

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## FORAKER CONFUSES POLICE

Access Witness of Telling Differing Stories Than Before.

Washington, May 22.—Three members of the Brownville, Tex., police force were questioned today in the investigation being conducted by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. All testified concerning the affray and all became somewhat confused under cross-examination by Senator Foraker when he called attention to discrepancies between their stories today and those told on the stand on a previous occasion.

Policeman Victoriano Fernandez testified that he heard the shooting, and as he ran downtown from home he was summoned to the Tillman saloon, where he found the bartender lying dead. He gave it as his opinion that the man had been killed by negro soldiers. He said he had seen no soldiers that night, as most of the shooting was over before he got down town.

Foraker called attention to the testimony before the citizens' committee in Brownville two days after the affray, when Fernandez told a vivid story of having been chased by two negro soldiers, who fired several shots at him.

## ROOSEVELT MUST DECIDE

Interstate Commission Disagrees in Harriman Case.

Washington, May 18.—The question of bringing criminal prosecution against E. H. Harriman and suits to dissolve the railroad combinations he has effected must be decided by President Roosevelt. This is a matter in which the Interstate Commerce commission is divided into factions. One believes that successful suits can be maintained to break the Harriman combination under the Sherman anti-trust act, which might permit subsequent criminal prosecution of Harriman. The other is convinced that legal proceedings for the dissolution of the combinations would prove an ignominious failure.

## CANNOT FINISH CRUISERS

Labor Union Troubles in San Francisco Responsible.

Washington, May 22.—The Union Iron Works has just given up the task of completing the cruiser California, also building the South Dakota, a cruiser of similar type. The South Dakota is now 77.4 percent completed and work on her is being carried on. It is regarded at the Navy Department that, in view of the labor troubles, the completion of these two cruisers marks the end of naval construction at San Francisco for some time.

The reports to the Navy Department from San Francisco show the California to be 99.6 percent completed and the South Dakota to be 77.4 percent. A little work in the turbines, considerable painting and finishing up of odds and ends. The California is a sister ship to the West Virginia, which will be the flagship of the Pacific Coast fleet. The contract price of the California is \$3,800,000. Her keel was laid May 7, 1902, and she was launched April 28, 1904.

## Immigration Commission to Sail

Washington, May 17.—When the steamer Canopic sails from Boston on Saturday next for Naples, it will have on board members of the Immigration commission authorized at the last session of congress to make an extensive study of every phase of the immigration problem in this country and abroad and to report its findings to congress. While a part of the commission will go abroad, some of the members will remain in this country to study the question. The commission will return by way of Liverpool upon the steamer Cedre August 29.

## Decides Against Railroads

Washington, May 22.—Three decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission relating to the operation of joint through rates were announced today, and in each case the defendant road agreed to reduce the rates in accordance with the desire of the complainants and the complaints were dismissed. The National Petroleum Association complained against the railroads, alleging unreasonable and discriminatory rates on petroleum and its products from Pennsylvania and Ohio to Pacific Coast terminals.

## Tangled Up in Red Tape

Washington, May 22.—Because the law provides that no person shall be re-enlisted in the military service of the government whose previous service has not been honest and faithful, some difficulty has arisen in carrying out the direction of the president that John L. Lennon be pardoned on conditions that he re-enlist for a full term in the Marine Corps. Lennon is a nephew of John L. Sullivan, the expungist, and is now serving a term for desertion.

## Timber in Public Domain

Washington, May 16.—Lands heretofore withdrawn from entry by order of the president for forest reservation purposes have been restored to the public domain as follows: 998,860 acres in the Rainier and 256,000 acres in the Washington forest, Washington; 355,840 acres in the Cascade forest and 132,000 acres in the Hepper forest, Oregon; 244,980 acres in the Medicine Bow forest, Wyoming.

## Appoints Two Surveyors

Washington, May 17.—In order to expedite the adjustment of suspended surveys in Oregon two examiners of surveys of the general land office have been assigned to duty in that state. They will proceed to investigate the suspension tracts as rapidly as possible, as well as contracts for surveys recently executed, in order to push completion and settlement of all survey matters in Oregon.

## Distance Not Sole Factor

Washington, May 18.—In a decision rendered today dismissing the complaint in the case of E. H. Willott against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad company, the Interstate Commerce commission held that to make distance the sole factor in determining a reasonable rate would introduce undue discrimination and create chaotic commercial conditions.

## O'Brien Succeeds Wright

Washington, May 21.—It was announced at the State Department today that Thomas J. O'Brien, of Michigan, will become ambassador to Japan in September upon the retirement of Luke E. Wright, who has given notice to the department that he wishes to leave the service at that date. A successor to O'Brien has not yet been selected.

## Coal Production in 1906

Washington, May 21.—The total production of coal in the United States in 1906 was 414,039,581 short tons of 2,000 pounds, valued at \$512,610,744. Pennsylvania contributed 206,546,084 short tons. West Virginia has supplanted Illinois as the second coal producing state.

## Northwest Postal Affairs

Washington, May 17.—William H. Thomas has been appointed regular, Eliza M. Thomas substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 2, at Bow, Wash.

## RUEF MAKES GOOD PROMISE

Tells Grand Jury About Franchise Grant—Doomed to Prison.

San Francisco, May 17.—Abraham Ruef made good his declaration that he would, following his change of plea to guilty in the extortion cases against him, turn state's evidence and assist the bribery graft prosecution in its campaign against municipal corruption. Ruef, obeying a subpoena from the grand jury served upon him at the Fillmore street prison house shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday, went in the charge of Special Agent Burns, Elmer Biggy and another agent to the grand jury chambers in Native Sons' hall, where he took the witness stand and submitted to an examination that lasted from 3:20 p. m. until after 5 p. m.

When the ordeal was over, he called the newspaper men around him and said that he had promised the grand jury to divulge nothing. District Attorney Henry refused to make any statement whatever. From Mr. Burns it was learned that the only matter on which Ruef was questioned was the alleged bribing of Mayor Schmitz and 16 supervisors by the United Railroads to grant to that corporation a change in its franchise allowing the electrifying of its 250 miles of street railway system in this city.

## SCHMITZ ABDICATES OFFICE

Signs Agreement to Let Committee of Citizens Name Officials.

San Francisco, May 17.—Mayor Schmitz last night signed an agreement to be guided in his appointments during the rest of his term by a committee of seven. This committee is composed of representatives of local commercial associations.

Schmitz from now on will be mayor in name only. He willingly signed the agreement, as he is a nervous wreck and unable to carry on the affairs of the city.

Before concluding arrangements with Schmitz, the committee called upon F. J. Heney, and explained its plans. Mr. Heney said it would not conflict with the graft prosecution.

The practical abdication of the mayor will result in the appointment of a new chief of police at once to restore order and a new works commissioner to clean the city and repair the streets. More drastic actions will then follow.

## ONLY ONE IN ELEVEN PASSES.

Examination of Talsamen in Haywood Case Reveals Prejudice.

Boise, Idaho, May 17.—During the one session of the trial held yesterday 11 talsamen were examined before a satisfactory juror was secured to replace William Van Ordale, the grocer, as No. 2, who was excused Wednesday afternoon on a peremptory challenge from the state. As court adjourned yesterday the exercise of his first challenge by relieving Allen Fride, a farmer, was called to the stand. A talsamen was called to testify during his examination that he had invited to dinner the deputy who served him with a jury summons. He and the deputy discussed the case for some time, their talk being particularly upon Harry Orchard, who is to be the principal witness for the state. A talsamen was called to replace Fride, but his examination was deferred until today.

## Will Prosecute Harriman.

Washington, May 16.—That the inquiry conducted by the Interstate Commerce commission into the conduct of railroads controlled by E. H. Harriman, will result in prosecutions was plainly shown by the publication today of the report and recommendations of Frank B. Kellogg and Charles A. Severance, counsel for the commission. Within a short time the commission will take up this report, vote upon it and transmit it to the department of Justice the evidence tending to show that the Harriman school of railroad financing has operated in violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws and other statutes. The publication of this important report caused a pronounced sensation. It proved a decided shock to some of the members of the commission.

