

and operate the same. Since the appearance of the jitney in Seattle the street car company claims that it has lost heavily on its investment and public sentiment being favorable to the jitney it apparently being impossible to drive it out, though it has been badly hampered. The stock holders, it is argued, see even worse conditions for them in the future than in the immediate past and to dispose of the entire street car system and lighting plant to the city, would mean no further loss of money on their part. The move on the part of the city authorities to throw the company in the hands of a receiver has not been discouraged by the local authorities of the company and this has given color to the allegation. If there be anything in this and if it should happen to come about then Seattle would be in municipal ownership up to its head and if there be any merit in the theory, it would have to be brought out or the city would herself soon be in bankruptcy. With the city operating the street car system the question is, would the jitneys be permitted to operate as they have been; or for self protection, would the city council force them completely out of business? which should be done, whether the street cars are operated by the present, some other company or the city. The jitney is an interloper and merits no consideration at the hands of the public.

#### THE JITNEYS IN CLOVER

Since the mind of man runneth not to the contrary it has been said, "Its an ill wind that blows no one good," and the street car strike has proven so to the jitney men. Not only those jitneys that were already in service took a fresh lease of life, but hundreds of others went into the business, and during the few days the street cars have been tied up, they have each realized hundreds of dollars from the business of conveying passengers to and from the business center of the town. Some of the Ford car owners have made on an average of fifty dollars per day and the big truck operators have doubled and trebled that amount. William Chandler the fuel dealer at once threw one of his big trucks into the game and it has simply been coining money for him ever since. Other colored machine owners also went into the business and they have done exceedingly well and we are not so sure, but that they are really glad that the car tie up happened.

#### CHIEF BECKINGHAM RIGHT!

In discharging a policeman, who refused to obey orders and protect the strike-breakers, while they are making their deliveries for the various express companies, Chief Beckingham has done his duty and his whole duty, and in case others assume a like attitude as did the one already discharged, then they too should be fired immediately, if not sooner. An officer must obey orders though he has to do things that he himself thinks absolutely wrong. In another column hereof we have taken the same position on this strike as has the chief of the police, that is, clear the streets of excited strikers, who sooner or later would cause untold blood-shed, if permitted to terrorize the streets as they had for a number of days. It will be remembered that the police last summer in the water front strike took the same attitude as did the man discharged by the chief last Thursday, and we have always suspected that the mayor and the chief also shared in the same attitude, and they stood silently by while the mobs beat up and in one instance, killed the colored strike breakers. In taking the oath of office as a policeman or an officer of the law you are no longer yourself. You bury sentiment and your personal sympathies then and there. In the performance of your duty not even those near and dear to you, guilty of wrong, can appeal to you. An officer of the law must do his duty as laid down by his superior and his failure to do so should be the signal for his immediate discharge.

#### THE PASSING SHOW

The week ending has been fraught with strikes and rumors of strikes not only in Seattle, but all over the country. The street car men of Tacoma opened the week with a general tie-up of all the lines in the city. The company refused to recognize their union as well as to grant other demands and so a general strike was ordered. From the stubbornness on the part of both employer and former employe the trouble promises to be of long duration, though the city authorities may step into the breach and demand a settlement for the benefit of the patrons of the various lines.

A general strike among the loggers and shingle weavers has been on for the past week and unless the same be settled in the very near future it will involve the various saw mills of the state and in that case the entire lumber industry will be paralyzed.

The I. W. W. all over the country have become exceedingly active and fomenting trouble whenever and wherever they can and if they continue at the gate they have been going it is only a question of time when the whole country will be gurgling like a seething kettle and a condition like unto civil war will prevail throughout the United States.

The story sent out by the Associate Press to the effect that four German submarines were sunk by American men of war, while conveying the U. S. troops to France, the same emanating from a German source, sounds so fishy that, it was foolish to send it out in the shape of news. Such may have happened, but the Germans themselves would hardly have reported it.

In the death of Bo Sweeney, assistant secretary of the interior, the Northwest loses another of its prominent national officials. Some weeks ago Will H. Parry died and owing to political squabbles that are going on no one has been named as his successor and the probabilities are that none, at least from the Northwest, will be. The vacancy made by the death of Sweeney will but add another place to fight over and it looks as if the Northwest is in line to be completely overlooked.

Germany (Monday) seems to be facing a genuine crisis at home, arising from the peace party now gaining strength all over that country, but the Kaiser is defiant and

insists that Germany fight it out if it takes all summer and all of her men. Austria is reported sick of the game and her people are demanding a break away from the Kaiser and his armies. How much of the reported German internal disturbance be actually true is hard to say because the news comes from an anti-German source.

Monday's report declared the Russian soldiers had the Austrian army on the run and that too in a demoralized condition.

Seattle, like Tacoma, is now paralyzed with a complete street car tie up. The men did not strike for more pay, but for a recognition of their union, which the company's officials declare they will never do. Sympathy emanating from the people in general seems to be with the strikers, though that is liable to change at any minute. The much despised jitneys on the part of the traction company is in the meanwhile enjoying a financial harvest.

Striking for principal and not money will work for a time, but the fellow needing the money will get tired pretty d——n soon.

It is fun to watch the strikers trying to force the other fellows to strike. From their view point this is a case where two wrongs make one right.

Germany has been given three months more to continue the fight. Judging from the past, she is likely to take three years more, and then get a draw decision.

Editor Bone may not be a very effective editorial writer for a metropolitan paper, but he is pulling off a master essay stunt which appears in the P.-I. every morning.

Roosevelt denounced the East St. Louis outrage, charged it up to organized labor and dared Gompers to deny it, but he took the dare, though he sputtered and spewed about it like a tom cat after eating an overdose of wild onions.

"Frame up politicians" have already begun to work over-time in King county and the next county officers so far as the frame uppers are concerned, have already been nominated and elected, and the people be damned.

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