

Highest Temperature Yesterday, 64. Lowest Thursday Night, 51. For details of Weather See Page 17.

The U. S. MINT in San Francisco in April received 183,165 FINE OUNCES OF GOLD, valued at \$3,786,359.

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CALIFORNIA WEATHER FORECAST: Partly moderate west wind. The San Francisco bank clearings for week ending May 8 showed an increase of 14.5 Per Cent over the same week last year.

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LABOR COUNCIL IN NEUTRAL STAND ON POWER STRIKE

Pacific Gas and Electric Official Denies Interference With Service, While Labor Chief Declares Stations at Folsom and Deer Creek Are Shut Down

GEARY LINE RUNS WITHOUT A TIEUP

Committee From the Union Council Confers With Mayor Rolph—President Beaver Says That College Students Who Took Jobs Have Proved Incompetent

The San Francisco Labor council, after three hours in an executive session, decided last night to instruct the members of all unions affiliated with it not to take jobs vacated by members of the Light and Power council, which has called the strike on the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

COMMITTEE VISITS MAYOR

Mayor Rolph was visited yesterday by a committee from the California Light and Power council and put in possession of the council's side of the strike among the Pacific Gas and Electric company employees.

"I had heard from the other side," explained the mayor, referring to the visit on the first day of the strike from Vice President and General Manager Britton and Manager Holberton of the gas company.

LIVE PRINCIPAL CONCERN

"These gentlemen put me in possession of the facts so far as they relate to the operation of the Geary street railway and the lights of the city, which are my principal concern."

Vice President Britton still insists that none of his employees are armed, and also declares that the company has no intention of importing strike breakers.

President Beaver of the Light and Power council insists just as emphatically that the council has positive information that some of its employees are armed.

SLEEP IN POWER HOUSES

Those men who have been put to work in the places vacated by the strikers are sleeping inside the power houses, substations and other buildings of the company.

In Oakland the strikers are jubilant because of difficulties they say are being experienced by the Stanford and Berkeley student strike breakers.

"The lights in Berkeley are very poor, and will grow worse," he added. At Chico, H. B. Hereford, general manager of the Chico division, yesterday donned workmen's clothes and helped make the gas used in that city.

UNION HEAD SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT

At the Light and Power council headquarters yesterday President Beaver said that the men are enthusiastically responding to the strike order in all parts of the district and all the men of the allied crafts are out in Oakland and San Francisco.

BLUE LION MAKES ITS SECOND VISIT

Tamalpais Hybrid Stampedes Herd of Holsteins Over 100 Foot Bluff

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SAN RAFAEL, May 9.—For the second time in six months a strange hybrid known as the "blue mountain lion" made its appearance yesterday in the vicinity of Lake Lagunitas, at the foot of the east slope of Mount Tamalpais.

Plunging into the center of a herd of thoroughbred Holstein cattle owned by A. W. Foster, the lion frightened them into a mad run, which carried them over a steep bluff into a ravine 100 feet below.

Four of the animals were killed outright and more than a dozen of them crippled so badly they were shot to end their miseries.

On the occasion of his former raid the beast was seen then at close range by County Supervisor George Richardson, who described it as having the general appearance of a mountain lion, but with a head like that of a lynx, and being of a peculiar bluish color.

Large rewards have been offered for the hide of the animal by connoisseurs, who believe it is the only remaining specimen of a species once common.

MRS. J. FORD, NIECE OF MRS. OGDEN MILLS, DIES

Woman Who Married British Secretary in St. James Palace, Succumbs in London

LONDON, May 9.—Mrs. John Ford, a niece of Mrs. Ogden Mills of New York, died here today.

Mrs. Ford was the wife of John Ford, formerly third secretary of the British embassy in Washington. She married Mr. Ford in 1907. By permission of King Edward, the wedding ceremony was performed in the chapel of St. James palace.

JUDGE MCKINLEY STRICKEN

Southern Pacific Attorney Falls Deceasingly Ill While on Train

(Special Dispatch to The Call) LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Judge J. W. McKinley, Southern Pacific attorney, and prominent clubman, was stricken ill while en route to San Francisco and today lies desperately sick in the little town of Los Olivos, 20 miles north of Santa Barbara.

