PRESIDENT OF RAILROAD BODY IS VITRIOLIC

Declares That Commission Is Not to Be Deterred by "Threats of Intimidation"

R. R. MAN, HE SAYS, TOLD 'HALF TRUTHS'

Welfare of the Public of More Concern Than Any Part of It

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Speaking before the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce tonight at its annual banquet, John M. Eshleman, president of the California railroad commission, accused President Sproule of the Southern Pacific, who addressed the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce last Monday night, of deliberate misrepresentation of the facts in connection with the regulation of railroads in California.

Eshleman was on the program to make an address on the Panama canal and the exposition, which was the general topic of the evening, but he devoted his entire speech to a sharp, bitter answer to the statements of the railroad executive. He did not mince words, but boldly declared the railroad commission was not to be deterred by "threats and intimidation."

He had a copy of President Sproule's address in his hand as he arose to speak and he read passages from it to illustrate the character of the statements made by the railroad man. In his reply to them, he said, in part:

"WOULD DISCREDIT REGULATION"

"It is becoming evident that all over the United States the railroads are engineering a campaign to discredit regulation which is at all effective, and it behooves those who should be impartial in the matter to resent the criticism and defy the threat expressed by these gentlemen.

"To any one who studies the report of Mr. Sproule's speech it is apparent that while he has told truths, he has told truths that are only half truths. The statement that for every $1 taken out of San Francisco the Southern Pacific expends $1.10 leaves out of account the fact that trade flows in both directions, and that in a very large center rarely is it the case that the income to the carrier from outgoing transportation anywhere nearly approximates its income from traffic destined to such commercial center.

"Mr. Sproule does not say directly that the activities of the railroad commission in California are preventing the investment of capital in railroads in this state, but he desires his audience to draw such an inference, and such an inference is absolutely and unqualifiedly false. As a matter of fact, I happen to know that instead of withdrawing capital from this state not only the Southern Pacific, but almost every other large enterprise, is now actively engaged in putting new money into this state, and that under the present alleged onerous conditions of regulation.

"With all due respect to the genial gentleman who is now at the head of the Southern Pacific, I desire to say that we are informed as to the activity of that and other interests in their desire to strangle effective regulation."

MORE THAN 250 PRESENT

More than 250 of the leading business and professional men of Berkeley attended the banquet, which was held in the Hotel Shattuck. Charles D. Heywood, president of the Chamber of Commerce, acted as toastmaster.

The subject of the evening was the Panama canal in its relation to this and other bay cities, and the keynote of the gathering was sounded in a letter from Mayor J. Stitt Wilson, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

"No prophet can foretell," he wrote, "the world changes that the opening of the canal will precipitate. It places San Francisco and this city as the connecting link between the orient and Europe. It makes us a world center. Tremendous industrial movements are inevitable, producing vast social and economic changes of far reaching character."

When the mayor's communication had been read a message from the directorate of the 1915 exposition was delivered by Frederick Vining Fisher, manager of the bureau of lectures. He described the Panama Pacific exposition as the fair that is a year ahead.

Mayor F. K. Mott of Oakland gave a description of what his city is doing in the construction of wharves to hold the new trade of the Pacific in San Francisco bay.

Dr. David P. Barrows of the University of California indicated from the historical point of view the portentous meaning of the canal and the exposition.

C. L. Biedenbach, principal of the Berkeley high school, followed the trend laid out by Mayor Wilson in urging more schools and playgrounds for Berkeley.

A. A. Denison, secretary of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, talked on "Our Opportunities and Our Responsibilities," and "Berkeley, the Beautiful," was the subject of an address by Francis Hope, secretary of the California development board.

JONES MURDER UNSOLVED

Coroner's Jury Decides Aged Woman Miser Was Not Killed by Son

A verdict of death at the hands of unidentified persons was returned late yesterday afternoon by the coroner's jury at the inquest on the murder of Mrs. Lena Jones, the aged miser who was strangled to death at her home in Precita avenue on November 26. The jury, after deliberating more than half an hour on a mass of scientific and theoretical testimony tending to implicate Joseph Jones, the crippled son and principal beneficiary under the will of the woman, decided that Jones' alibi outweighed the carefully prepared case of the police and detectives, assisted by the district attorney's office. Jones, however, will be formally charged with murder this morning, it is stated, in spite of the verdict reached at the end of the three day inquest.

