



VIOLINS WAIL BUT NO SOB IS HEARD

Conventional Rites Absent at Funeral of E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin

Few Tears, but Many Anec- dotes, Mark Millionaire's Last Hours of Earth

Old Time Friends Swap Yarns While Waiting for the Funeral Train

Concert of Mournful Music Held Before Casket Is Laid Away

FEW tears but many anecdotes, no formal eulogy but much inquisitiveness, marked the last day on this earth of the remains of E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, millionaire mining man and horseman and Californian of the alert, progressive and exuberant school.

While the body of the dead was being placed, with curious absence of conventional rites, in the receiving vault at Cypress Lawn cemetery two questions perplexed the friends of the deceased and the many who knew of the man less intimately through the chronicles of his career. Those two problems were:

Will there be a contest over the will of "Lucky" Baldwin?

What is the history of Mrs. Rozella Selby, the daughter of Baldwin, who came suddenly on Wednesday from the semi obscurity of an Oakland home circle into prominence as publicly announced, acknowledged and slightly benefited daughter of the millionaire?

The first question is answered briefly and with assurance by close friends of the Baldwin family with "No."

Marriage Was Legal

The second is, but partly answered. David F. Selby, the Oakland candy man and husband of the newly discovered daughter of the rich old man, stated yesterday that his wife was the child of Baldwin, that her mother was Martha Agnes Fowler before her marriage to Baldwin, and that Martha Agnes Fowler and Baldwin were married legally. He promised to produce proofs on that important point when the occasion demands, but for the present he said he would not offer the corroborative evidence which he said he had. He said yesterday:

"There is very little to add to what is already known about Mrs. Selby, except that there is nothing mysterious about her. She was raised and educated in Oakland and San Francisco. The fact that she was Baldwin's daughter was generally known among her friends. In the written statement which Baldwin gave me and which will be used at the proper time, everything is made clear. All that I will say at this time is that Mrs. Selby's mother was a member of a well known family and was legally married to Baldwin. This is affirmed in Baldwin's statement held by me and removes all possible doubt about my wife's parentage."

Valued at Half Million

"The property which Baldwin has bequeathed to my wife is situated inside of the city limits of Los Angeles, and I estimate its value to be \$500,000."

"Will you say whether there is any likelihood that Mrs. Selby will contest the will?" he was asked.

"I must decline to be interviewed on the question now," he replied.

Mrs. Selby is well known among a small circle of friends in Oakland. She lives at 340 Warwick avenue, in the Adams point district. Her husband's candy store is at 1057 Washington street. She could not be seen yesterday, as she is in a delicate condition, and her family would not have her disturbed nor worried by the notoriety that has attended the denouement of her life's history. Close friends of Baldwin said at the funeral yesterday that he always acknowledged the girl as his daughter from the time she was a mite of a child. Her mother died when she was 2 years old, and under the care of her grandmother she used to spend her summers at Baldwin's Lake Tahoe resorts.

None of the Selbys were at the funeral services at Cypress Lawn. The other daughters of Baldwin were there. Mrs. Anita McLaughry was prostrated with grief over the death of her father and could not be seen last evening at her home in Oakland.

Little Grief at Funeral

The funeral service was strange in concept. There was little grief, no formal words of parting with the dead, but in the little chapel at Cypress Lawn, to the harmonies of grand opera music and compositions by the daughter of the dead, the relatives and old time cronies of the deceased sat silently under the impertinent gaze of a mor-

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YOUTH ARRESTED FOR STEALING BIG SNAKE

Collector of Reptiles Loses His Pet Boa Constrictor

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Ere this man have committed burglaries and been caught, but probably never before did a man purloin a live boa constrictor and land in the toils of the law.

Sylvester White, a beardless youth, was brought down from Visalia last night and locked up charged with stealing a four and a half foot boa constrictor, the property of William Leroy, a collector of reptiles.

Leroy's residence in Wall street was robbed about a week ago and several things taken, including his most valued snake. The police say White confessed to them that he had sold some of the stolen property, including the boa constrictor.

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE TROOPS IN CONFLICT

Clash Caused by Officiousness of Former at Harbin

ST. PETERSBURG, March 4.—It is reported that there has been a conflict between Russian and Chinese troops near Harbin. If the reports are true the trouble probably arose out of the situation following the efforts of the railroad authorities at Harbin to control the local administration.

