

The Weather

OAKLAND AND VICINITY—Clouds and rain 5:30 tonight and Thursday; at times scattered, moderate showers, possible in moderate westerly winds.

Temperature yesterday... Max. 68, min. 54

RAINFALL... 1.39

WIND... 11.50

SEA... 11.50

WATER... 11.50

ICE... 11.50

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LEAGUE TICKET ELECTED; BOND ISSUES ALL LOSE

DAY OFF FOR FIREMEN IS VOTED DOWN

Fourth successive victory at polls is scored for sponsors of new system of municipal government.

New Council Will Take Office July 1; Control Of Body to Be in Its Hands Until That Time

The entire council-manager ticket was swept into office in Oakland's municipal election yesterday in the fourth successive victory at the polls for the forces sponsoring the new system of city government.

At the same time the voters of the city expressed disapproval of the firemen's "day off" amendment to the city charter and defeated all three bond issues put before them on the ballot.

The Oakland Council-Manager League's councilmanic candidates—Arthur E. Newell, Mrs. Wilhelm W. Youkum and Dr. John F. Slavich—were elected by substantial majorities, the latter unopposed, although the name of former Mayor Frank K. Mott appeared on the ballot as a candidate for councilman at large No. 2. Commissioner Charles I. Anderson, former No. 1, was elected to the councilmanic office at large No. 1.

NEW COUNCIL WILL TAKE SEAT JULY 1

The election of its three candidates to the council yesterday completes the league's sweep of the new council, which will take office on July 1, the other six of the nine councilmen having been chosen at the primary election three weeks ago.

The league forces also gained control of the present commission form of government until July 1 when Ernest L. Thompson defeated Donald Marshall for the unexpired term as commissioner No. 3 for the unexpired term over Commissioner George H. Wilhelm.

The new short-term commissioners will assume office as soon as their election is certified, late today or early tomorrow morning, it was announced. The city council started the canvass of the vote at its meeting shortly before noon and was scheduled to complete the task late this afternoon. Thompson and Wilhelm then will be ready to take the oath of office.

CANDIDATES TO MEET AT CLUB BREAKFAST

Thompson and Wilhelm will join Fred L. Morrison, elected short-term mayor at the primary, on the present city council with Mayor John L. Davis and Commissioner Frank Colbourn.

All the successful candidates are scheduled to meet at a breakfast tomorrow at the Athletic Club under the direction of the women's and men's campaign committees of the league, headed by Mrs. Youkum and Carlos White, respectively.

At that time according to Harry J. Harding, president of the league, plans for a huge "civic day" demonstration to mark the inauguration of the new regime on July 1 are to be discussed. Preliminary plans, he said, call for a dinner, program, and a general civic celebration.

LEAGUE TO CONTINUE AS ORGANIZATION

"The league will continue as a permanent organization," Harding said, "maintaining constant vigilance against the efforts which doubtless will be made by politicians to regain control of the city government. It has been in the experience of other city manager cities that politicians do not easily give up and the forces of good government must remain active if they are to reap full advantage of the victory they have won."

The vote was high yesterday, a total of 36,732 ballots being cast. There was about 3000 more than were recorded in the primary three weeks ago when the council-manager ticket in the lone fight to establish the new system of government. The first was when the council-manager amendments to the city charter were adopted last fall, and the second came six weeks ago when the city hall freeholders' charter was defeated overwhelmingly.

SEWER AND PARK BONDS DEFEATED

Voters of the city yesterday repudiated the attempt to "finish the job" by electing three candidates whose choice assured unanimity in the new council.

