

## Staunton Awaits Son

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 26.—Visitors from all over the country began to arrive in Staunton today for the celebration in honor of the homecoming of President elect Wilson, which will begin on his arrival tomorrow night and conclude Saturday night. The arrival of every train augmented the crowd, and by tomorrow it is expected the city will be thronged.

## CORN FLAKE FIRM VIOLATING LAWS, SAYS UNCLE SAM

Suit in Equity Brought in Federal Court by Attorney General Is Important One

## SEEKS TO BREAK UP RIGID PRICE RULES

Claim Made That the Use of Paper Carton Is Flimsiest Sort of Subterfuge

(Special Dispatch to The Call) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—The Kellogg Toasted Cornflake company is alleged to be violating the Sherman law in a petition in equity filed in the United States district court here today, by order of Attorney General Wickersham, to settle for all time the extent to which a manufacturer may control retail prices. The company and its officers are charged with fixing prices at which the flakes are sold to retailers and consumers, preventing competition which would reduce the price to the public, and creating a monopoly by concentrating the entire interstate traffic in this commodity in the hands of jobbers and retailers who abide by price agreements exacted by the defendants. It is alleged that the defendants have invoked the patent laws through the use of a patented carton in which the flakes are packed as a "mere subterfuge and device" to escape the provisions of the Sherman law. The government asks the injunctions prevent the company, its officers and agents from controlling the price of the product after it leaves the hands of the manufacturer.

The following are named as defendants: Kellogg Toasted Cornflake company and Will K. Kellogg, Wilfred C. Kellogg and Andrew Rose, respectively, president, secretary and general manager of the company, all of Battle Creek, Mich.

The suit is regarded by the government as of vast importance because of its bearing on the right of a manufacturer to control prices to the consumer.

It is alleged that the company sells only to jobbers, refusing absolutely to deal directly with consumers or with the retail trade. The commodity is sold to jobbers at a uniform price under an agreement that they will sell to retailers at a price fixed by the defendants. The defendants are charged with strictly enforcing the agreement of sale by absolutely refusing to deal with any jobber who fails to maintain the specified price.

It is pointed out that a notice signed by the Kellogg Cornflake company is printed on a flap of the carton in which the flakes are packed, stating that the package and its contents are sold conditionally with the distinct understanding that they will not be retailed at less than 10 cents per package. For selling at less than that price the vendor is warned by the notice that he is liable to prosecution as an infringer of patent rights.

The government insists that the patented carton can afford no protection in attempting to fix resale prices by retailers because, it is alleged, the carton was not, in fact, patentable, as all of its material features had been in use long before the patent was issued; the value of the carton is negligible, the contents alone being desired by the purchaser; the defendants, having sold the cartons and contents to jobbers, have parted with all title to the commodities and have no legal right to fix prices at which the retail purchaser from the jobber shall be required to sell; and, lastly, the use is resorted to as a mere subterfuge and device to avoid the provisions of the anti-trust law and the provisions of the common law controlling such contracts.

The result of this suit, if the government's allegations are proven, will determine the legality of the business methods of many manufacturers who dictate the price at which their product shall be sold to the public.

The department of justice has received many complaints against manufacturers who attempt to fix retail prices by stipulating that the commodity they place on the market shall be sold at a specified figure. The custom which has prevailed in the past is expected to operate as a test. The principle involved is regarded by the department as among the most important questions ever dealt with under the Sherman law.

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