

CITY DAD'S HAVE STRUCK A BIG SNAG CALLED PUBLIC OPINION---BEER LICENSE PRACTICALLY DEAD

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Overawed By Public Indignation Expressed in Gigantic Petition, Council Refers Beck License Back to Committee Which Will Call Upon Mayor to Explain---Star's Story Confirmed

At the close of one of the most exciting sessions in its history, the city council last night practically killed the Beck license for a beer garden at Madison park, which came up for final passage. This was done by indirectly passing the proposition up to the mayor, the license ordinance being again referred to the license and revenue committee. The only dissenting vote on the motion to refer back the license was made by Councilman Conway, of the First ward.

der those conditions he would support the license, if Beck could get seven of the councilmen to sign it. "I want to remark here that the members who voted for the license are willing to bear their full responsibility, but they demand that the city's chief executive accept his full share also."

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THE NEW G. O. P. ONE-RING CIRCUS



NO. 2--THE STAR EQUESTRIAN AND THE ELEPHANT IN THEIR GREAT ACT.

TOOK ONE LIFE TO PROTECT ANOTHER

MRS. HARRIS ADMITS STRANGLING HER LITTLE GRAND-CHILD TO PROTECT THE NAME OF HER DAUGHTER.

(Special to The Star) SPOKANE, June 14.--"Yes, I killed the baby. I choked him with a string, and it's there on his neck yet."

plains showed their horror of the awful situation, told how she had taken one life in a crazed effort to protect another. It was a situation dramatic and astounding.

Richard Mansfield White, of the city council committee of the Civic Union, also entered a protest in behalf of the license, although he stated that he was no "anti-saloon" man.

MAJOR KEEPS MUM. Mayor Ballinger this morning stated that the license had not yet been officially called to his attention, but would not discuss the matter further. It is not probable that the matter will come up again officially until the next meeting of the license and revenue committee next Monday, when the committee

Business Section of Northern Suburb Practically Wiped Out---Flames Destroyed Four Buildings Before Department Arrived---Broken Water Main Handicapped Fire-Fighters

Fire destroyed fully \$18,000 worth of property early this morning at Latona, and for a time it looked as though the entire business section of the suburb would be destroyed. The fire started shortly after 2 o'clock and had burned for half an hour before the fire apparatus from Fremont and the city arrived on the scene.

BIG MINE EXPLODES

JAPANESE OFFICERS AND MEN ABOARD TRANSPORT KILLED WHILE LAYING MINES AT ENTRANCE OF PORT ARTHUR HARBOR

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) CHEE FOO, June 14.--While the Japanese transport Tai-Hoku Maru was laying mines at the entrance of Port Arthur harbor Monday evening one of the mines exploded, killing two officers and eighteen men and wounding two officers and seven privates.

OVERAWED BY NUMBERS. Had it not been for the unanimous showing of disapproval last night by 200 representative citizens, many of whom were not able to find room in the lobby, it is highly probable that the license bill would have passed.

ASKED PLAIN QUESTION. "I then said, 'Mr. Ballinger, I am supporting your policy. The license and revenue committee has been giving you such support as no like committee of the council has ever given a mayor before. Now, I want to know if you want me to support this thing?'"

NOT AN EXCUSE. "THE EXCUSE THAT 'BLIND PIGS' CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED IS NO EXCUSE. If the pigs are so blind that the police cannot find them they cannot do very much harm. In restricting the sale of liquor at the pavilion to beer it is admitted that the free dispensation of liquor at the park is wrong.

BOWEN'S HARD TASK. Bowen was delegated to make the explanatory speech and the motion to refer the license back. He delivered every word of it as ordered and with emphasis, creating a sensation in the lobby.

TELL PLAIN TRUTHS. "I doubt if the members of the council," he said, "understood how unpopular it would be when they voted for the license, and that they were under the impression that the mayor and chief thought it would be best to grant it. I fully appreciate

the task that has been undertaken by the mayor and chief and I BELIEVE THEY THOUGHT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BEER GARDEN WOULD BE THE BEST MEANS OF ERADICATING THE 'BLIND PIGS.' If they thought so, THEY MUST SINCE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE TEMPER OF THE PEOPLE IS DECIDEDLY AGAINST SUCH AN INNOVATION. I do not believe that the Germans of the city want any special privileges. There are 260 or 270 saloons in the city, and I do not believe that anybody's health is endangered from inability to obtain spirits.