

PULLMAN HIGH FARES AND BAD SERVICE ARE NEXT

(By United Press.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Cheaper Pullman fares and better Pullman service is what Geo. S. Loftus, chairman of the National Railway association, has started to get for the public. Loftus has been in Washington this week getting his case before the interstate commerce commission.

"We see no reason," said Mr. Loftus, "why the Pullman company should go on paying from 15 per cent to 20 per cent on its capitalization, and giving the public the same out-of-date, expensive and poor service it has been getting since Pullman cars began."

Mr. Loftus began his case in St. Paul. The commission sent a member there to hear it. Then the Pullman company refused to give testimony. Now Mr. Loftus has amended his petition, and made the complaint a general one, embracing the whole Pullman situation, and the commission is preparing to send a member to Chicago to hear the evidence.

"The railroad stockholders are interested in this proposition quite as much as the traveling public," Mr. Loftus declared. "The Pullman company has been able to hold up all the roads, compelling them to sign a lease for each car, so that the car returns dividends whether it earns them or not. And when it does not earn them, it comes out of the legitimate revenues of the road, and the stockholder in the Pullman company wins."

The evidence which Mr. Loftus will produce at the hearing is calculated to show why the railroads

THE MATINEE GIRL WITH THE KNOCKOUT DROPS

(Seattle Star's Exclusive Service.)
 NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The innocent looking matinee girl with a box of daintily disguised knockout drops for wealthy women is the latest arrival from the underworld.

She plays for high stakes, this demure-faced maiden. She buys a box seat in a theatre she has studied well, and the character of whose patrons she has analyzed to a nicety.

When the victim arrives the box may be empty. Presently the demure-faced one enters and her big eyes open in well simulated wonder. Or perhaps she may be waiting wide-eyed and timid.

The sympathetic matron is attracted by her fresh young innocence. She ventures a casual remark and the shrinking one replies with becoming diffidence. Gradually the conversation grows and the matron is charmed by the naive manner of the girl.

Slowly the matinee maid loses her protecting reserve. She unobtrusively offers her box of knockout drops, and asks her advice on the little questions that perplex young girlhood.

And the matron, delighted at winning her confidence, talks in a heart to heart way with the air of that superior wisdom of the middle aged.

Her jewels flash dazzlingly before the girl's wonder filled eyes, and woman-like she enjoys it.

So it goes until the bill is half gone. Then the innocent one tears the wrappings off a box of caramels and proffers the luscious dainties to her temporary chaperon. And they munch contentedly and watch the play.

They leave the box and reach the ladies' parlor, the girl leading assistance that is more needed as every step. Once there the matron collapses. And while the attend-



ants are busily engaged in ministering to her needs, the girl confidently takes charge of her purse, her hand bag, and such jewels as it may be advisable to remove. Then in the excitement she disappears.

Mrs. Robt. Fox of New Rochelle, wife of a fur dealer, was the first victim of the new game. She was robbed of jewels valued at \$125 and \$75 in currency, in a Broadway theatre, after knockout drops had been administered through the medium of brandy drop candy. For two days she was at the point of death.

Detectives, working upon descriptions furnished by her and the parlor attendants, arrested Alice Moses, 16 years old, daughter of a prosperous ribbon manufacturer, but who had left home some time ago because she could not agree with her stepmother. She was found in the orchestra circle of the same theatre in animated conversation with two richly dressed women of middle age, who admitted they did not know her.

When searched Mrs. Fox's purse was found in the girl's stocking. She denied having taken the missing jewels, or having administered knockout drops. The police are now hunting a mysterious middle-aged woman who frequently visited the girl at her rooms, and who is believed to be a feminine Fagan.

The girl refuses to disclose the identity of her mysterious friend.

PROTEST AGAINST POOR CAR SERVICE

Residents of the Green Lake district are complaining bitterly of lost time and inconvenience caused by the retracements in the operation of the Green Lake car line by which the Seattle Electric company saves the wages of a few motormen at the expense of its patrons.