OFFICIAL MAY LOSE EYE

Burlingame City Official Gets Red Hot Spark in Optic Repairing Automobile

(Special Dispatch to The Call) BURLINGAME, May 9.—City Recorder Albert A. Meyer may lose the sight of an eye as the result of an accident which occurred today while he was repairing his automobile in a machine shop, when a red hot spark struck the optic. Meyer was removed to the German hospital, San Francisco.

SPECIAL BILL TO EXEMPT MORGAN ART TREASURES

Sulzer to Back Tax Move Should Magnate's Family Consent to Transfer Collection to City

(Special Dispatch to The Call) NEW YORK, May 9.—Special legislation is necessary to exempt from taxation the J. P. Morgan art treasures. The bill will have the backing of Governor Sulzer in case the Morgan family consents to a transfer to the city.

FLY 169 MILES BY WATER

Army Aviators Wing Up Potomac and Over Chesapeake Bay

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Lieutenant J. H. Towers, head of the naval aviation corps, with Ensign D. C. Chevallier as a passenger, made a continuous flight in an aeroblast from here to Annapolis today over an all water route down the Potomac and up Chesapeake bay, covering the 169 miles in three hours and five minutes.

TRAIN KILLS CONTRACTOR

C. C. Lypp of Corona Victim in Riverside Crossing Accident

(Special Dispatch to The Call) RIVERSIDE, May 9.—C. C. Lypp, a Corona contractor, was killed today when his automobile was struck by a Santa Fe passenger train at Alford station. His wife was injured internally, and may not recover.

COLD WAVE HITS CHICAGO

Fifteen Stations in Minneapolis District Also Report Freezing Weather

(Special Dispatch to The Call) CHICAGO, May 9.—A near cold wave struck the lake region and in fact most of the middle west today. In Chicago nearly everybody got out their winter wraps. Fifteen stations in Minneapolis district reported freezing temperatures this morning.

BLenheim PALACE CLOSED

Duke of Marlborough Takes Action Following Letter on Plot

HEAD OF SCHOOLS IN VERBAL CLASH WITH MISS JONES

Miss Sallie Jones, Member of Board of Education, Gives Official "a Piece of Her Mind"

SUGGESTS LOSING OF HEAD AS GOOD THING

Trouble Arises Over Report on Schools—Building Matter Given Attention

Superintendent Roncovieri: "Madam Jones, as an official you are the most exasperating woman I ever met, and your conduct in the board is sufficient at times to make me lose my head!" School Director Sallie Jones: "It would be a good thing if you did. I might give my opinion of you, sir, but this is not the place nor the time; but some other time when I can meet you and I will give you that opinion."

That was as near as the masculine superintendent of schools and a feminine member of the board of education came to challenging one another to a duel at yesterday's meeting of the board of education, but it sounded tremendously like an invitation to some sort of combat—verbal or otherwise.

School Director Kincaid, the other woman member, tried to end the active difference of opinion by moving an adjournment, but that did not prevail.

The warfare was too good to be checked. It was all the outcome of that antiquated dramatic device, the misplaced letter.

The superintendent failed to receive a copy of the report of the committee on building and grounds, which was prepared by Director Jones, and was to have received consideration at the meeting. This report did not mention finances, but discussed the needs of the school department in other terms.

Director Power offered a resolution urging that the supervisors provide the \$3,000,000 necessary for schools by direct taxation instead of by bond issue, as has been proposed.

Miss Jones stated that her report did not mention money, but was only an answer to the supervisors as to the probable needs of the department for property for new schools, new school buildings and equipment.

However, Mr. Roncovieri persisted that the document and he were strangers. He asked, in sheer quest of information, if the report had included a recommendation for "one of the most essential needs, an agricultural college to cost \$350,000."

It had not, Director Jones replied, and she added that she had no objection to incorporating the idea as a "suggestion from the superintendent."

"But I think," she continued, "the superintendent might at least be courteous enough to read the report and make the suggestion before the presentation to the board."

The intimation that he had been discourteous apparently ruffled Mr. Roncovieri. With the zest he can insert into a deep, trombone-like note the musician-educator denied the impeachment. He went further than mere denial and laid what the lawyers might call a foundation for acquittal on the count of discourtesy by asserting provocation.

Official Displays Annoyance "Madam Jones," he retorted, "as an official you are the most exasperating woman I ever met and your conduct in the board is sufficient at times to make me lose my head."

To reassure himself that the catastrophe had not yet occurred Mr. Roncovieri grabbed his head in both hands and then declared himself.