TOMALTY CASE WORKED UP BY ARTHUR G. FISK

Postmaster Admits Seeking Proof to Convict Book Keeper of Fraud on City

Federal Secret Service Oper- tives Employed to Obtain Evi- dence Before Exposure

Smooth Politician Is Attorney and Bondsman for City Treas- urer McDougald

ARTHUR G. FISK, postmaster at San Francisco, attorney at law and smooth politician, is revealed in a familiar light with new angles in disclosures resulting from the investigation of the supposed shortage of \$37,500 in City Treasurer McDougald's office. That Fisk permitted the United States postal department secret service operatives to be used in aiding McDougald to throw the blame on his book keeper, James C. Tomalty, is the bit of news in keeping with Fisk's former federal activities.

McDougald is the political protégé of Fisk, and the federal office holder is also his financial sponsor, being one of the sureties on the bond of the city treasurer. The link between the two is still more closely welded, however, by the fact that Fisk has been McDougald's attorney for more than 15 years. If the \$37,500 shortage had been fixed on McDougald the bonding company would probably have begun suit at once against his indorsers.

Motive for Giving Aid

Hence the motive for Arthur Fisk's



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ready loan of the federal sleuths to ferret out a city mystery involving his client and friend.

Fisk himself says that he didn't do it. But there he leaves the explanation. He does not deny the ties between McDougald and himself, nor does he disclaim that he took an active part in the securing of evidence against Tomalty, which case is even now being presented to the grand jury.

But what is perhaps more reliable and more disinterested testimony in the matter comes from one of the detectives who was detailed to dog the footsteps of Tomalty before the shortage in the books was made public.

Tomalty Observed Sleuths

Several of these sleuths shadowed the accused man day and night for weeks. They followed Tomalty around town and on Sunday when he took his wife and family to the park for an airing they were there also. Tomalty quickly observed the surveillance. At the first chance he stepped up to one of the most tenacious of his shadows and invited him to have a cigar.

"I thought you were on to me," said the detective, and accepted the proffered smoke. "But you mustn't blame me," said he, "I have my living to make. Why, I've already reported to O'Connell that you're all right in my opinion."

O'Connell is postal inspector under Fisk.

Tomalty Waives Rights

The grand jury examined three witnesses yesterday in its investigation of the \$37,500 shortage in the city treasurer's office. Book Keeper James Tomalty took the stand in his own defense, waiving his constitutional privilege to refuse to testify, and for nearly three hours sustained a grilling cross examination at the hands of Assistant District Attorney Robert Harrison and several of the grand jurors.

Tomalty was questioned about technical details of his book keeping and was asked about several particular entries. He answered all questions freely and fully and made a very satisfactory witness. He was followed by J. Fred Winter, former bond and warrant clerk, who gave evidence along similar lines.

Expert Accountant Lester Herlick of the firm of Lester Herlick & Herlick was also a witness. Other witnesses who were in attendance but not called were P. B. Lorigan, assistant book keeper under Tomalty, and W. H. Stansbury, former ball bond clerk.

The inquiry was continued to Tuesday afternoon.

TAFT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT



NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE CAPITOL AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

ROOSEVELT'S POLICIES ADVOCATED BY TAFT

POINTS MADE BY THE NEW PRESIDENT

I HOPE to be able to submit at the first regular session of the incoming congress, in December next, definite suggestions in respect to the needed amendments to the anti-trust and the interstate commerce law and the changes required in the executive departments concerned in their enforcement.

A matter of the most pressing importance is the revision of the tariff. In accordance with the promises of the platform upon which I was elected I shall call congress into extra session, to meet on the fifteenth of March, in order that consideration may be at once given to a bill revising the Dingley act.

The incoming congress should promptly fulfill the promise of the republican platform and pass a proper postal savings bank bill.

We should have an army so organized and so officered as to be capable in time of emergency to furnish a respectable expeditionary force, if necessary, in the maintenance of our traditional policy which bears the name of President Monroe.

In the international controversies that are likely to arise in the orient * * * the United States can maintain her interests intact and can secure respect for her just demands.

Personally I have not the slightest race prejudice or feeling, and recognition of its existence only awakens in my heart a deeper sympathy for those who have to bear it or suffer from it, and I question the wisdom of a policy which is likely to increase it.

I recommend a graduated inheritance tax as correct in principle and as certain and easy of collection.