For the past two weeks the car service on the line has been doubled up by hitching two cars together, the forward car dragging the rear car, thus saving the wages of a motorman by each combination.

The result is longer waits between cars and slower running time.

Disgruntled patrons who have timed the cars claim that the running time is prolonged 15 minutes by the change, and have figured that the delays occasioned by the poor service take two days' time per month from the man who is forced to travel on the line.

The Green Lake, Wallingford av., Fremont-Ballard and Fremont lines are all greatly overcrowded in the rush hours of morning and evening.

PASSING THE DOPED CANDY TO THE WEALTHY VICTIM.

ALICE MOSES, 16, WHO IS UNDER ARREST.

Presently there is a suspicious quiver about the matron's lips. She has paled strangely and there is a dizziness and a queer numbness of the brain coming over her. The girl is quick to detect, quick to inquire and offer assistance.

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TRAINMEN MAKE REQUEST.

A committee of the trainmen from the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads has been sent to St. Paul to request the management to recruit the operating force for the new Spokane, Portland & Seattle line from among the employees of the two roads.

ALASKANS FACE STARVATION

"Starvation confronts a thousand people unless some means is found for landing provisions." This is the declaration of E. E. David, a mining contractor, who has just reached Seattle from Catalina, Alaska.

Mr. David said that there is no harbor at Catalina, and all cargoes are lightered to gasoline launches, of which there are five at that point, owned or leased by private persons, who demand exorbitant prices for going out for freight. They get as high as \$25 for putting a passenger on the boats," David declared.

At one time this winter no provisions were received at Catalina for two months, David declared, although they had been shipped out of Seattle, and starvation was near at hand for the 1,000 people in the town.

When work on the line was suspended, David says, the Catalina Railroad company, a mining line, gave food and lodging to 300 of its laborers free of charge for two months.

DONLAN'S VICTIM A PROFESSIONAL

Under the name of John Miller, Steve Liptak, the burglar shot and killed by Officer Donlan early Monday morning while resisting arrest, occupied a room at Turner's hotel, 161 West Main st., and in this room yesterday the police found plunder that Liptak had stolen.

Turner believed from the description that Liptak and his guest named Miller were the same, and the identification was made complete later in the day.

Goods stolen from the store of M. Druxman several weeks ago were found by the police in Miller's room, together with newspaper clippings of various burglaries and robberies.

It is believed the man kept a scrap book of all newspaper stories regarding his own misdeeds.

PUBLIC MARKET PRICES TODAY

Business was brisk on the market the past few days. This morning a large number of wagons with produce were on the market.

Yakima Burbank potatoes are quoted at \$1.25 per sack delivered. Sunnyside Royal spuds are delivered at \$1.50 per sack. Ben Davis apples, fancy Wenaschee apples, are selling at \$1.10 to \$1.25 per box delivered.

Onions have been advanced by the wholesalers and as a result market dealers are only selling 6 pounds for 25c.

Milk fed chickens are due on the market tomorrow.

Large Japanese oranges, the best of the brand, are being sold at 8c per dozen, or two dozen for 15c.

Today's quotations are:

Ranch eggs, 35 to 40c doz.; Eastern eggs, 25c doz.; Oregon eggs, 35c per doz.

Washington creamery butter, 40c; Iowa creamery, 2 lbs. 55c-65c; local ranch, 35c.

Fancy Swiss cheese, 25c; Wisconsin full cream brick, 2 lbs. for 35c; smiler cheese, 15c.

Chickens, 20c lb.

Mutton chops, 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2 lb.; rib steak, 15c; porterhouse, 15c lb.; sirloin, 12 1/2 lb.; round steak, 11c lb.; shoulder steak, 3 lbs. for 25c; hearts, 15c each; tongues, 45c to 50c each; liver, 5c lb.; roasts, 8c to 9c lb.

Potatoes, 18 lbs. for 25c; \$1.50 per sack.

Sweet potatoes, 4 lbs. for 25c.

Beets, 3 bunches for 5c.

Onions, 2 bunches for 5c; boiling onions, 12 lbs. for 25c.

Dried onions, 5 lbs. for 25c.