At the same time the choice of Wilhelm and Thompson, the league held, was necessary to prevent "unfair saddling of debts and li-

2679 GIVEN DEGREES BY PRES. SPROUL

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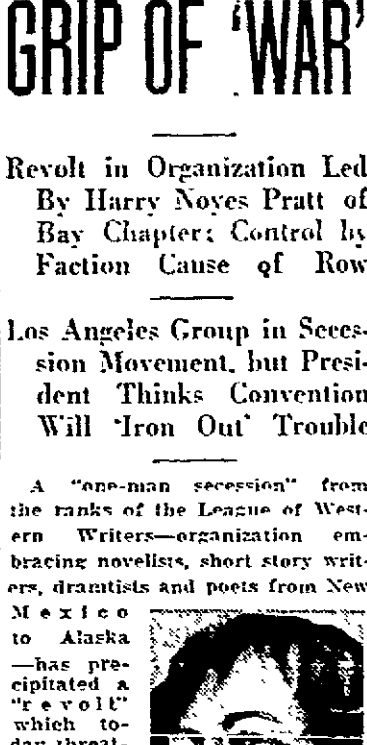
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New President PAUL DOUMER, who was elected president of France by the French parliament today.



Los Angeles chapter leader, Anna Blake Mezquida.

How Votes Were Cast In Election

Here are the results of the election in which a total of 36,732 votes were cast in the 470 precincts of the city:

FOR COMMISSIONER NO. 2, UNEXPIRED TERM

Ernest L. Thompson.....24,172

Donald L. Marshall.....12,562

FOR COMMISSIONER NO. 3, UNEXPIRED TERM

Mortimer F. Witholt.....19,982

George H. Wilhelm.....16,750

FOR COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT NO. 7

Arthur E. Newell.....20,889

Charles L. Anderson.....14,849

FOR COUNCILMAN AT LARGE NO. 1

Wilhelmine W. Youkum.....24,404

William J. Baccus.....11,994

FOR COUNCILMAN AT LARGE NO. 2

Dr. John F. Slavich.....25,236

Frank K. Mott.....7,484

ON THE FIREMEN'S "DAY OFF" AMENDMENT

No.....20,500

Yes.....16,483

ON THE \$1,300,000 SEWER BOND ISSUE

No.....21,328

Yes.....10,778

ON THE \$275,000 PARK AND PLAYGROUND BONDS

No.....24,817

Yes.....10,279

ON THE \$375,000 EXPOSITION BUILDING BONDS

No.....21,706

Yes.....14,057

S. F. FIRM WINS P. O. CONTRACT

K. E. Parker Co. to Build Oakland Structure on Bid of \$545,200

The contract for the new Oakland postoffice at Twelfth, Thirteenth, Alice and Jackson streets was awarded today to the K. E. Parker company, of San Francisco, on its bid of \$545,200, according to dispatches received here from Washington.

Work is scheduled to start soon after June 1 and the building to be completed and ready for occupancy within 600 days.

The contract was awarded, dispatches said, after a decision to use terra cotta construction, with granite foundations, instead of the sandstone which was an alternative. Terra cotta was chosen, it was announced, because of a strong sentiment in Oakland favoring the use of a California product in the new building.

DATE TO START WORK NOT FIXED

The exact date for the start of construction has not been fixed. The contract, signed by the secretary of the treasury, must be mailed to Parker for his signature and then returned to Washington. He also must file a bond to guarantee faithful performance of the contract. These preliminaries, dispatches said, will take from two to three weeks. The contract is valued at \$545,200 and will be given 600 working days in which to complete the job.

Parker was the low bidder among 18 contractors from all sections of the country on both types of construction, bids ranging from his offer of \$545,200 to \$1,000,000. Bids also submitted the low bid for sandstone construction with an offer of \$588,000.

FOUNDATIONS TO BE COMPLETED MAY 27

Foundations for the building, which have been under construction since last January, are scheduled for completion on May 27. George Peterson, of San Leandro, who won the foundation contract with a bid of \$38,480, announced today that his work is virtually complete and the foundation will be finished on schedule.

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SLIGHT STORM WILL CONTINUE

Trace of Rain Recorded Here and on North Coast; May Reach Valleys

A freak storm which broke in the bay region early this morning, bringing a trace of rain in Oakland and thunder and lightning in San Francisco, will continue intermittently along the northern coast, possibly in the central regions of the state tonight and tomorrow.

This was promised by forecasters at the government weather bureau, which declared the showers are caused by the breaking up of a humid condition in the interior, causing precipitation as warm cloudy air meets with cold winds off the ocean.

