

Highest Temperature Yesterday, 54; Lowest Thursday Night, 44. For details of the weather see page 10.

San Francisco Bank Clearings for week ending January 16 were \$60,780,000 an increase over same week last year of 14.3 per cent.

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WEATHER FORECAST: Rain; moderate brisk to high south winds. For Continuation of These Advertisements See Classified Pages

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POINCARÉ VICTOR; POPULAR WILL IS SEEN IN ELECTION

Premier Selected on Second Ballot as President of France, Gets Ovation Both at Versailles and Paris, Voting Marked by Confusion and Duel Challenges

PEOPLE PLEASED AT ASSEMBLY'S CHOICE

Cafes Filled With Animated Throngs, Who Extoll Virtues of "Nation's Strong Man"—New Executive Is "First Nighter" and Turf Leader—Favorite in U. S.

VERSAILLES, France, Jan. 17.—Raymond Nicolas Landry Poincaré, for the last 12 months premier of the French cabinet, was elected today president of the republic of France by the national assembly, composed of the members of both chambers of parliament, in succession to President Armand Fallières, whose seven year term expires February 18.

The wildest confusion, out of which arose two challenges to duels, marked the casting of the ballots.

Premier Poincaré's selection, although made by parliament, as required by the constitution, is regarded as representing the popular will of the nation. The choice took place on the second ballot, on which the premier received 53 more than an absolute majority of the 859 votes cast. Jules Pams, minister of agriculture, his nearest competitor, received 337 votes less than the new president.

THE FINAL BALLOT

The final ballot stood: Raymond Poincaré, 452; Jules Pams, 294; Marie Edouard Valliant, 69.

The first ballot, which resulted in no election, was as follows:

Raymond Poincaré, 429; Jules Pams, 327; Marie Edouard Valliant, 63; Paul Deschanel, 18; Felix Ribot, 16; Leon Bourgeois, 4; Alexandre Millerand, 3; Alfred Mascarand, 2; Theophile Delcasse, 2; Antoine Dubost, 1; Henri Rochefort, 1; blanks, 5.

M. Poincaré was notified of his election in an apartment adjoining the voting hall by Antoine Dubost, president of the national congress who read to him the official record of the election signed by Dubost and the eight secretaries.

DEEL IS AVOIDED

M. Poincaré's first words on receiving the notification were:

"I shall try to show myself worthy of the confidence of the national assembly. I shall forget without effort the struggles of yesterday and even the injuries. Be convinced that I shall seek in everything at all times to be an impartial administrator."

Premier Poincaré was insulted by former Premier George Clemenceau at the opening of the session. M. Poincaré at once appointed Aristide Briand, the minister of justice, and L. L. Klotz, minister of finance, to act as his seconds and to arrange a duel.

Later, Clemenceau made a satisfactory explanation to M. Briand and M. Klotz relative to the letter he had sent Poincaré. The incident was therefore considered closed.

ANOTHER DUEL CHALLENGE

Deputy A. de Monzie and Paul Boncour, former minister of labor, also quarreled in the corridors of the palace of Versailles as a result of which M. Monzie sent his seconds to M. Boncour. Poincaré, now in his fifty-third year, is of medium height and sturdy build and radiates an impression of force, both physical and intellectual. He is versatile and comes from a family distinguished in science and literature. The president elect is a philosopher, a writer and a member of the French academy with a notable career in French law circles.

His legal practice has been marked by the fact that he never sends his clients a bill for legal services, always asking them to send him the fee which they consider his services have earned.

His concentration is remarkable and he has been enabled, by crowding through his affairs in a short working day, to devote much time to private study and social life.

POPULAR WITH AMERICANS

He is a "first nighter" and makes a practice of attending the prominent state events of the French turf. Americans have found him most interesting in the institutions and development of the United States and he is accurately informed on current American affairs.

As foreign minister, M. Poincaré greatly facilitated the work of the American ambassadors.

Premier Poincaré is known to Frenchmen as a "strong man" and his personal qualities drew to his ministry an extraordinary group of French public men, including Aristide Briand, Alexandre Millerand, Leon Bourgeois

NEW CONTINENT SOUGHT IN ARCTIC

Stefansson, "Blonde Eskimo" Discoverer, to Leave Pacific Coast in May for Hunt

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Jan. 17.—V. Stefansson, discoverer of the "blonde Eskimo" of the north, who has been lecturing in the University of North Dakota where he formerly was a student, announced today that he had been assured of \$50,000 as expenses for a trip to find an undiscovered continent in the north, which scientists believe exists there.