CALIFORNIAN KILLED IN MINE

Special Dispatch to The Call

RENO, Dec. 12.—C. E. Stillman, a mill man, whose parents live in Livermore, Cal., died Sunday of injuries received in the Nevada Hills mine at Fairview, Nev., according to advices reaching here today. The body was shipped to Livermore for interment. A piece of waste protruding from Stillman's pocket caught on a revolving shaft and he was hurled about until nearly every bone in his body was broken.

Diamonds, jewelry and watches offered below wholesale cost. 8 Kearny street. See advertisement on first page, second section, this paper.—Advt.

Grist From Legislative Mill
Doings of the Two Houses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Day in congress:

SENATE

Met at noon.
Omnibus claims bill taken up.
Archbald impeachment committee met at 1:30 p. m.
Democratic senators in caucus for appointment of committee to plan action concerning President Taft's federal nominations.
Senator Swanson introduced bill to appoint committee to attend unveiling of Jefferson memorial in St. Louis next year.
Adjourned at 5:50 p. m. until noon Friday.

HOUSE

Met at noon.
Money trust investigation committee continued taking testimony relating to the New York Stock exchange.
Former Governor Herrick of Ohio urged before banking and currency committee the establishment of a system of rural credits.
Representative Levy introduced a bill for currency system reform.
After stormy debate resolution declaring vacant the seat of Representative C. C. Bowman, eleventh Pennsylvania district, was adopted by 153 to 118 and a resolution to seat G. R. McLean, democrat, opponent, rejected by 181 to 88.
Representative Bartholdt introduced a bill to limit presidents of the United States to two terms of four years each.
Consideration of the Indian bureau appropriation bill begun.
Adjourned at 5:05 p. m. until noon Friday.

POOR CHILDREN TO BE CHEERED

Helping Hand Society Plans for Merry Christmas

Under the title Children's Helping Hand society a club has been recently organized with the object of giving Christmas cheer and happiness to poor children. The membership of the society is 15 and weekly meetings are held at the home of the members. Fairs, entertainments and candy sales are held from time to time and the proceeds are devoted to the benefit of poor children in poor neighborhoods.

The motto adopted for the Children's Helping Hand society is:

"I expect to pass through this life but once. If therefore there is any kindness I can show or any good I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me neither defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

The members of the society are:

Miss Katherine Bentley	Miss Margaret Buckbee
Miss Margaret Cheney	Miss Josephine Clement
Miss Suzanne Colby	Miss Arleen Frank
Miss Frances Lent	Miss Evelyn McGaw
Miss Marie Louise Meyer	Miss Frances Revett
Miss Margaret Sloss	Miss Katherine Stoney
Miss Julia Tuggle	Miss Elizabeth Watt
Miss Grace Rising	

OPIUM IS SECRETED IN HOLLOW OF MAST

Police of Hongkong Seized 50 Tins of Poppy Product Stored Away Aboard Persia

Customs inspectors and special agents were given an object lesson yesterday on board the liner Persia in the art of hiding opium as developed by the Oriental smugglers who infect the ships of the trans-Pacific lines. The ingenuity of the Chinese in contriving hiding places for the drug has been a source of constant bewilderment to the government searchers. Yesterday's revelation made the most experienced of them scratch their heads.

In the liner's steel foremast, just above the main deck, where it passes through what is known as the lamp room, had been cut a large opening and in the hollow mast had been fixed a storeroom capable of holding a ton or two of the drug. The fact that the removal of this section of steel imperiled the mast did not trouble the smugglers. The work was done at Hongkong and after the opium had been placed inside, the cutout section of steel was replaced and then, by a cunning disposition of putty and paint, the mast was restored to its original appearance.

The British police in Hongkong, who had been asked to co-operate with the Pacific Mail company in suppressing the traffic, learned about the hiding place before the ship left that port. They boarded the liner, removed the plate and seized 500 tins of the poppy product.