Especially Oakland, the only points in the state where rain fell early today were Eureka and Santa Rosa. The rainfall predicted by the weather bureau will be "spotty." The precipitation will not be heavy in any locality.

Thunder and lightning in San Francisco shortly after 6 o'clock this morning awakened thousands of persons to whom such noise from the elements, particularly at this time of year, is a rarity.

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COMMENT ON COMMUNISTS FLEE IN FACE OF ARTILLERY

Timely Topics BY CALVIN COOLIDGE

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 13.—All through the ages people have been seeking some material security. Outside themselves, it has not yet been found. There is a possibility that the quest is a delusion.

Great nations have arisen and sought safety in mighty armaments. Great men have sought safety in riches. Alliances among nations and combinations among men have striven for the same goal. Always some other national man, alliance or combination has arisen that was stronger. No temporal power, no riches can boast of much antiquity. Neither men nor nations have found permanent security in material power.

The nations of Europe are now attempting to apply this same system in their search for security. The same thought is working down among individuals the world over. They all want some assurance that no matter what happens some power outside themselves is to protect them from all evil consequences.

A league is to be a guaranty for nations and some obligation of society is to furnish support for individuals. While much could be done, the plans proposed appear very doubtful. In the end the security of nations and men must be sought within themselves, by observing the command to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly.

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Razing of Churches Continues: 14 Catholic Buildings Burning at Valencia, 22 Destroyed at Malaga

Troops Ordered to Shoot to Kill in Looting of Institutions by Crowds; Business Remains Tied Up

Uncontrolled reports said Communists had organized a demonstration and had planned to raid the bank while the main body of the crowd engaged the police.

Half an hour after orders had been issued regular army units were taken to positions to defend the bank. The first artillery, machine gun crews, tanks and armored cars to support the infantry.

Traffic was detoured, stores were closed and the shutters rattled down over the bank windows as its doors were bolted against attack.

14 CATHOLIC BUILDINGS BURNED

It was a stirring half hour as the soldiers swung into the avenue, set up their guns and prepared for action.

Evidently the strong display intimidated the crowd, for there was no disorder and in fifteen minutes the demonstrators began to leave and the troops were recalled to quarters.

In other parts of Spain disorders were subsiding but the provincial governors maintained martial law.

In Valencia smoke still rose from fourteen burned and burning Catholic buildings and soldiers with fixed bayonets guarded the burning buildings. The fire in the night but today the flames were under orders to shoot to kill and the streets were quiet. Damage there from the fires were estimated at half a million dollars.

At Granada the mob ran wild through the streets until early this morning. Three convents and the Jesuit faculty residence have been burned and looted there. Five persons were killed at Cordoba.

From Antander came unconfirmed reports that the Bourbon palace had been stripped of valuables and the Guardia police were guarding Catholic buildings there.

BUSINESS HALTS; EXCHANGE CLOSED

Business is tied up and the stock exchange here still is closed. The peseta dropped again today at 10:02 to the dollar.

In Madrid Attorney-General Galarza announced that the government would issue indictments against prominent monarchists, including former King Alfonso at Paris, charging them with plotting and provoking the disorders in an attempt to embarrass the republic.

(The correspondent of the London Daily Express quoted Galarza as saying Alfonso's extradition to answer the indictment, which has not yet been issued, would be sought.)

In many quarters Galarza's announcement was considered an attempt to appease some of the intense anti-monarchial clamor which has marked the rioting of this week.

The Salesian convent at Caneblu, near Alicante, was burned by a mob. Two convents and the offices of a Catholic newspaper, Murcia, were set afire. The Capuchine convent at San Lucar Barameda was completely destroyed.

Three churches at Algerias were attacked and images burned. The mob also attacked the asylum for the poor and some houses of the city.

It was learned that Cardinal Segura y Saenz primate of Spain, fled from Toledo yesterday in a motor car followed by a police escort.

All factories discharging workmen without reason were because of outbreaks were seized by authorities, it was announced.

The Count of Zamora, former member of the executive committee of the republic, fled from Madrid.