According to Mr. Stefansson, \$22,500 has been promised by the National Geographical society and a like amount by the American Museum of Natural History of New York.

The party intends to leave San Francisco or Seattle next May, landing in the winter base in Prince Patrick late in August. The expedition expects to return in 1916. Dr. R. M. Anderson of Iowa, who was with Stefansson on his last trip, will be second in command.

MUST BUY EYE FOR EYE

Biblical Injunction Applied by Juvenile Court Judge

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—The biblical injunction of "an eye for an eye" was applied in a unique manner by Judge Curtis D. Wilbur in the juvenile court today when he sentenced Benedite Colora, 8 years old, to buy a glass eye for Luis Garcia, three years his senior. Benedite was arrested for destroying one of Luis' eyes with an argon. His parents assured the court that they would gladly comply with the order.

PRESIDENT GETS ESTATE

Property of Son of Guatemala's Executive Ordered Distributed

Distribution of \$1,000 to Diego Estrada Cabrera, president of Guatemala, sole heir to the estate of his son, Manuel, who died in San Francisco July 14, was ordered yesterday by Judge Graham. The public administrator will forward the sum to President Cabrera. The sum represents the savings of young Cabrera while he worked in this city.

MOB CONVICTED NEGRO

Texas, Too Impatient to Await Execution, Lynch Black

PARIS, Tex., Jan. 17.—Henry Mouson, a negro, who shot and killed the 12 year old daughter of D. Merrell, a farmer near Pecan Gap, a week ago was hanged late today from a telephone pole in a Paris public square by a mob. The negro was taken from the sheriff after he had pleaded guilty and had been sentenced to be hanged.

THOUSAND OFFER SKIN

Boy Scouts Proffer Cuticle to Girl Victim of Oklahoma Fire

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 17.—One thousand members of the Boy Scouts and scores of other persons each volunteered today to give a square inch of skin to save the life of Reba Halands, 10 years old, who was burned when her father, mother and little sister perished in a fire that destroyed their home in Arnett, Okla., Christmas eve.

ABANDONED SHIP FOUND

Revenue Cutter Unable to Determine Fate of Russian Bark's Crew

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The abandoned Russian bark Dorothea was found by the revenue cutter Seneca today 450 miles east of Cape Henry, Va. This vessel, bound from Mobile to Rio de Janeiro, is supposed to have been wrecked in one of the recent violent storms. Nothing is known as to the fate of her crew.

WIFE DIES OF HUNGER

Kansas City Woman Succumbs and Husband Is Near Death

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Sarah E. Erwin, 57 years old, died of starvation here today and her husband, a laborer, is in the hospital in a serious condition from the same cause. Erwin was unable to get work and he had no money. He and his wife remained in their little cottage four days without a morsel.

READING WORTH WHILE

The Sunday Call Tomorrow

Will give free as a part of the regular newspaper "a magazine for your reading table." Its contents include: "Needed—More Than a Falstaffian Army," Major General Leonard Wood. "Keeping Up With Wattville," Owen Johnson. "From the Log of the Bar and Bottle Club." "November Joe, Woodsman Detective," Hesketh Prichard. "The Mystery of Fletcher Buckman." "Automobile Accidents and Insurance," Charles B. Hayward. "A Changeling," Charlotte Becker. "Fruitful Business," Charles W. Mears.

REDMOND GIVEN VICTOR'S PALM BY ALL LEADERS

Speaker's Logic, Wit and Sarcasm Cause Opponents to Wince All Through Great Oration

POETIC FEELING IS DISPLACED BY FACT

Local Irishmen Express Views on Measure Passed by Commons

(Special Cable to The Call)

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Unionist and liberal leaders alike, in reviewing the debate preceding the triumph of the home rule bill in the house of commons, award the palm to John E. Redmond. The famous leader was in his best possible form, and spoke with great solemnity but with frequent flashes of humor.

The oration, though coming at the most dramatic moment in the speaker's career, bore no signs of special preparation. On the contrary, it flowed swiftly, and the short, homely words seemed quite impromptu. It held the house breathless except for occasional sharp explosions of applause.