Carrots, 3 bunches for 5c.

Radishes, 4 bunches for 5c.

Parsley, 3 bunches for 10c.

Turnips, 3 bunches for 5c.

California perennials, 15c to 30c dozen; Japanese perennials, 35c dozen.

Artichokes, 4 for 25c.

Celery, 2 bunches for 15c.

Cucumbers, 10c.

Spinach, 5c per lb.

Cabbages, 5c to 10c.

Sweet peppers, 25 cents doz.

Horse Radish, 10c lb.

Rutabagas, 1 1/2 lb. for 5c.

Sauerkraut, 5c lb.

Lettuce, 2 for 5c.

Pop corn, shelled, 2 lbs. for 15c; on cob, 5c lb.

Lemons, 15c to 20c per doz.

Fancy apples, \$1.00 to \$2.50 box; cooking apples, 50c-60c per box; 10 lbs. for 25c.

Cider, vinegar, 35c gal.

Cider, 40c to 50c per gallon.

Pineapples, 40c each.

New nuts—Filberts, 18c lb.; black walnuts, 5c lb.; English walnuts, 10c-20c lb.; almonds, 23c lb.; pecans, 20c lb.; Brazil

WANTS TO SAVE NECK OF MURDERER

(By United Press.)
 VALDEZ, Alaska, Jan. 30.—Attorney Dillon, of Fairbanks, is here to argue before the district court an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Luke Perovitch, now under sentence of death at Fairbanks. Gov. Hogart recently reprieved Perovitch to February 1. His attorneys now claim that the governor had no power to set a date for the hanging.

WILL SING SEXTET FROM LUCIA

By special request Miss Daisy Thorne, the talented operatic singer, who will be the soloist at the Pianola Recital to be given by the D. S. Johnston Co. this evening, has consented to sing the Sextet from Lucia.

This is the first time this beautiful composition has been heard in Seattle for some time. Miss Thorne will also sing several other pretty selections. She will be accompanied by Mr. Horrie at the Metropolitan Pianola.

The instrumental programme is a varied one, embracing several light, airy selections, as well as two exceedingly difficult piano numbers.

It is a program of unusual excellence, and will undoubtedly tax the capacity of the dainty Johnston Co. Recital Hall and Third and University. Complimentary reserved seat tickets may be secured on application at the Pioneer Piano House. Following is the program:

DREDGES FOR KLONDIKE.

(By United Press.)
 DAWSON, Jan. 30.—The Yukon Basin Gold Dredging company, organized by William Ogilvie, former governor of the Yukon, is planning to put a fleet of 10 dredges on Stewart river, near Dawson. The contract will be closed in San Francisco, the first dredge to be delivered at White Horse, May 15, this year.

Cheap Colonist Rates

Westbound during March and April by Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. From Chicago \$35.00, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City and Missouri River points \$30.00, St. Louis \$35.50. Tell your friends or make deposits at Union Ticket Office, 608 First Ave. E. E. Ellis, General Agent.

THE GROTE-RANKIN CO.

Complete Furnishers of Homes, Steamboats and Hotels

An \$11.00 Iron Bed on Sale Tomorrow at \$6.95

This Bed is in full size only, and may be had in cream and gold, green and gold or black and gold. Head is 65 inches in height, posts and top rods are of heavy tubing, with five heavy fillers in head and foot ends. Has fancy ornamental chills, decorated in gold. Is a very handsome, substantial bed, one that will make a very good appearance. Regular price \$11.00; special tomorrow \$6.95

Special \$1.95

Jardiniere Stand on sale is similar to illustration, but has three legs, instead of four, and has triangular shelf below. Is made of selected quarter-sawn oak, in early English finish. Round top measures 12 1/2 inches across, and stand is 17 1/2 inches in height. Regular price \$3.00; special tomorrow \$1.95

A heating stove is a necessity these chilly days. We carry a very good line of moderately priced heating stoves, built for use of either coal or wood. Call in at any time; we are always pleased to have an opportunity to show these stoves and demonstrate their good points.