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Hawks Cuts Berlin To Hamburg Time

HAMBURG, May 13.—(AP)—Captain Frank Hawks flew here today from Berlin, taking 53 minutes for the 160 mile trip which the regular passenger planes usually require in two hours.

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TRAGEDY OF THE BOWL

Apprehensive glances were cast at darkened skies about as the ceremony unfolded in the great bowl, but the rain, except for a few scattered drops, held off until the last few moments. Then, just as the benediction was being spoken, a dark, driving began to cause the blossoming of hundreds of umbrellas among the audience.

The threat became a reality a short while later when a sudden brief shower caused some of the guests at the Alumni association luncheon, in Faculty Glade, to seek shelter in Stephens Union.

Two distinguished Californians, one a leader in the religious life of the state and the other an eminent barrister, were accorded honorary degrees by the graduates.

They were Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Catholic prelate of San Francisco, and Henry W. O'Meara, Los Angeles attorney and alumnus of the state university.

Honors as the "most distinguished graduate of the 1931 class" were accorded to Morysth J. Lee Goodwyn, St. Clair McQueen Williams, 20-year-old medical student, native of Berkeley, who finished her four-year college course in three and a half years with a record of almost straight "A's" for scholarship.

TRADITION DISCARDED DURING EXERCISES

Traditions of by-gone years were discarded today by the university's youngest executive for the sixty-eighth commencement exercises on the Berkeley campus. Modern expediency swept away the long and tedious process of distributing sheepskins and higher degrees. At the instigation of President Sproul, today's exercises were made an impressive formal academic pageant.

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RICH WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

Car Overturns, Pins Victim Down by Neck and Strangles Her

GILROY, May 13.—Miss Carrie B. Scull, 47, of Palo Alto, member of a wealthy and prominent California family, was strangled to death today when her automobile overturned on the highway four miles south of here.

A friend who was riding with her, Mrs. M. C. Gould, also of Palo Alto, escaped with cuts, bruises and shock.

The two women were en route to a ranch that Miss Scull owned and operated at Goleta, near Santa Barbara, according to H. Ray Fry of San Jose, the dead woman's attorney.

CAR SKIDS, UPSETS AND TRAPS DRIVER

Mrs. Gould said Miss Scull turned her car to pass another machine. The automobile skidded on the highway, which was wet with fog, struck the dirt shoulder beside the pavement and overturned.

Miss Scull was thrown clear of the car but the running board of the overturned machine fell across her neck and pinned her head in the soft earth. She was dead when passing motorists lifted the machine and extricated her. Examination of the body here indicated that death was due to strangulation.

Mrs. Gould was brought here for treatment, after which she was taken to her home at 425 Embarcadero road Palo Alto.

OWNER OF LARGE REALTY HOLDINGS

According to Fry, Miss Scull was the daughter of a former partner of the late Leland Stanford, founder of Stanford university, and held a large real estate interests in various sections of California. She recently refused an offer of \$150,000 for the Goleta ranch, he said, when the city of Santa Barbara sought to purchase the land for a municipal airport. She lived alone in a mansion at 250 Lowell avenue, Palo Alto.

Miss Scull personally managed the Colet ranch, Fry said, and made frequent trips there to superintend its operation.

There are no immediate relatives, the attorney said, and funeral arrangements have not been completed.

PROTESTS, CIRCULARS CARRY ON BATTLE

Pratt, secretary of the San Francisco chapter, protested to President Smith, Neta Marquess, president of the Los Angeles chapter, followed with another protest and demanded, in addition, a reclassification of membership based on writership alone.

She was supported by all the writer-members of the San Francisco bay chapter.

Protests, circular letters and correspondence sufficient for half a dozen nations were passed between the various factions. The Los Angeles chapter sounded its charges; the parent body responded with something that sounded awfully like "don't be silly"—and Los Angeles ceased.

Mary Sails to Join 'Doug' in England

NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—Mary Pickford sailed on the Bremen early today to join her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, now in England. She said they would make a tour through Holland, Switzerland and Italy.

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