Enemies of home rule, men who declare that home rule means rebellion and bloodshed in Ulster, forgot their party rules, and listened to Redmond with intent faces, over which, now and then, ripples of emotion played. The logic of the speaker's home thrusts and facts caused the leaders of the opposition to wince.

The big stocky nationalist, though having the full share of Celt's poetic feeling and gift for word coloring, gave scant rein to these. The speech was compounded of history, political facts and blunt strokes which strive to block the restoration to Ireland of its rights to nationhood.

BALFOUR HIS MAIN TARGET

Arthur J. Balfour was selected as Redmond's main target. He showed how inconsistent the Tory leader's attitude toward Ireland was when compared with his attitude toward every other part of the empire. As the liberals gave representative government to South Africa Balfour had appreciated the principle of nationality and recognized that a government which ignored or defied this principle could not abide.

Touching the watchword of the unionists, "Redmond, the dictator," the Irish leader reminded the house that the home rule bill had secured at every stage an average majority of 116, which meant that in eliminating the Irish vote that purely British majority was as large as the majority which in the past, including the Irish vote, had passed some of the greatest reforms in the last century. He recalled how the Tories throughout their history had distrusted the people, withheld political liberty wherever possible and inflicted irreparable calamity upon the empire.

BEST IRISH SPEECH HEARD

Just here the fire of passion blazed up brightly, but almost at once the speaker damped it down to the restrained level of his great utterance. Indeed, even his peroration, which was a moving picture of oratory, was kept within studied bounds. The speaker's intense feeling glowed in his eye and face and vibrated in his voice, sending thrill after thrill through the rafters members on the benches, but never once did it carry him out of an almost Grecian mold of simplicity and moderation. When Redmond sat down, and while the house was swept by a tempest of jubilation and affecting enthusiasm, one of the old hands in the press gallery remarked:

"That, perhaps, was the most impressive, conciliatory, and uniformly statesmanlike Irish speech ever heard in the house of commons."

PATRIOTIC SONS OF IRELAND REJOICE

Patriotic sons of Erin throughout San Francisco were elated yesterday by the news that the house of commons had passed the home rule for Ireland bill by a large majority, and that the measure, which has been the dream of the Irish people for years, was about to be realized. Many prominent Irishmen are of the opinion that home rule will become a certainty within two years at the outside, while others were not so optimistic. Following are expressions concerning the bill and its effect on the national life of Ireland by well known clergymen and business men:

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

Charles Phillips, editor Monitor: "No American citizen with the red blood of Ireland in his veins can help rejoicing at the home rule victory. For Ireland has won that very freedom and liberty which is most dear to the American heart, and for which the heroes of Erin have fought and bled for countless years.

"Of course, while we are rejoicing

NO "JOY RIDING" FOR HER Mrs. Violet Wall Files Complaint

Matrimonial Touring Car Comes Creaking Into Court

Clubman Is Accused of Being Unreasonable And Abusive

Married life failed to prove a "joy ride" to Mrs. Violet Klamer Wall, according to her complaint for divorce from Carlton Hobbs Wall, restaurant owner and clubman, filed yesterday in the superior court. The Walls, who, it is said, virtually met over the running board of an automobile and became engaged through a romantic accident, first began to experience troubles with the matrimonial touring car in October, 1905, just eight months after they had quietly wedded at the Prince George hotel in New York on February 15, 1905.

Mrs. Wall filed a long complaint in which she says her husband treated her with cruelty and humiliated her on many occasions. The period of discordant relations continued throughout their married life, according to the fair plaintiff, except for a few months when she was absent from him. The wife charges that her husband boasted of intimacies with other women before her friends, but no names are mentioned in the complaint.

The wife declares that her husband is worth \$100,000 and that his income is \$700 a month. She asks \$350 a month

Restaurant owner and clubman and his wife whose names are now on the calendar of the divorce court.



SEEKING TO SAVE FRIEND MAN DIES ELECTROCUTED

Lineman Tries to Relieve Burned Partner, but Is Electrocuted

BERKELEY, Jan. 17.—A tragedy, somewhat dramatic, occurred at Pardee street and San Pablo avenue at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when one lineman, bent on rescuing his partner from a dangerous position, was electrocuted and the other knocked senseless, both hanging for some time on the pole high above the heads of passersby.

