

TAFT'S POSSUM DINNER STOLEN

Another Is Supplied, However, and Executive Is Happy With His Meal.

VOICE GONE, CAN'T TALK

Demands Have Been Too Much for Vocal Chords and Doctor Works Hard to Get Them in Condition. On Last Half of Long Trip.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 24.—President Taft left Texas this afternoon, after passing nine days in that state, and is expected tonight towards St. Louis, where he will arrive at 7:30 A. M. tomorrow. With an informal breakfast, a speech in the St. Louis Auditorium, a luncheon and the dedication of the Government building in East St. Louis before him, the President will have every moment of his time occupied up to 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Then on the nightboat tender Oleander he will lead a procession of boats containing Governors, Senators and Representatives down the Mississippi River to New Orleans to attend the convention of the Lake-and-the-Gulf Deep Waterway Association.

On Last Half of Journey. When Mr. Taft reaches St. Louis tomorrow morning he will have covered 2760 of the 12,000 miles in his itinerary. The river journey will consume 1165 more, and when the President leaves New Orleans November 1, he will be within striking distance of home, being scheduled to arrive in Washington the night of November 10. In reality, however, the President's travels for 1938 will not end until November 21, for he has engagements at Middletown, Conn., November 12; at New Haven, November 15; at Norfolk, Va., November 19, and at Hampton, Va., November 20.

Mr. Taft's voice this morning had shown no improvement over yesterday, and after he had made a few short addresses in Texas and Arkansas, it was almost completely gone. The President's physician is at work on his vocal chords in the hope of having them in some sort of shape for the auditorium speech in St. Louis tomorrow. There is little hope for permanent improvement, however, short of three or four days.

President's Possum Stolen.

The President's train developed a full-fledged mystery today. Railroad detectives, special police and secret services to the contrary notwithstanding, somebody stole the President's possum. It happened at Dallas, where it seemed as though there were at least a million possums, spotted, striped, plain, cloven, deputed, and militiamen on guard, and the authorities there this morning were inclined to charge it up as another "black hand" outrage. Through some psychological phenomenon the President's desires and the loss at Dallas traveled ahead of his train and when it arrived at Longview at noon, another possum, all dressed for cooking, was put aboard. Consequently, Mr. Taft's possum dinner was not postponed.

The train left Dallas at 8 o'clock this morning and stopped at Forney, Terrell, Wilks Point, Longview, and Marshall before crossing the Texas line at Texarkana, where the train was halted partly in Texas and partly in Arkansas. There was an immense crowd at Texarkana, but the President's voice had so far gone from his earlier attempts to speak that he could only say a word or two in appreciation of his welcome.

The train arrived in Little Rock shortly after 8 o'clock and left for St. Louis ten minutes later. The President's voice had somewhat improved and he spoke briefly here. He also spoke a few words to throngs at Arkadelphia, and Benton, Ark.

At Terrell, Tex., this morning, the President spoke to a throng of Sunday school children and delivered a near approach to his usual Sunday sermon.

THUG FALLS IN FIGHT

NEWPORT SALOON IS SCENE OF FIERCE BATTLE.

Barkeeper Peeps Around Corner and Is Shot At—Returning Fire, He Wounds Robber.

NEWPORT, Wash., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Flinging with a .22-caliber automatic revolver from behind the bar, a being made the target for a rifle bullet fired by the leader of the gang of three hold-up men Saturday night at 11 o'clock, James Wilcox, one of the proprietors, brought down the robber, who is now dying in the Newport Hotel.

One robber entered the front door, while two others came in the side entrance, ordering all in the place to hold up their hands. Wilcox, who was sitting behind the bar, dropped out of sight, pulled his revolver, crawled to the end of the bar, looked around the corner and fired, this time bringing down his man. The bullet entered the right side of the abdomen, passing out the left. His companions fled, and when the wounded man was overpowered he was still trying to get a shot at Wilcox.

The hold-up was identified as Mr. Hazeworth, who had been one of his daughters being employed in town. He claims he was on his way here to buy supplies when he fell in with the other two, who forced him to partake in the attempted robbery.

CHILEAN HERO HONORED

Thousands March Past Statue Erected in His Memory.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 24.—A great demonstration was held here today in honor of General Juan de San Martin, a celebrated Spanish-American general in the war for independence, whose brilliant victory at the Malpo, April 15, 1818, virtually drove the Spaniards from Chile. Thousands of troops and school children formed a procession and marched past the statue erected in his honor.

Statue Unveiled in Boulogne.

BOULOGNE, Oct. 24.—An equestrian statue of General Juan de San Martin, the South American liberator, who died here August 17, 1850, was unveiled today with imposing ceremonies.

TWO PORTRAITS OF FORMER PORTLAND GIRL AS QUEEN OF PORTOLA FESTIVAL.



QUEEN VERGILIA, IN ROYAL RAIMENT.

DEBATE IS DESIRED

Fowler Challenges Aldrich on Subject of Central Bank.

SAYS 'CURE-ALL' UNSUITED

Proposition Advocated as Remedy. He Says, Is Undemocratic, Un-American and Inimical to Present System.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 24.—Charles N. Fowler, Congressman from the Fifth New Jersey District and ex-chairman of the House committee on banking and currency, today addressed an open letter to Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the finance committee of the Senate, challenging him to a joint debate in one of more cities, on the subject of a central bank.

Mr. Fowler writes his is opposed to the establishment of a central bank under existing conditions, because with it would come most discouraging disheartening favoritism and the ultimate destruction of our purely individual and independent form of banking. The letter, an important question now pending before your Commission and upon your return from Europe you would proceed with a view of instructing the people upon our financial and currency needs and recommend as a "cure-all" a central bank.

"After your departure there was an evidently inspired and well organized propaganda in favor of a central bank, conceived and carried on for the purpose of preparing the way for your homecoming, and your arrangements to swing around the circle, and initiate the people of the United States into the mysteries of your central bank plan. "Inasmuch as I am convinced that the one thing above all others this country does not want is a central bank, because it will not effect or accomplish the necessary reforms, but in the end will make a bad condition immeasurably worse, therefore, in order that the American people (who, I know, will decide this most important question now pending before them for consideration and determination, right as they did that of the gold standard, if only they be given an opportunity of having both sides of it fully presented and thoroughly discussed) may be informed as early as possible, I now challenge you to a joint debate upon the following propositions: "First, a central bank will not effect or accomplish the necessary reform of our finances and currency, is unsuited to our condition, will accentuate many of our present evils, and will precipitate and deepen other evils of a most serious nature. "Second, our financial and currency problems must be solved upon economic lines of an entirely different character."

CURSES BRING POISON

DRUNKEN PARENTS DRIVE YOUNG GIRL TO RASH ACT.

Younger Sister Heroically Carries Dying Girl to Drugstore and She May Recover.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—While her mother and father, both intoxicated, in an adjoining room, cursed and reviled her, Mammie Fleming, 17 years old, carried out the threats of months by swallowing poison last night. Then, while her parents continued their vilification of her, not knowing what she had done, the girl staggered to the bedside of her 14-year-old sister and fell unconscious across the bed. With a courage greater than her strength, the little sister dragged the dying girl out of the house by a rear door, that her parents might not know of Mammie's act. The child carried her sister to a drug store, where an antidote was administered and an ambulance sent for. She was hurried to the City Hospital, where physicians said today that she had a chance for recovery. Six weeks ago, Katie Fleming says, her sister warned their parents that if they did not cease drinking and humiliating her, she would kill herself.

GAIETY REIGNS; DAY OF FIRE IS FORGOTTEN

San Francisco Flings Aside Sackcloth and Ashes to Enjoy Portola Week.

SCENES ARE MAGNIFICENT

Jeweled Women in Handsome Gowns Mingle With Gold Lace and Dignity of Diplomatic and Naval Corps of World Powers.

BY NANCY LEE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—San Francisco is bewildering. The common of garden variety of mind, utterly fails to grasp its achievements. Mine does. All I know is that history records a waste of sand in 1850, a metropolis of nearly a half million souls in 1906, and one of the proudest, most beautiful cities of the West in 1938. I know the facts but how it has all been accomplished remains a mystery. I can't grasp it. And it is doubtful if the bland diplomats and glittering officers of foreign lands who whirl through well paved streets, between long double lines of stately structures can fully realize that only three years ago this city was a desolate and ash-covered ruin. Now and then in some well ordered avenue a broken ruin looms in baffled menace to prove the battle that has been won by San Francisco's spirit. Small wonder that carnival reigns, and light and laughter, for a week to celebrate the renaissance. Never have the cafes been so gay, the streets so brilliantly lighted, the theaters so crowded, and the crowds so merry. In hotel corridors one sees millionaires, clubmen, men of affairs, grafters, and beautifully gowned women, and San Francisco her thousands of visitors have fairly revelled in the carnival spirit, the electric lighted flag canopied fairyland. From the first booming of warship cannons on the morning of the nineteenth until the gay mad mardi gras finale of the twenty-third, there was no letting up, no surcease. The festive spirit was an epidemic. Never has the history of California had such a noteworthy social event occurred as the ball at the Fairmont Wednesday evening in compliment to the officers of the visiting warships. World Powers Represented.