HAVENS' MARRIAGE IS BLESSED BY FATHER

Second Bride Was Leading Student of Mills College

Special Dispatch to The Call

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Standing in the mellow light of the Ritz-Carlton hotel lobby, Harold Havens, son of Frank C. Havens, a capitalist of Oakland, Cal., said tonight that he had received his father's blessing on his second marriage. His bride of a few days was Miss Estelle Houston, daughter of Mrs. Lena Houston, formerly of Fresno, Cal. Mrs. Harold Havens was one of the leading students of Mills college.

BUTTE COUNTY BOOSTED

Oroville Mercury Issues "Homeseeker and Development" Number

The Oroville Mercury on December 7 issued, in conection with its regular afternoon edition, a splendid "Homeseeker and Development" number of 60 pages.

A comprehensive write-up of the resources of Butte county, handsomely illustrated, is contained in the supplement. Particular attention is paid to orange and olive culture, with a descriptive article on the recent show in that city when these two citrus fruits were the features.

The mining industry also receives considerable space, and several pages are devoted to illustrated articles on the scenic attractions of the county.

As a booster edition it is bound to prove of great benefit to the city of Oroville and the county of Butte.

NO FEE FOR "INDEPENDENTS"

Special Dispatch to The Call

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—Legislative candidates for office who ran as "independents" are not required to file a statement of their election expenses with the secretary of state nor pay a filing fee, Attorney General Webb has advised Secretary of State Jordan. The state has collected $900 which must be returned to the independent candidates. Congressman William Kent is among those to whom a $25 filing fee will be refunded.

SPEEDER AWAITS SENTENCE—Winifred Stoutenberg, a realty dealer, who was caught Saturday night after a spirited chase by the police automobile, in which Chief White was a passenger, appeared before Police Judge Shortall yesterday and pleaded guilty to speeding. Sentence will be passed today.

LEGS WITHOUT LINES OBSTRUCT NAVIGATION

Knock-kneed Elephant and Bowlegged Moose Consigned to Salt Creek

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Whether bowlegs are greater menaces to navigation than knock-knees is still an open question, in spite of arguments made before the National Press club tonight by Representative Sulzer, governor elect of New York, and Representative Stanley of Kentucky, in condemnation of bowlegs, and Senators Penrose and Gore in vigorous denunciation of knock-knees.

Referee John Hays Hammond decided that neither offered serious obstruction, and read a cablegram from the international board of navigation in Berlin to bear him out.

Before the debate began Hammond forced the contestants to arise and shake hands "to show there was no hard feeling."

NO BOWLEGGED HEROES

Representative Sulzer attributed to bowlegs virtually all the diseases known to medical science, "from corns to consumption." He declared that history could show no bowlegged hero, while Moses, Socrates, Hannibal and scores of others "interfered" in their knees. He closed by quoting:

A man knock-kneed
Is a friend indeed.

Senator Penrose insisted there was no place in creation for the knock-kneed. A man so afflicted, he declared, on going home from his club in the early hours, would be in a state of collapse in the road, while the bowlegged man would be bowling merrily homeward.

"The bowlegged condition," he said, "is due to a remnant of our physical trait when we lived in trees and climbed up them. The consequence is that the bowleg is full of the vigor of the gorilla or of the primitive man."

POLITICS SOLVES PROBLEM

Representative Stanley followed with a sweeping denunciation of bowlegs. He said he could prove by the frescoes and paintings of Raphael and other old masters that the angels they pictured were universally knock-kneed.

Senator Gore assailed the framers of the constitution because they had not grappled with the knock-kneed question "face to face and feet to feet." He admitted the problem was a knotty one, but added that the American people had settled it politically "by sending both the knock-kneed republican elephant and the bowlegged bull moose up Salt creek as obstructions to navigation."

NEW COMPANY DEALS BLOW AT LOAN SHARKS

Usury Will Be Ended by Organization Which Will Lend Money at Low Rate of Interest

Highest praise and commendation from all classes and on all sides greeted the announcement yesterday that the San Francisco Remedial Loan association had been organized to take the field against the "loan sharks" and the usurious pawnshops and companies that prey upon the working people. It is heralded as a death blow to the malicious practices that have turned debt into slavery in the past.

This association, which is financed and supported as a private business, but not as a money making concern, by some of the largest financial and commercial interests in the city, will open its doors for business next Monday, December 16, at 43 Fifth street. Loans will be made on pledges at the rate of 1½ per cent a month and on chattels or furniture not removed from the homes of the borrowers at the rate of 2 per cent a month.