In the superintendent's references to Miss Jones the words "arbitrary," "dictatorial," and adjectives of similar import flushed forth through his bristling beard.

Nor was Miss Jones silent. "I might give my opinion of you, sir," she exclaimed, "but this is not the place nor the time, but name some time when I can meet you and I will give you that opinion."

Thereupon, Director Kincaid moved for adjournment, but the motion did not carry.

Director Power offered a resolution that the estimates for the building of the Oriental, Cooper, Washington Irving and Marshall school buildings be "trimmed" so that there would be \$70,000 to be used to construct the Le Conte school. The other directors were of the opinion that the Le Conte is not a necessity at this time and they said they did not believe in putting up cheap school buildings so the resolution was lost.

HYPNOTIC STICK FRAZZLES NERVES IN POLICE COURT

Air of Tribunal Surcharged With Occult Influences When the Fournier Case Is Up

JUDGE, ATTORNEYS, PRINCIPALS FIDGET

Mrs. Nina Holdsworth, Accuser of Physician, "Confused" by Glare

Radiating mysterious influences, which, by turns, affected the court and the attorneys, the principals and the witnesses, the magic wand which Dr. Alfred Fournier was alleged to have used to separate Mrs. Nina Holdsworth from nearly \$1,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry, was triumphant in its deviltry yesterday when the case was called before Judge Wiley F. Crist.

Proudly borne on the shoulders of Detective "Joe" Redmond, the hypnotic stick was brought into the crowded courtroom. Mrs. Holdsworth, sitting with gayly dressed friends, saw it first. She laughed outright and nudged her niece, Miss Harriet Hall, who hid her face beneath a broad brimmed picture hat.

Suddenly Mrs. Holdsworth caught the eye of Doctor Fournier, who was seated near her. The woman turned ghastly white and bit her lips.

With a sigh of relief Redmond

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TONGMAN SLAIN IN REVENGE FOR FAMILY WRONG

Bing Kong Member Kills Wong Yuen for Flirting With Wife—Wounds Another

For trifling with the affections of another Chinaman's wife, Wong Yuen of 47 Ross alley was shot and instantly killed at 8:45 o'clock last night in Stockton street near Washington.

Lew Duck, member of the Four Family tong, was wounded by two stray bullets.

The Bing Kong man who did the shooting escaped.

Wong Yuen was the husband of a fortune teller and for the last several months women came to his house in Ross alley to learn their fortunes from his wife.

Among them was the wife of a prominent member of the Bing Kong tong, to which Wong Yuen also belonged.

Wong became infatuated with this woman and her husband discovered the affinity between the two.

The scandal was brought up before the Bing Kong tong in council two weeks ago and Wong Yuen was ignominiously expelled from the society. The irate husband threatened Wong with instant death if he did not cease the illicit relations.

Two days ago news came to the tongman that his wife again had visited Wong's residence. He bought a revolver. Then he waited for Wong.

Last night he learned Wong was in a store at 1022 Stockton street. He waited outside until Wong came out and then fired six shots at him. Two of the bullets took fatal effect instantly.

Lew Duck, hearing the first shot, rushed out and was struck by two stray bullets. One grazed his abdomen and the second cut through his left wrist. Two of the bullets crashed through the store windows.

The murderer dropped the revolver and made his escape.

Chinese believe in summary punishment for any breach of family relations of this sort and there will be no tong war as the result of the shooting. The Four Family tong may demand medical expenses for its injured member from the Bing Kong tong, but as Lew Duck's wounding was accidental there is no possibility of trouble resulting therefrom.

Sergeant Peter McGee of the China town squad probably will apprehend the murderer soon.

Magic Wand on the Job "At It Again!"—Detective

Mrs. Nina Holdsworth in the witness chair in Judge Crist's court, her three nieces and another witness. The nieces (left to right) are: Mrs. Gertrude Winter, Miss Harriett Hall and Mrs. H. J. Ralston. The other witness is Mrs. Dudley La Verne.



SCUTARI, EVACUATED BY MONTENEGRINS, ON FIRE; HINT 'ANOTHER MOSCOW'

Heap of Ashes and Ruins Will Greet Powers' Marines Tomorrow

(Special Cable to The Call) LONDON, May 9.—By Montenegro design or accident, fire started in one of the old bazaars of Scutari today, and at latest report the older part of the town was burning.