The diplomatic corps of two of the world's foremost nations were represented, as well as the navies of five other nations and the Army and Navy of the United States. The throng that swayed the corridors of the imposing hostelry, was international in its aspect, and the evening was a most interesting intermingled with the silver insignia of the ensigns, and the vivid pink coats of marines from His Britannic Majesty's ships. Beautiful women in stunningly beautiful gowns wearing baroque jeweled earrings that touched the shoulders and resembled old fashioned crystal chandelier drops, Unbecoming bangs also played a conspicuous part in the arrangement of coiffures, as well as elaborately beaded hats which were worn low over the eyes, and apparently were called "Guess-who-it-is" chapeaus. Italian, Japanese and Netherland officers wore full double breasted coats which were ornate with epaulets and braid of gold, the Japanese with short swords at their hips, and blue ribboned decorations about their throats.

Festivities Begin at Midnight.

With the arrival of the dashing Don Gaspar and Queen Vergilia, the festivities began before midnight. Ned Greenway the eminent czar of society, temporarily abdicated his gilded throne and paid tribute to the King and Queen, by transferring the allegiance of the loyal subjects, over which he has held undisputed sway for thirty years. Rudolph Spreckels, the young millionaire reformer and ex-Mayor James D. Phelan, were with a party of friends and there was no serious note to mar the gaiety. Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, was a striking figure. Mrs. Atherton, although a grandmother, is still a handsome woman. She has taken a personal interest in Portola week and is proud as are all good San Franciscans of the success. Miss Maud Fay, the young California prima donna, who is winning fame in Europe and promises to rank among the great singers, is spending a month in her old home, before returning to Germany. She was much in evidence at the Fairmont, and has been kind enough to turn her handsome young head, which, however, happens to be a very level one, Miss Fay appears always in black. Some of her hats are marvels of size and weight, but she wears them with stately grace.

Women Handsomely Gowned.

In the tea-rooms of the St. Francis and the Fairmont, a dazzling array of animated frock and millinery may be found at the tea hour. In the Laurel Court of the Fairmont, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst entertained one afternoon and among her fashionably gowned guests she was striking in her simplicity. Regardless of fashion's decrees, Mrs. Hearst's small close-fitting, skull-cap variety of bonnet, remains always the same. That afternoon the Chinese Minister to Cuba had his small sons for tea, resplendent in Oriental costumes of giddy colors. Approval of this diminutive Chinese servants in wonderful attire formed

LEFT ON HER DOORSTEP FOR THIS MOTHER

Mrs. A. G. Tuson, of Livermore, Cal., writes: "I picked up from my doorstep one day a little book in which I soon became very much interested. My little girl of five years of age had been troubled for a long time with loss of appetite, extreme nervousness and undue fatigue. She was all run-down and in a very delicate condition. "This little book was very comprehensively written, and told of the new method of extracting the medicinal elements of the cod's liver from the oil, eliminating the obnoxious oil which is so hard for children to take. "Just the thing," said I, "for my little daughter, and I immediately went for a bottle of Vinol. It helped her wonderfully. She has gained rapidly in flesh and strength, and she does not take cold half so easily. "I am extremely grateful for the good it has done her, and I hope other mothers who have weak, delicate or ailing children will be benefited by my experience and just give Vinol a trial." WOODARD CLARKE & CO., DRUGGISTS, PORTLAND.