## Eight Million in a Year.

Butte, Mont., May 17.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, held today at the offices of the company in Anaconda, all of the old directors were re-elected. The report of John D. Ryan, president of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, submitted to stockholders, shows that the corporation for the year that ended Dec. 31, 1906, earned a profit of \$8,444,669. The balance on Dec. 31, 1906, was \$7,249,572, which, with the profits for last year, amounted to a surplus of \$16,083,241.

## Oppose Clark's Nevada Interests.

Los Angeles, May 17.—According to a special dispatch from Rhyolite, Nev., the Brock and Smith railroad interests there, embracing the Goldfield & Tonopah road and the Tonopah & Tidewater line, have combined for mutual benefit and to oppose the Clark railroad interests in Nevada. It is stated that the Smith line will build its terminals at Rhyolite, where those of the Brock line already exist. The result of the alleged combination would be an alignment of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe against the San Pedro road.

## Garmen Make Headway

San Francisco, May 17.—The Geary street road has granted the demands of the striking carmen and will resume operations on a basis of \$3 for an eight hour day. The board of supervisors notified the officials of the line last Monday that, unless the company started its cars, the city would take the road and operate it. The line runs from the junction of Geary, Kearney and Market streets to Golden Gate park. This is a victory for the men.

## Will Out Passenger Rates

St. Paul, May 17.—General reductions in passenger rates to all points by the Great Northern railroad will soon be announced, to become effective July 1. A. L. Craig, passenger traffic manager, states that the Great Northern will allow all points on its system to receive the benefit of the lower rates provided by the Minnesota and North Dakota laws, 2 and 2½ cents.

## GOODING'S BAD MOVE

Granting of Orchard Interview Raises Judge's Ire.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATES

Plan May Have Been to Prejudice Jurymen—Lawyers Think Governor's Action Unlikely.

Boise, Idaho, May 18.—Judge Wood touched off some fireworks just at the opening of court, and it became necessary to ask all prospective jurymen to leave the room while the display continued. It was all over reports published in the morning paper by Harry Orchard the day before. The Statesman published the story sent out by the Associated Press, one from its own representative, and two signed statements from visiting newspaper men.

Judge Wood called attention to the publications immediately upon ascending the bench. All were surprised. When the judge had concluded, Mr. Hawley spoke. Then Mr. Richardson said he would like to say what he thought of it, but was restrained by the presence of the talsamen. These were excused and then the whole matter was aired for an hour. The judge finally directed the county attorney to look the matter up and see what, if anything, could be done. During the progress of the discussion he said there was a plain remedy, if it was the intention to prejudice jurymen, intimating he would cite all concerned for contempt if he thought that was the purpose.

Yesterday five peremptory challenges were used. Of the special venire of 100 only 34 are left.

## WHOLE DAY UNDER WATER.

Rival Submarine Boats Undergo Severe Test.

Newport, R. I., May 18.—With all hands well and contented, and with a bountiful supply of fresh air, and with records for submergence broken, the submarines Octopus and Lake rose to the surface of Narragansett bay at 4 o'clock this afternoon, ending a test of 24 hours under water.

The Octopus rose first, and the members of the naval trial board crowded about her, as the conning tower hatched open. The members of the trial board at once went below to see what conditions existed on board, and also to test the air supply. Samples of air were bottled every two hours throughout the test for analysis by the board.

The Octopus blew out foul air only twice during the 24 hours she was at the bottom of the bay. It was computed that only one-fifth-fifth of her air supply was exhausted, and if these figures are correct, they tend to show that the boat could remain submerged 35 days, provided the food and fuel supply were sufficient.

The Lake also stood the test well, although a leak was sprung in the superstructure.

## SCHMITZ NERVOUS WRECK.

Would Follow Ruef's Lead and Confess, but Lawyers Restrain.

San Francisco, May 18.—Mayor Schmitz is on the point of a nervous collapse. He recognizes that the end is at hand. Ruef has already exposed his part in the trolley bribery and the Parkside deal and in the next few days will continue the exposure, showing how the mayor figured in every corrupt deal put through during his administration.

The mayor realizes that two courses are open to him. He can either confess or hold out for a few weeks, when he will be tried, convicted and sent to the penitentiary. At present the mayor is hesitating between the two courses. Two of his tormentors want him to fight it out and the third has urged him to confess.

## Filipino Tribes Are Quiet.

San Francisco, May 18.—Brigadier General H. T. Allen, organizer and unofficial chief of the Philippine constabulary, arrived here yesterday from Manila on the army transport Thomas. General Allen says there is little trouble in the Philippines now except in Leyte and Samar, where the hill tribes still worry the insular government. Aguinaldo is now living quietly on his ranch in the province of Cavite, where the former head of the insurgents, is attending strictly to his own affairs and not participating in matters political.

## Minister Conger Reported Dying

Pasadena, Cal., May 18.—Edwin Conger, ex-United States minister to China and recently resigned ambassador to Mexico, is critically ill at his home in this city. Dr. Conger came to Pasadena immediately after his return from Mexico in 1905. Since then he has been slowly dying. The end may come at any hour. Ex-Minister Conger first came into prominence as minister to Brazil in 1897. He was in Peking during the Boxer siege and conducted the negotiations for the United States after that city was captured.

## Tai Anti Death Will Cause Trouble

Tokyo, May 18.—Japan is considerably concerned about the recent attitude of the Chinese papers on dynastic matters. The Mainichi Shimpun interprets the comments of these newspapers as foreshadowing the beginning of a struggle for the succession, the dowager empress of China, who is virtually ruler of the empire, being now 77 years old. The civilized world, the Mainichi Shimpun thinks, may expect an upheaval at no very distant date.

## Will Build Two Dreadnaughts.

London, May 18.—Orders have been given to lay the keels of two battlehips of the Dreadnaught type. It has been understood that in case the proposal for disarmament took definite shape in the Hague conference only one Dreadnaught would be laid down. The order for two such ships is construed as Great Britain's acknowledgement of Germany's refusal to entertain the disarmament question.

# THE CHARITY GIRL

By EFFIE A. ROWLANDS

## CHAPTER XVIII.—(Continued.)

Audrey fortunately knew nothing of the dislike and anger she was causing. By and by she found the atmosphere very close, for an awning had been raised on deck that formed an improvised ballroom; and bidding the few around her a hearty "good-night," she slipped away, heedless that Beverly Rochford was watching her.

Once outside the awning Audrey drew a deep breath. A few couples were strolling to and fro, but she passed them and went swiftly off.

Had she been less dazed and weary she might have wondered at the sound of a slight cry quite close, but she was thinking of Jack, and all else was lost upon her.

"I will just breathe some air and then go below," she said to herself. "It was stifling in there."

She stood looking over the moonlit waters for a moment, and then turned to go. As she did so, she was suddenly blinded, a sense of horrible fear and helplessness came over her, a strange sickly smell penetrated to her brain. She tried to scream, to struggle—in vain. Her limbs lost their strength, her brain reeled—she knew no more.

There was great commotion on board the Mona that night. A perturbed maid, Miss Laidlaw, had lost her footing, and had fallen overboard into the still, deep waters below, and by a miracle of mercy, Beverly Rochford had been near at hand, had plunged into the water, and had saved the girl's life, had succeeded in saving her.

This was the news that was telegraphed to John Glendowerwood up in Scotland, and which caused his cheeks to turn ashen gray, and then made him rush wildly to the station, en route for the south, while Audrey lay still and white on her luxurious cabin bed, carefully watched by Mrs. Hungerford and Lady Dalewater, whose usually impressive countenance was pale as parchment.

"The shock to the nerves has been very great," said the doctor, who was summoned hastily; "but for Mr. Rochford's bravery, my dear Lady Dalewater, her ladyship would not be alive now."

In a dim, far-off way Audrey heard all this, and pondered over it. She tried to ransack her brain to account for the accident, but in vain. Even when Jack came, and she felt his arms holding her close to his beating heart, her memory did not clear; she could tell him nothing, for she knew nothing herself; it only troubled her to think about it. So Jack took the doctor's advice and refused to allow any more questions.

"She is saved, thank heaven, and that is all I can say," he said, rather brokenly, to his sister, and then, when he found himself face to face with Rochford, he went straight up to him. "Rochford," he said quietly, "hitherto I have judged you harshly; henceforth I will try and be fair for that judgment. I owe my wife's life to you. Here is my hand. I only hope, some day, I may be able to show my gratitude to you and to repay you for what you have done."

Beverly replied by some graceful word, but as he was alone, he walked to the edge of the yacht and looked across the waters.

"Here endeth the prologue," he said to himself; "now the drama is about to begin."

CHAPTER XIX.

The party on board the Mona was broken up. Audrey's nerves were shattered for the time, so that Jack was not happy until he could remove her from the yacht to his home.

"What do you say to a short honeymoon all alone with me before we go back to Craiglands?" he whispered to her persuasively, and his heart rejoiced at the smile and blush with which she received his proposal.

And so, despite all Lady Dalewater could say, he carried his point, and three days after her accident Audrey left the Mona and went to the quietest and most solitary part of the island that was to be found.

She had one brief interview with Beverly Rochford, and her voice trembled as she tried to speak her thanks. Willie Fullerton was standing by, and somehow it pained and angered him to hear her doing this.

"Had it been on board I'll stake my existence it would never have happened," he murmured to himself, not understanding why so curious and strong a doubt of Rochford's bravery and honesty should cross his mind, but perfectly assured of the existence all the same. The day they left the tale of Wight Jack seemed full of mystery.

"Now, I wonder if you have the least idea where you are going to, my lady?" he observed, merrily, as they reached London and changed trains.

"Home to Craiglands, of course."

"No, not to Craiglands just yet."

"I really cannot imagine, then, but—" with a shy little blush, "I—I don't care where it is as long as you are with me."

They smiled and chatted on, happy and serene, till they reached their journey's end.

"Now do you know where you are?" Jack asked as they drove through some dingy streets in a cab, leaving Murray at the station confiding her disgust to her fellow servant, the successor to Henry Devas.

"No," she said in bewilderment. "I have never been here before."

"And yet you lived here all your life. This is Broadborough, Audrey, and—"

"Dear me, you are going to take me to see Jack, and I shall begin to be jealous of Mrs. Thwait."

"Mrs. Thwait?" Jack observed, with a twinkle in his eye. "She has left the home. Mr. Lulworth has adopted her. You see, I know all about it. I have been busy writing while you were dreaming."

They entered a house as Jack spoke.

"Then Jack knows I am coming?" Audrey cried, excitedly, and then, the next minute, she had sprung to a slender, gray-robed figure and had swung her arms about it with reckless disregard for the astonishment of the neat servant-maid, who the portly, kind-faced Mayor.

"Audrey—my queen!"

"Jack—darling!"

The joy of that meeting was not to be adequately described. All Jack's fears and stifled longings were swept away. Her Audrey was not changed; she

## most interesting. My father—

But Mrs. Fairfax drew back her chair. This low-born creature actually had the effrontery to be laughing at her.

"I—really don't think I will trouble you, Miss Thwait."

"Well," declared Joan, as she drove away, "so there are the masters of the aristocracy, are they? Give me phobias ways in future. What a horrid woman, Audrey, and did you see her face thick with paint?"

"She is certainly very disagreeable to me. Why should she have said that about Jack?"

"Because she is a cat, my dear child, and she felt she must scratch."

"Well, I was really most grateful to Mr. Rochford. He came to the rescue most gallantly."

Jean was silent so long that Audrey at last laughingly inquired the reason.

"I was thinking about that man, Audrey; you were quite right to fear him; he is dangerous. Mrs. Fairfax is a vulgar cat; her warfare won't harm you; but Beverly Rochford is a snake, and he will sting you when you least expect it. That is my humble but firm opinion. I may be wrong, but I don't think so. Be warned, my darling, trust to your first impulse and shun that man!"

(To be continued.)

## Trackless Trains Go Everywhere.

Locomotives without tracks, drawing behind them long trains of cars, and speeding over the highways, are to-day familiar sights in Europe, from France in the west, to Turkey in the east. Under the caption, "Trackless Trains Go Everywhere," Donald Burns, in the Technical World Magazine so writes. Wherever the ordinary four-wheeled vehicle can go, the trackless trolley can go likewise. The author describes one particular model, known as the Renard train, as follows: "This latest prodigy, the Renard train, is a train of passenger or freight vehicles, headed by a steam or gasoline locomotive which travels over country roads and town or city streets. The ordinary railway train calls for steel rails and a special right-of-way; the Renard train has no necessity for either of these, but shares the common highway with the horse-drawn vehicle."

Further on the writer says: "In France the Renard train has been used for military service with marked results. A convoy so transported occupies one-eighth the space of one drawn by mules, or horses, and it travels at a speed of ten miles per hour." Even Turkey and Persia, two countries which are noted for their backwardness in most things, have been quick to take up the new ideas.

## Simple Pleasures.

The stage-coach driver, who had pointed out many things of interest to his solitary passenger, flicked his whip toward a sign at the foot of a short, steep driveway. "Happy Brook Farm up there, you see," said he, genially.

"Stock farm?" inquired the traveler.

"Well, yes," said the driver, ruminatively, "yes, I callate that's what 'tis. They keep three cows an' make butter. Folks don't banker much for it after the first try, but I don't know as that's either here or there."

"Where's the brook?" asked the traveler, craning his neck.

"Well, now, the brook is off a quarter of a mile or so," and the driver looked apologetically at this fare, "but I callate when you name a place you can't get everything out and dried just as you want it. An' if you'd seen that whole family and the outlying relations looking at that sign when they first got it up, I guess you wouldn't have felt to carp and criticize."

"If ever there was a set of folks well pleased with themselves, then they were."

## Economy.

The country grocer was issuing instructions to his new assistant, a lad of 9 years.

"It's only by looking closely after the trifle," said the proprietor, "that a profit can be made in these days of close competition."

"Yes'm," came from the boy.

"For example," continued the grocer, "when you pick the flies out of the sugar don't throw them away. Put them among the currants."—"Evening Wisconsin."

## Natural Evidence.

Eva—Why, Katherine, your hair is all mussed up.

Katherine—Yes, dear; you—you see, Jack stole up and snatched a dozen kisses before I could scream.

Eva—But why don't you step in front of a mirror and rearrange your hair?

Katherine—Gracious! Why, I wouldn't do it for the world. Why, none of the girls would believe he kissed me.

## One Woman's Wisdom.

"I suppose," said Mrs. DeStille, "that we may as well send Miss Upson a solid silver teaset for a wedding present."

"Yes, that would be very nice," rejoined her daughter. "By the way, she told me she didn't intend to have the list of presents published in the papers, as she considered it vulgar."

"That being the case," continued Mrs. DeStille, "we'll send her a set of plated spoons."

## Old Story.

Gunner—During courtship days she said she would go through anything on earth for me.

Guy—Ah, and now that you are enjoying wedded bliss has she made good?

Gunner—Well, no. About the only thing she goes through is my vest pockets.

## Stalled.

Farmer Hardapple—Pays you right for automobiling on Sunday, neighbor. You know the way of the transgressor is always hard.

Chauffeur (of machine stuck in mud)—Well, old man, in this case the way seems to be extremely soft.

## A Fine Link Chain.

Teacher—Is there any connecting link between the animal and the vegetable kingdom?

Bright Pupil—Yes, mum; there's hash.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Captain Fritts-Egger, a Swiss cavalry officer, has invented a method of horse-shoeing by fastening the shoe to the hoof with metallic bands.