The Austrians say "Another Moscow." The fire look suspicious in view of the fact that the naval brigades representing the powers are to take over possession Sunday. Instead of what was once the pride of Albania a heap of ashes and ruins will await the European marines.

The general situation is brightening steadily. Sir Edward Grey and the foreign ambassadors declare there is no longer fear of international friction.

REDLANDS "UP" STUDENTS PUT "R" ON MOUNTAINSIDE

Letter Embroidering Glory of Alma Mater 490 Feet Long and 320 Feet Wide

(Special Dispatch to The Call) REDLANDS, May 9.—Eight University of Redlands boys who have been engaged in the task of making a huge letter "R" on the mountain side back of Mount Harrison returned to Redlands today, announcing the completion of their work.

Six other students who have been working with them returned last night. The letter they have constructed is 430 feet long and 320 feet wide. The clearing of the space has all been done by the students and the brush will be burned as soon as a forest ranger can be found to supervise the work.

TWO LOOT JEWELRY STORE

Medicine Hat Firm Loses \$10,000 in Gems by Braze of Burglars

(Special Dispatch to The Call) MEDICINE HAT, Alta., May 9.—White one man stood on guard in front of the jewelry store of Stoddard & Nicholson, his companion entered a rear window last night and helped himself to \$10,000 worth of jewels.

BEE STING KILLS WOMAN

Arkansas Matron, Unconscious Fifteen Minutes After Attack, Succumbs

COLUMBUS, Ark., May 9.—Mrs. James Thomason died today from the sting of a bee suffered last Saturday. Fifteen minutes after being stung she became unconscious and never regained her senses.

JAPAN'S LAND LAW PROTEST FILED; REPLY LIKELY TODAY

Viscount Chinda Formally Presents Mikado Government's Objections to New California Alien Act and Are Found of Sufficient Import to Require Deliberate Treatment—Ambassador and Secretary Bryan in Two Conferences and Cabinet Debates Affair

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Negotiations between America and Japan regarding the California land legislation formally were initiated today when Secretary Bryan had two meetings with the Japanese ambassador at the state department.

DISCRIMINATION IS BELIEVED KEYNOTE

Nature of Communication Not Disclosed, but Is Thought to Cite Violation of Treaty and Principles of International Law—Entire Correspondence of Both Sides Is to Be Laid Before the Public Later in the Negotiations

While there had been several exchanges between the two officials since the inception of the California legislation, they had been informal and based upon the desire of the Japanese government to avert an open issue.

ANSWER LIKELY TODAY Today, however, in anticipation of the consummation of the legislation, the Japanese government handed in its formal protest, which was considered by the government and the cabinet, and found sufficiently weighty to call for deliberate treatment.

So it was arranged that Viscount Chinda again should meet Secretary Bryan at the state department tomorrow morning, by which time the secretary may be in a position to give an answer to the communication.

The nature of the Japanese objections can be only surmised, as by mutual agreement the parties to the conference refrained from discussing it. That it is based upon the general charge that the California law, awaiting Governor Johnson's signature, would discriminate against Japanese subjects, is believed to be certain.

CORRESPONDENCE TO PUBLIC It is not known whether a violation of the treaty is charged, or a broad allegation made that the principles of international law have been disregarded. The entire correspondence so far had on this subject soon will be given to the public in the United States, as well as in Japan.

After his second short conference with the Japanese ambassador, Secretary Bryan departed for New York to deliver a speech at a banquet there tonight on the subject of peace, intending to start on his return trip at midnight.

ALIENS RUSH TO FILE LAND DEEDS

CALL BUREAU, SACRAMENTO HOTEL, Sacramento, May 9.

County Recorder, Root informed members of the legislature today that since the alien bill had been introduced the Japanese had filed 30 deeds to property in Sacramento county and that the Hindus had filed 12. For the year the Japanese have filed 122 deeds. Four deeds were recorded yesterday and three today by Japanese.

The records show that last year 107

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The 2 biggest home-site bargains in Oakland; they will be gone tomorrow:

89 feet front on a corner, 130 feet deep; magnificent view of bay and hills; street work done; two short blocks to street car line; beautiful site of 14 minutes through Claremont Country Club's grounds; to Fourteenth and Broadway; price is \$1,000 or less than \$17 a foot; in no place but Rockledge could it be bought for less than \$23 a foot. Right adjoining it is another lot 70 feet front, price \$1,500.

Both of these lots will undoubtedly be sold tomorrow. The people who get them will get real bargains.

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