The organization of the association here is part of a broad national movement to drive out the "loan shark" by putting into the field competitive loan societies of a social nature. It is recognized that the workingman needs to borrow small amounts from time to time, and he will find he can obtain loans from the Remedial Loan association at a reasonable rate that will be fair and honest.

SCHUETZEN VEREIN FIRE AT INDOOR TARGETS

New German House Is Scene of Interesting Festivities in Honor of Its Opening

Behind a brass band that played martial music with much vim, members of the schuetzen vereins of the bay cities, dressed in picturesque costumes typical of the fatherland and carrying rifles on their shoulders, marched to the German House, Turk and Polk streets, last night, for the grand shooting match which had been heralded as the chief feature of the seven days' celebration in honor of the opening of the new clubhouse.

One after another expert marksmen took a crack at the big iron bullseye erected on the fifth floor of the building. No records were broken, but several handsome trophies were awarded those whose bullets knocked the most paint from the inner circle of the target.

After the shooting contest the athletic events, under the auspices of the San Francisco Turnvereins, attracted the most attention. Nearly every variety of acrobatic stunts imaginable were pulled off under the admiring gaze of hosts of pretty girls and stately dames.

SHRINERS TO GIVE $1,000

Islam Temple Will Contribute to Local Charities on Christmas

The annual election of officers of Islam temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held at the Shriners' headquarters in Powell street last evening. Illustrious Potentate Harry Maundrell presided, and the following were chosen to serve for the ensuing twelvemonth:

Illustrious potentate, William H. Hendricks; chief rabban, John A. Ulrich; assistant rabban, James S. Hawkins; high priest and prophet, Dr. Thomas L. Hill; oriental guide, Frank J. Klimm; treasurer, Thomas J. Morton; recorder, John Bennett; trustees, William P. Filmer, William E. Knowles and Francis V. Keesling; representatives to the imperial council to be held in Dallas, William H. Hendricks, Harry Maundrell, George Filmer and Theodore L. Wolters.

The report of the recorder showed the membership of Islam temple to be 4,023, and $1,000 was taken from the treasury to be given to various local charities as a Christmas remembrance.

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Ticket for Corpse Complicates Situation as to Compartment Rate

An interesting decision regarding compartments has just been given by the interstate commerce commission in the case of Edward J. Johnson against the Santa Fe.

A passenger traveling on the California Limited from San Diego to Boston, accompanying a corpse, presented a ticket for a compartment, but only one full fare ticket for herself and a full fare ticket for the corpse, and was required by the conductor to purchase an additional half fare ticket in order that she might occupy the compartment. The defendant's passenger tariff provided that a single passenger in order to occupy exclusively a compartment on the California Limited should have a minimum of one and one-half fare tickets. The baggage rule of the defendant required a full first class ticket for the carriage of a corpse in a baggage car in addition to a proper transportation for an attendant. The complainant contends that the ticket for the corpse should have counted on the transportation necessary to entitle the passenger to occupy the compartment.

The commission found that one of the tickets presented was in compliance with the baggage rule, which left only one full fare ticket for the transportation of the attendant, and under the tariff this was not sufficient to entitle the defendant to occupy the compartment. The complaint was dismissed.

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S. F. Booth, general agent of the Union Pacific, has just returned from a business trip through the San Joaquin valley.

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Roy Thompson, traveling passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, has gone to Reno on company business.

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A. H. Pett, general agent of the Tonopah and Goldfield at San Francisco, has been transferred to Goldfield with the same title.

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The car situation has eased off very materially. There is more eastern line equipment in California at the present time than the shippers require. With the slackening up of dried and canned fruit shipments, the railroads, which a month ago were suffering from surplus tonnage, are now facing a reversed condition. The west bound business is keeping up, while the east bound is falling off.

CREDIT MEN TO HAVE DINNER

The annual Christmas banquet tendered by D. H. Steiner to all connected with the California Credit Clothing company, the Mission Credit Clothing company and the People's Credit Clothing company will take place this year on Sunday evening, December 15, at a downtown restaurant.

LICENSES MUST BE HAD BY WIRELESS STATIONS

Government Today Begins Its Supervision Over All Aerograms

More than 500 owners and operators of wireless telegraph apparatus in San Francisco will be liable to prosecution if they attempt to operate their station after today, unless a license is procured from the government. Out of 500 stations in this city only about 200 have applied for the necessary license.

R. B. Wolverton, radio inspector for this district, stated yesterday that any wireless owner or operator who attempted to send messages after today would be arrested and prosecuted. The penalty is a fine not exceeding $500 and the confiscation of the wireless apparatus of the offender.

Wolverton's district embraces California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and the Hawaiian islands. He says in this territory there are over 5,000 stations, commercial and amateur. Of this number less than 50 per cent have applied for a license.

The new law was passed on August 13 this year, four months being given to get a license. In addition to demanding a license the act provides that amateurs shall not operate wireless machines having a wave length of over 200 meters.

The law applies to all parts of the United States.

In sections where the radio inspectors have not been able to post themselves on all the stations in their districts "wireless detectives" will be sent out by the government to find out those who may be operating without a license. They will also test the machines of amateurs to see that they do not possess a greater wave length than the law specifies.

HOLDS A LONG SESSION

Anti Capital Punishment League Conducts All Night Street Meeting

Night dews and the chilly fog of early morning failed to quench the ardor and enthusiasm of several dozen speakers in the campaign for the abolishment of capital punishment who addressed an ever moving audience of several thousand persons in Grant avenue between Market and Geary streets at a continuous demonstration which began at 6 o'clock last night and will last until sundown this evening. Toward morning the crowds thinned down until only a few "night birds" and the leaders of the Anti Capital Punishment league remained to hear the oft repeated "Thou Shalt Not Kill," voiced by speakers well known in San Francisco. Several women took the soapbox during the night and harangued the crowd on the evils of capital punishment.

Big cut in prices for Christmas jewelry. See page 2, this paper.—Advt.

EXHIBITION OF WORK OF YOUNG FOLK PLANNED

Committee in Charge of Movement Seeking to Enlarge Membership

The committee having charge of the movement to hold an exposition of the work of boys and girls under 20 years of age in this city next May met last night in the board of education assembly hall.

It is believed that by holding a week's celebration in some big hall a large number of exhibits will be obtained, which will encourage boys and girls to exert themselves in lines of endeavor in which they seem adapted.

The displays will be divided into five departments. One will be devoted to domestic arts and sciences, another to industry, while the other three will be for pets, collections and contests. All exhibits will be composed of work of the young folk, and prizes will be awarded for the best features.

Those fostering the plan hope that, with such an exposition as an annual event, a wonderful display will have been worked out by 1915.

More members for the committee that is working on the plans for the exposition are being sought. The membership committee consists of Mrs. A. T. Black, Mrs. Louise Hertz and F. M. Barthel. Secretary George A. Schlitter also will accept names of those who wish to join the movement.

HOSPITAL AWARDS MADE

Ten Contracts for Peninsula Structure Are Filed With Recorder.

Special Dispatch to The Call

REDWOOD CITY, Dec. 12.—Ten building contracts, awarding $67,930 worth of construction work to San Francisco and San Mateo county firms, have been filed with County Recorder H. O. Heiner by Lewis P. Hobart, architect of the new Red Cross hospital, to be erected in San Mateo.

Several more contracts are yet to be recorded, and it is estimated that the building alone will cost $80,000.

The new building will be a gift from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid to the peninsula communities and will be dedicated to the memory of her mother. Following are the contracts on file here:

Smith & Johnson of San Francisco, ornamental cement and plaster work, $8,331; National Lathing and Furring company of San Francisco, lathing and furring, $1,390; Butte Engineering and Electric company of San Francisco, electric wiring, $2,400; E. M. Hule & Co. of San Francisco, excavations, $1,725; Thomas W. Alton of San Mateo, plumbing, $5,692; Thomas W. Alton, heating and ventilating, $2,355; Farrell & Reed of San Francisco, concrete work, $18,500; Caldwell & Wisnom of San Mateo, carpenter work, $15,584; Farrell & Reed, brick and terra cotta work, $8,000; Thomas W. Alton, sheet metal work and roofing, $2,953.

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