PRISON DOORS STILL OPEN

Though 30 Days' Stay Asked and Granted, Sentence Will Not Begin Till November 4 and Further Delay May Come Later.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Arrangements were completed today for a conference at 11 o'clock tomorrow at the Grand Pacific Hotel between Eugene Zimmerman, the Cincinnati railroad man, and John R. Walsh and two other capitalists whose identity has not been revealed, at which a scheme for paying the interest on the Walsh notes to the Chicago clearing-house banks will be discussed. It is said the plan contemplates the taking over by Zimmerman and his friends of a part or perhaps the whole of Walsh's railroad interests, leaving him money enough to pay the more pressing of his bank failure debts and leaving him free from his financial entanglements to fight to the highest court his appeal from his prison sentence. Walsh's time for paying his interest expired October 21. His third day of grace fell on today, so that he has still until the close of business hours tomorrow to pay up without defaulting. It was given out authoritatively today there is no truth in the report that Walsh is to be sent to prison immediately. The 30 days' stay is asked for at the time his sentence was affirmed November 4, and he has asked for a further stay in order to prosecute a writ of certiorari. Arguments on this will be heard Tuesday, when it will be decided whether Walsh is to be sent to prison November 4, or whether he is to be allowed to remain out of jail on bail while he carries up his appeal for a rehearing.

FRIENDS AID WALSH

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conspicuous figures in both the large hotels, dusting the same chair every five minutes. Mrs. Eleanor Martin, the queen of local society, has been an indefatigable hostess throughout Portola week. Prominent in the handsome galaxy of belles and debutantes at the ball to the visiting naval officers was Miss Anne Peters, No. 1000 Stockton, a statuesque beauty, who was said by Charles Dana Gibson to be the handsomest woman in California. Adding to the artistic vivacity of the scene in the hotel corridors was the presence of brightly-hued Spanish musicians, who tinkled mandolins, and dark-eyed sanctorias, who writhed through Spanish dances.

Portland People Seen.

Among the well-known Portland people noticed were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cotton, Miss Amy Heltsou, Miss Genevieve Thompson, Mrs. O. P. Paxton, now of New York; Mrs. Lawrence Therikson, Miss Hazel Therikson, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Travis, Mrs. Harry Hogue, David C. Lewis, Robert Smith and Drake O'Reilly.

DE LARA MAY GO FREE

FRIENDS IN LOS ANGELES RAISE \$3000 BAIL MONEY.

Government Immigration Inspector Denies He Is Held at Request of Mexico.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24.—The \$3000 necessary to secure the release on bail of Gutierrez de Lara, now under arrest at Los Angeles, it is probable that he will be set free tomorrow.

A. C. Ridgeway, the government immigration inspector here, denied a statement printed this morning that de Lara was being held at the request of the Mexican government. "Mexico has nothing to do with it," said Mr. Ridgeway.

De Lara, in a statement issued from the County Jail tonight, again asserted his innocence of the charge of being an alien anarchist, and declared that his conviction would be obtained only on perjured testimony.

FERRER AND DE LARA UPHELD

Socialists in San Francisco Meet and Pass Resolutions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The execution of Francisco Ferrer by the Spanish government and the incarceration of Gutierrez de Lara at Los Angeles on the charge of being an alien anarchist, were considered today by a mass meeting which was addressed by Socialist leaders of this city.

Resolutions were adopted denouncing the government of Spain and protesting against the action of American officials in the persecution of Mexican patriots by their government.

SEATTLE SOCIALISTS ACT

Protest Against Delivery of De Lara to Mexican Government.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—A Socialist mass meeting, which denounced the execution

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of Professor Francisco Ferrer, at Barcelona as a crime, adopted a resolution of protest against the proposed delivery of Gutierrez de Lara, now under arrest at Los Angeles, to the Mexican government, was held in Arcade Hall tonight.

Contributions to a fund which will be used to defend De Lara were made, and the resolutions adopted were forwarded to the President of the United States.

Invitations had been sent to Professors J. H. Smith and E. S. Meany, of the University of Washington, to speak at the meeting, but the invitations were declined.

Aged Milwaukee Resident Dies.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Della Sargent, a resident of Milwaukee since 1877, baring five years in Crook County, died here today, aged 82 years and 21 days. The funeral will be held Tuesday, October 25 at 2:30 o'clock from the undertaking parlors at East Sixth and East Alder streets.

Large advertisement for 'Mother Knows' featuring a portrait of an elderly woman and text promoting a book for mothers. Text includes 'This is MOTHER You'll meet her tomorrow' and 'Get Acquainted Early'.