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Friday HOUR Sale

No Mail, Telephone or C. O. D. Orders Filled for Hour-Sale Merchandise, and the right to limit quantities reserved.

8:30 to 9.	9 to 10.	10 to 11.	11 to 12.
Handkerchiefs. Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs, made from good quality of white cambric, with white and colored borders. During this half-hour, each1¢	Children's Caps. Assorted lot of Children's Silk, Velvet and Hearnskin Caps and Bonnets, in colors; values to \$2.00; odds and ends. During this hour49¢	Lace. Beautiful Cotton Torchon Lace, stout but loosely twisted threads in a splendid variety of pretty patterns; regularly worth from 10c to 15c a yard. During this hour, a yard2¢	Skirt Braids. Goff's Angora Skirt Braids, 3-yard bolts, in black, brown, blue or tan. During this hour, a bolt3¢
Bromo Seltzer. The Famous Bromo Seltzer; our regular 10c size. During this half-hour5¢	Dress Gingham. 27-inch Dress Gingham, in stripes and checks; regularly worth \$1.35. During this hour, a yard5¢	Belts. Women's Black Kid Belts, regularly priced at 38c. During this hour, each19¢	Men's Fast Black Cotton Sox. Men's Fast Black Cotton Sox, with all white foot, seamless and a good wearer. During this hour, a pair10¢
Table Oilcloth. Best 48-Inch Table Oilcloth, in white and marble designs, tile or fancy. During this half-hour, a yard14¢	Sweaters. Women's and Girls' Sweaters, in assorted sizes, in the most desirable shades and a large variety of pretty styles. During this hourHalf Price	Peroxide. 1/4-pound bottles of Peroxide of Hydrogen; regularly sold for 19c. During this hour, a bottle9¢	Oil Cans. 1-Gallon Heavy Tin Coal Oil Cans, regularly sold at 19c each. During this hour12¢
Val. Lace. A splendid assortment of beautiful Valenciennes Lace, in neat designs; up to 10c a yard. During this half-hour, a yard1¢	Toilet Paper. Extra Large Size Rolls of fine Tissue Toilet Paper; regularly sold for 10c a roll. During this hour, a roll5¢	Women's Gowns. Women's Flannelette Night Gowns, good length and wide, in fancy stripes; has reinforced yoke, trimmed with finishing braid; sold special at 69c. During this hour, each15¢	Wrappers. Women's Long, Loose, Fleece-Lined Wrappers, neatly made, with full flounce at bottom; our regular \$1.75 line. During this hour95¢
Pearl Buttons. Dainty, Fine, Clear Small Ocean Pearl Buttons. During this half-hour, a dozen4¢	Swiss. Beautiful Curtain Swiss, in dots and other new spring designs; regularly sold up to 15c a yard. During this hour, a yard11¢	Women's Silk-Lined Mocha Gowns. Women's Silk-Lined Mocha Gowns, in brown, tan and gray; regular value \$1.75. During this hour\$1.39	Women's Drawers. Women's Fine Muslin Drawers, in all sizes, with full ruffle of cambric, with cluster of 5 tucks; band top; regular 25c. During this hour19¢
Cheviot. 50-Inch All-Wool Imperial Cheviot, in navy blue and dark red; suitable for tailored suits, coats and separate skirts; regular price \$1.75. During this half-hour, a yard\$1.19	Coal Hods. Well-Made Galvanized Coal Hods, regularly sold at 29c each. During this hour, each26¢	Gloves. Women's Silk-Lined Mocha Gowns, in brown, tan and gray; regular value \$1.75. During this hour\$1.39	Ribbon. Beautiful All-Silk Taffeta Ribbon, in assorted colors, up to 3 inches wide, for bows, trimmings, etc.; values to 12 1/2c a yard. During this hour, a yard\$1.3¢

BARGAIN SQUARE

Women's Very Fine Black Cotton Stockings, Friday, a Pair 12 1/2¢
 Friday we will place on sale at the Bargain Square one case of Women's Fine Black Stockings, guaranteed fast black, well made and seamless; you have paid 25c and got no better. