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BAKER GETS TEN LONG YEARS FOR HIS BIG THEFTS

Judge Van Fleet Lets Him Down Easy Because He Did Not Take Money of Poor Folks

FAMILY PRESENT AT SENTENCE TIME

Wanted to Go to Leavenworth, but Federal Prisons Are Filled Up

Ten years in San Quentin was the sentence passed on Charles F. Baker, former first assistant cashier of the Crocker National bank, by Judge William C. Van Fleet yesterday in the United States district court. Baker showed no outward signs of emotion, and acted like a man resigned.

Baker entered the courtroom promptly at 10 o'clock, accompanied by his wife, his son Roy, his daughter and two women friends. His wife and children were far more nervous than the prisoner. While he remained standing listening to the sentence, his wife clutched at the arms of her chair. It was the first time Mrs. Baker had been in the courtroom since her husband's arrest. His daughter shaded her face with a handkerchief, and the son swallowed repeatedly, as if trying to keep back his sorrow.

MANY FRIENDS PRESENT

Many friends of Baker, associates in the financial, social and religious walks of life, came into court. They were there to testify regarding Baker's good character until the time he commenced gambling. United States Attorney John L. McNab stated he was willing to grant the good standing of the defendant until he commenced embezzling. The character witnesses were then excused.

Attorney Charles Shurtleff, counsel for Baker, requested the court to take into consideration the exemplary standing of his client as a citizen prior to his recent dishonest deeds. He also directed the court's attention to the fact that Baker had made restitution for his embezzlement to the amount of $75,000, which included his Piedmont home.

COURT MAKES INQUIRY

Judge Van Fleet inquired if Baker's defalcations had resulted in loss to any of the individual depositors of the Crocker National bank. He was told by United States Attorney McNab that Baker had stolen only from the personal securities of Mr. William Crocker, president of the bank.

"Baker," said Judge Van Fleet, "I hardly know what to say to you. You are a man of that intelligence and understanding that satisfies me that you were fully apprehensive of the circumstances and results of your offense. Perhaps it would be just as well for me to confine myself to what the law requires me to say.

"I would have to ignore the facts to say that I believe you a man of criminal instincts. Your past history refutes that. But men do not fall from the paths of virtue in a day. I am ready to believe that your fall resulted from the temptation for gain and your conviction that you would be able to return the money you took after you had used it for your own benefit.

ASPECTS OF CASE

"I do not regard this case of as serious a character as had your operations been executed at the expense of innocent depositors—widows, orphans, laboring men or other persons who could not bear the loss.

"It would be within the rights of the court to sentence you for 200 years. Of course, that would be a mockery of justice. But it would also be a mockery of justice to ignore the fact that you have confessed to an offense that calls for serious punishment.

"If your offense involved a loss to those not able to bear it, my mind would not stop at the period of sentence reached as an example to others. I sentence you to 10 years in San Quentin."

Baker had requested to be sent to Leavenworth penitentiary, but the department had directed all the federal judges for this district to sentence the prisoners to San Quentin, as the federal prisons are full. Baker did not want to go to McNeil island because his mother lives within sight of the prison.

Baker was taken to the penitentiary by United States Marshal C. T. Elliott and Deputy United States Marshal Frank Kiernan on the 1:15 p. m. boat. By good behavior Baker will be released in seven years, and he can also apply for a parole after he has served a year.

COMING EVENTS

Home Industry league luncheon Thursday at the Palace hotel. Printing industries will be the subject of the discussion.

Dr. Samuel M. Crothers speaks before the Unitarian club at the Fairmont hotel at 6:30 Thursday evening. Miss Lucy Stebbins, assistant professor and dean of women in the University of California also will speak.

Visitacion Valley Improvement association, Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, at 103 Raymond avenue. Henry Burmeister of Mission Promotion association speaks on the water supply under San Francisco.

Seder services tonight in Scottish Rite temple under auspices of progress committee. Rabbi B. M. Kaplan will preside and Cantor Solomon will have charge of the choir. The service begins at 7 o'clock.