The secondary boycott is an instrument of tyranny and ought not to be made legitimate.

Will Enforce Reforms Urged By His Predecessor

PRESIDENT TAFT, in his inaugural address, outlined his policies. He advocates practically the same reforms urged by Roosevelt. These include tariff reform; postal savings bank; increased army and navy; completion of the Panama canal; trust legislation, and currency reform. The address in full follows:

My Fellow Citizens: Any one who takes the oath that I have just taken must feel a heavy weight of responsibility. If not, he has no conception of the powers and duties of the office upon which he is about to enter, or he is lacking in a deeper sense of the obligation which the oath imposes.

The office of an inaugural address is to give a summary outline of the main policies of the new administration, so far as they can be anticipated. I have had the honor to be one of the advisers

of my distinguished predecessor, and as such to hold up his hands in the reforms he has initiated. I should be untrue to myself, to my promises and to the declarations of the party platform upon which I was elected to office, if I did not make the maintenance and enforcement of those reforms a most important feature of my administration. They were directed to the suppression of the lawlessness and abuses of power of the great combinations of capital invested in railroads and in industrial enterprises carrying on interstate commerce. The steps which my predecessor took and the legislation passed on his recommendation have accomplished much, have caused a general halt in the vicious policies which created popular alarm, and have brought about in the business affected a much higher regard for existing law.

To render the reforms lasting, however, it is necessary that the

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CEREMONIES MARKED BY SIMPLICITY

New Executive Is Driven to the Capitol in a Swirl of Blinding Snow

Oath of Office Administered in Chamber of Senate Before Brilliant Assembly

Roosevelt Bids Affectionate Adieu to Successor and Leaves for New York

Taft and Sherman Review Great Parade Despite In- clemency of Weather

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The first chief executive to take the oath of office in the chamber of the senate in 76 years, William Howard Taft today became president of the United States.

Accompanied to the capitol through a swirl of blinding snow by President Roosevelt and a guard of honor, Taft returned to the White House, just as the sun began to force its way through the clouds. A sudden blizzard sweeping in from the northwest last night set awry the weather bureau's optimistic promise of "fair and somewhat cooler," caused an abandonment of the outdoor ceremonies on the famous east front of the capitol, much to Taft's chagrin, and threatened for a time to stop the brilliant pageant of the afternoon.

REVIEW GREAT PARADE

However, a passageway was cleared about the center of Pennsylvania avenue, and for nearly three hours President Taft and Vice President Sherman reviewed a passing column which was replete with martial splendor and picturesque with civic display.

Following the inaugural ceremonies in the senate, Theodore Roosevelt, again a private citizen, bade an affectionate adieu to his successor, while all in the historic chamber looked on in silence, and then he hurried away through a side door to take the train for New York. As he passed out of the chamber Roosevelt was given an ovation quite the equal of that tendered to the new president. Outside the capitol the retiring chief executive was met by 800 members of the New York republican committee and under their escort was driven to the union station, a short three blocks away.

There was a wait of nearly two hours at the station, during which Roosevelt held an impromptu reception in the presidential suite. Many of his old friends among government officials and the diplomatic corps surrounded him there for a final word of farewell.

HAD "A BULLY TIME"

To all with whom he spoke Roosevelt declared that while he had "a bully time" as president he was glad to lay down the duties of office. He praised his successor, and especially commented upon the latter's inaugural address as a splendid effort.

President and Mrs. Taft were the centers of interest at the culminating feature of the day, the inaugural ball in the pension building. The scene in the cavernous structure, which had been transformed into a canopied court of ivory and white, was another of the brilliant pictures quadricennially painted here by the gathering of a vast and brilliant assemblage from every section of the country. With all the color and movement of a military spectacle, with the softening influence of delicately tinted gowns and the interest of a personnel seldom equaled at a social function, the inaugural ball holds a place unique in the history making of the day.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

While the ball was in progress indoors a display of fireworks on the monument lot in the rear of the White House marked the end of the outdoor celebration. For hours thinly clouded heavens were alight with rockets, with sun clusters that challenged the brilliancy of the day, with fiery "cobras" and all the fantastic creations of modern pyrotechnic skill.

Prior to his visit to the ball President Taft had entertained at tea in the White House the members of the Yale club; had dined with Mrs. Taft at 7 o'clock and had stepped in at the Metropolitan club to say a few words

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