H. C. Fleete, 35 years old, living at Fifteenth street and Broadway, Oakland, was the man killed, while Valentine Chisholm, 35 years old, living at the Sherman house, Oakland, was the man whom Fleete sought to rescue. Fleete lived for two hours after being removed to a nearby drug store, but efforts to revive him proved unavailing. Chisholm was resuscitated, but is suffering from serious burns on both hands and from a severe shock to his nervous system. Both men were employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

Fleete and Chisholm were engaged in removing "dead" wires from poles. No current was carried, and little danger was apprehended in the job. Chisholm was 40 feet above the ground when he loosened a wire and swung it across a live, high power line. The pole was wet, and Chisholm consequently received the full shock.

The current rendered him unconscious, and only his straps prevented him from falling. Seeing his predicament, Fleete tried to render aid, but failed to notice that Chisholm still held the deadly wire in a tight grip. He took hold of Chisholm, and the instant that he touched the man he received the full force of the current himself and was rendered unconscious.

The rapidly growing crowd beneath attracted the attention of a policeman, who telephoned to headquarters for aid. Sergeant Woolley responded with a squad of men and the injured linemen were taken down.

HEAVIEST SNOW STORM IN YEARS TIES UP MINES, STALLS TRAINS

Clyde Marsh, Young Son of Placer County Recorder, Lost in Drift in Pleasant Valley; Searchers Take Up Trail in Hope of Effecting a Rescue—Nevada City Is Without Water, Due to Blockading of the Company's Supply Ditch

WESTERN PACIFIC TRAFFIC DELAYED

Slides Cover Tracks and Engines Are Unable to Pass Portola—Fall Reported to Be Three Times That of Last Season—Transcontinental Time Tables of Other Railroad Lines Are Upset by Unusual Weather Conditions in Sierra

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—The snow storm that has been raging in the mountainous region of California has developed into one of the worst northern California has experienced in years.

Grave fears are felt for the safety of Clyde Marsh, young son of County Recorder Marsh, who started to walk from Placerville through Pleasant valley to Blair's mill Tuesday, for he has not reached his destination and may have perished in the storm that has been raging in that vicinity. This morning George Green and Charles Hornbeck started from here to search for the missing man.

SUPPLY DITCH BLOCKADED

At Grad's valley the main supply ditch of the South Yuba Water company became blocked with snow near Quaker hill, eight miles above Nevada City. It is estimated that it will take three days to make repairs, and during that time the entire city will be cut off from water.

The snow slides have tied up many mines in the Grass Valley region.

All Western Pacific trains were stalled near Portola.

Three times as great as last year and greater than for any winter in several years, is the snowfall reported at the summit of the Sierras.

STILL SNOWING HARD

Tonight it was still snowing hard. All sections of the Sierra Nevada made similar report.

Ample water for irrigation next summer and fall is assured unless warm rains follow, which is unlikely. Transcontinental trains are running behind schedule owing to heavy snows in the mountains. The worst of the blockade is said to be over, however.

Santa Cruz Streams Full

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SANTA CRUZ, Jan. 17.—The heaviest rain in two years continues unabated and all fears of a dry season have been dispelled. The streams of the country are running full. The rain, accompanied by a heavy southwest gale, has interfered with shipping and fishing on Monterey bay. Fishermen have not ventured to the fishing grounds since last Monday, and for the first time in many years fresh fish can not be bought for any price. The rainfall for this storm is about six inches.

Farmers Are Happy

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—The showers last night added from a quarter to a half inch to the total rainfall in southern California for the last two days. This brought the total for the season above the total for the same time last year, and predictions today were for continued wet weather. Farmers who had "dry plowed" their land previous to the rain said that the soaking of the last two days would insure bounteous crops of grain and feed.

LAND

8,000 Acres. \$20.00 per Acre. Sacramento Valley, near new electric railway; early fruit land—olives, almonds, cherries, peaches, pears. Fine for subdivision.

5,000 Acres. \$35.00 per Acre All good soil; part overflow; big profit in summer crops. When reclaimed worth \$200 per acre.

480 Acres. \$85.00 per Acre. In famous Sutter county almond belt. All level, rich land. Water easily available for irrigation. Best of alfalfa land. We have some especially fine land in the early Sacramento Valley orange belt. Harrigan, Weidenmuller Co. 345 Montgomery St., S. F.