The Athenian club, Thursday evening, April 24, at Moose auditorium, Golden Gate avenue and Jones street. Grand opening and entertainment.

Union labels will be advertised at vaudeville show in Valencia theater Thursday evening. All of the union's affiliated with the Labor and Building Trades councils will assist.

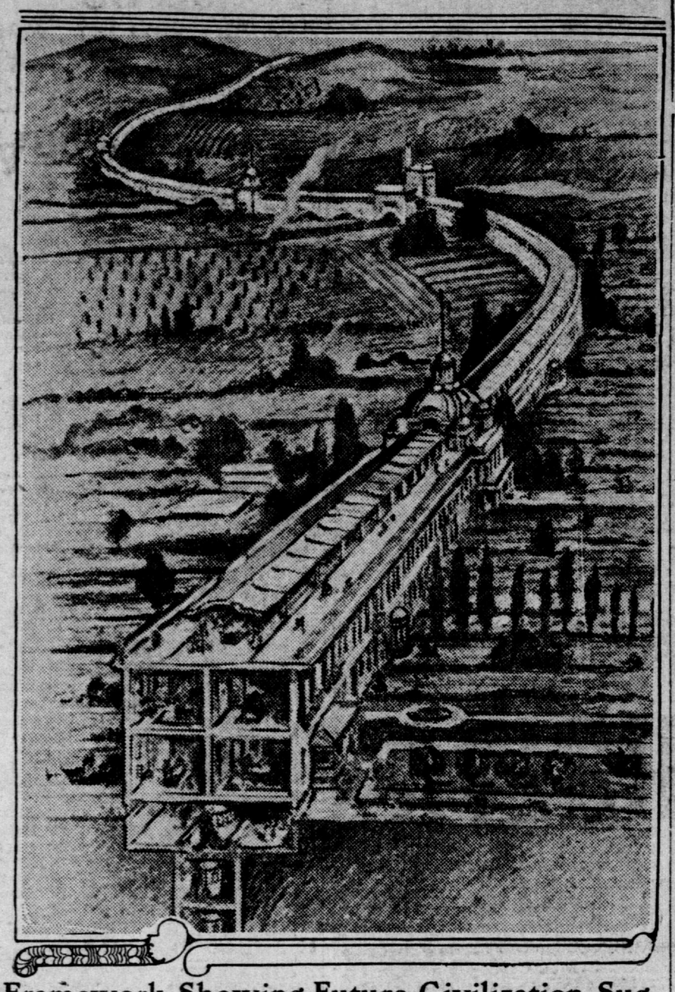
Hayes Valley Improvement association meeting this evening at the Russ house.

"Our Sisters of the Streets," general theme at mass meeting in Hamilton Square Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Walter Hood of 278 Clementina street, a messenger for the Postal Telegraph company, was struck by an automobile at Pine and Battery streets yesterday afternoon. His skull was fractured. C. F. Stitt of Los Angeles, who was driving the machine, was arrested and charged with battery.

"Roadtown," 1915 Fair Novel Exhibit Planned

Leading educators who will lecture at summer school of University of California
View of the novelty "Roadtown," suggested for fair



Framework Showing Future Civilization Suggested Over Tunnel

One of the novelties in city planning suggested as an exhibit for the exposition is the "Roadtown," invented and promulgated by Edgar V. Chambless.

Concerning his plan, Mr. Chambless has written an open letter to the exposition company, in which he says:

"Roadtown is a framework for a future civilization, which now is receiving the serious attention of scores of master minds throughout the world, among them such men as Judge Ben Lindsey, Luther Burbank and Thomas A. Edison.

"Roadtown is the readaptation of proven principles of construction, the reassembling of tried and useful devices.

"For the cost of a single building, $250,000, I can purchase land and build a 120 house Roadtown, containing more than 100,000 square feet of exhibit room—not a foot of which is more than 25 feet from the transportation line. I would begin to build it, say, on Twin peaks, where it would be in plain view of everybody who would cross Market street and connect it with the tunnel below by means of elevators. The Eiffel tower cost considerably more than $1,000,000. In 1889 alone it nearly paid its cost from gate receipts. I venture the assertion that Roadtown at a quarter of the price is four times as interesting, as useful and as profitable. If you will not make this the exposition, you can at least afford to make it part of the exhibition. In any event, Roadtown is the only truly different thing that has asked for your co-operation."

LOCAL BREVITIES

The saloon of M. C. McGrath, Ninth and Mission streets, was broken into yesterday and $20 stolen.

Arrangements to connect Mile Rock lighthouse with the main land by telephone were completed yesterday.

Mrs. Esther Caplan of 1575 Church street drops knife on her foot and is taken to central emergency hospital.

A diamond ring valued at $100 was stolen yesterday from the residence of Mrs. G. Gerdes, 1641 Lombard street.

A leaking gas jet almost caused the death of John Bolle, who resides at the Hotel Ventura, 1039 Mission street, yesterday.

S. Pinkerton, 2266 Fulton street, reported to the police yesterday that his house was burglarized of valuables worth $150.

Emma Peterson, 568 Golden Gate avenue, complained yesterday that her room was entered and jewelry worth $50 stolen.

Burglars gained entrance to the saloon of L. Wamser, 1000 Market street, early yesterday and stole $14.90 from the till.

A fine of $400 was imposed yesterday on Captain Roger Allman, master of the liner China, for bringing into the country contraband opium.

The arraignment of F. Drew Caminetti and Maury I. Diggs of Sacramento for violating the white slave act was continued before Judge William C. Van Fleet yesterday.

Two men held up Joseph Killhoffer, saloon keeper of 1793 Mission street, at Fourteenth and Valencia streets early yesterday, but the victim ran and frustrated the thugs' efforts.

Morris Oppenheim, assistant district attorney in Police Judge Weller's court, left yesterday for the east. He will be away six weeks. Irving C. Ackerman will prosecute in place of Oppenheim.

Daniel Nelligan, proprietor of the Van Ness hotel, 619 Van Ness avenue, was arrested yesterday, pending investigation of charges made against him by 5 year old Helen Kulik of 1111 Turk street.

Max Stein of 1474 Ellis street and A. Kaufman, furniture dealer of Vallejo, driving in Kaufman's auto on Sloat boulevard near Colma at 6 p. m., collided with another machine. Stein is badly hurt and is in the central emergency.

Pickpockets yesterday robbed S. Nakomura, 3180 Sixteenth street, of his watch and $60.

Cigars worth $70 were stolen yesterday from the stand of Ted Sommers, 133 Second street.

The charges made by Thomas S. Shelley, a clerk in the United States army, against the steamer San Juan regarding the use of the steerage by the crew were unsustained yesterday by Deputy Surveyor Charles A. Stephens.

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HOLDINGS VALUED AT $28,119,052.14

O'Shaughnessy Files Appraisal of Property Owned by Spring Valley

Adds Cost of Properties Acquired Since 1903, When Decision Was Made

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy filed with the board of works yesterday an appraisement of the properties of the Spring Valley Water company for rate fixing purposes. The report places the value of the properties of the company actually used in furnishing the city with water at $28,119,052.14.

The valuation was made only to enable the board of supervisors to establish a basis of rates upon which it may fix water rates for the fiscal year, comencing July 1, and has nothing to do with the proposals of purchase by the city.

The appraisal is based upon the recent decision of Judge Farrington in the United States circuit court, which fixes the value of the properties in use in 1903-04, and the cost of such properties added to the holdings of the water company since 1903.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy quotes from Judge Farrington's decision the values summarized by the court, "from which," concludes the city engineer, "we have as the value in 1903 of the property which is in use today, $25,074,527.

"Since 1903-04 the Spring Valley Water company has raised the height of the Crystal Springs dam, thus increasing the area of the reservoir by 214 acres, and under the principles laid down in Judge Farrington's decision, reservoir lands should be valued at $1,000 per acre, and watershed lands at $100 per acre. This $192,000, added to $25,074,527, gives $25,267,127.

"To this should be added the value of properties acquired since 1903, as follows:

25,274.707 acres watershed lands	$2,430,662.39
165.5 acres Lake Merced property	190,526.85
Water rights	56,271.60
Rights of way	324,667.52
City reservoir sites	3,594.30
Pump tracts	17,587.50
Street assessment work in San Francisco	2,693.70
Physical improvements	2,131,485.50
Total	$30,433,011.36
From this should be deducted the depreciation of physical properties	2,313,959.22
Leaving	$28,119,052.14

"Attention is directed to the fact that this appraisal contains no allowance for appreciation in value of properties appraised by Judge Farrington; no allowance for the value of reservoir properties in the Alameda creek system, which the Spring Valley Water company asserts are being used as reservoirs, nor any allowance over their original cost for properties purchased since 1903-04."

Supervisor A. J. Gallagher announced that the meeting of the water rates committee would be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

SUES AVIATION COMPANY

OAKLAND, April 21.—Aeroplane shelters and shops are by nature so attractive to children that a special guard should be set to keep tots out of danger was the theory of an action for damages filed today by Mrs. Bessie Perata against the Sunset Aviation company of Alameda.

Mrs. Perata alleged that Domingo Perata, 5 years of age, was permitted to stand so near the structures that he was struck by a door which the wind blew down and his leg was broken. She asked $5,000 damages.

Herbert Page, Harvey Crawford, Robert Fowler, George Colan, Frank Ryan, Ray Francis, Fred Clevenger, J. Blakeley and G. T. Takashaw are defendants in the suit.

H. C. Soule, 364 O'Farrell street, accidentally took a draft of bichloride of mercury in his room yesterday morning and is in a precarious condition at the central emergency hospital.

HOP SINGS MAY ENTER TONG WAR

Most Powerful of Tongs Is Angered Over Attitude of Suey Sings

Chinatown Still Blockaded and Patrolled by Augmented Squad

As a result of the failure of the two warring tongs, the Suey Sing and Bing Kong, to reach a settlement of their differences at a meeting held last night at the headquarters of the Chinese Six Companies, Chinatown is still a blockaded zone.

The district is being patrolled by the augmented squad in charge of Detective Sergeant McPhee, and, as before, sightseers are being warned to keep to the main thoroughfare and avoid the alleys in case of further shootings.

The refusal of the Bing Kong leaders to bind themselves not to testify against their enemies who are under indictment and arrest for murder resulted in both factions angrily breaking up the peace conference, as the Suey Sings were steadfast in demanding such a promise.

The committees from the tongs went back to their work and ended all hope for the cessation of hostilities. During the meeting a truce was observed.

HOP SINGS ANGERED

The leaders of the Hop Sing tong, the most powerful organization in Chinatown owing to its different affiliations, are angered over the state of affairs between the Bing Kongs and the Suey Sings, and yesterday they stated that unless an understanding was effected within 48 hours they would take a hand in the fight. It is thought that their entrance into the affair may have effect, as the Sueys already have had a taste of warfare with the larger tong. Two years ago the Sueys and the Hops engaged in a bloody war, 18 of the Sueys being killed before the shootings were stopped.

"The Sueys and the Bings must come to terms within two days," said a leader of the Hop Sings yesterday afternoon," or we will step in and take a hand. We will teach them a lesson they will not forget."

PROCLAMATION TORN DOWN

The Hop Sings are particularly incensed over the indifference that has been displayed by the Suey Sings toward peace conferences. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning a proclamation that had been posted at Washington and Dupont streets, announcing that a truce had been effected, was torn down by a Suey Sing highbinder five minutes after it had been tacked up on the wall. This shows the attitude of the Suey Sings.

An attempt also was made yesterday to have Quan Ping, president of the Suey Sings, attend last night's meeting at the headquarters of the Chinese Six Companies. The tong leader, however, could not be found, as he has kept under cover throughout the war to avoid arrest.

Up to date the Bing Kongs have five knicks on the barrels of their rifles and the Suey Sings four. The nine killings took place in the bay cities.

STATUS OF SPECTATOR HURT BY RACING AUTO

NEW YORK, April 21.—A spectator who stands near an automobile race course, knowing that cars are to be raced at high speed, is taking a risk, but, if injured, is not necessarily guilty of contributory negligence.

Such was the gist of a unanimous decision handed down today by the appellate division of the state supreme court in affirming a judgment of $22,500 awarded to Thomas Muller against the Pope-Hartford Automobile company.

Muller had a leg torn off at the Vanderbilt cup race on Long Island in 1910 by the Pope-Hartford car, driven by Jack Fleming.

TWO DARING THIEVES WORK CLEVER SCHEME

Strange Woman Sends Child With Note to Confederate and Then Robs House

A "slick" scheme was worked yesterday afternoon by two daring thieves, the leader being a woman, to rob the home of Mrs. Lillian Oliver at 220 Buchanan street.

When the 11 year old daughter of Mrs. Oliver returned home from school at about 3:45 p. m. she found a strange woman in her mother's apartment. The visitor explained that she was waiting for Mrs. Oliver, and asked the little girl to take a note to the corner to a friend who was expecting to meet her. The child delivered the note to a man, who wrote an answer, and then said:

"Oh, never mind; let's go to the store and get some candy."

The girl was kept at the store for some time by the confederate, and when she returned to her home found the place ransacked, and between $200 and $300 worth of jewelry and silver ware gone.

RECALL 1906 EVENTS AT SCRIBES' BANQUET

Dinner in Honor of Samuel M. Shortridge, Who Opened His Home to Newspaper Men

A little journey into the past was made last night, when a number of newspaper men gathered in a downtown cafe to test the link of friendship forged in the stress and turbulency of April, 1906. The dinner was in honor of Samuel M. Shortridge, who opened his home to the newspaper fraternity in those trying days.

It was on April 19 that Shortridge was picked up on a lumber wharf by the newspaper men and conveyed back to the stricken city. He insisted that inasmuch as most of them had no homes, they share his.

These days were recalled last night. Among those present were E. D. Coblentz, Thomas Nunan, Douglas Erskine, Harry Coleman, Homer "Scout" Norton, Michael Williams, Jimmy Hopper and Thomas Bellew. Letters of regret were read from Dan Sweeney, William Levings and Fred F. Moore.

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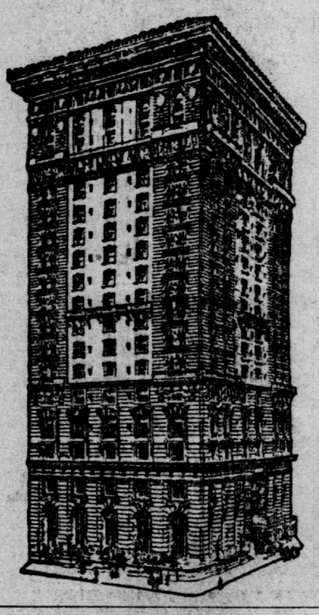

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WATCH THE COUNT!

Every true friend of Public Ownership is urged to go to the polls on Tuesday, April 22, and vote NO on proposition one on the ballot. Devote as much time as possible to safeguarding the cause of Public Ownership against election frauds and to watching the count.

The same organizations, individuals and newspapers that urged the people to adopt Amendment 34 in the interest of special privilege, are now supporting proposition one at the present election, and are making this second attempt to deprive the people of their public property and legal rights, without compensation to the city.

The commercial organizations that so vigorously opposed Public Ownership in the Geary street bond elections are vigorously supporting proposition one, and that clearly indicates the danger to Public Ownership that lurks in the so-called "compromise" agreement.

We have a fund of FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000) DOLLARS to be used in paying a REWARD, or REWARDS, for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person, or persons, found guilty of election frauds in connection with proposition one on the ballot to be voted on at the election today, April 22nd.

BE SURE to vote AGAINST proposition ONE. Report to the undersigned any election frauds. WATCH THE COUNT.

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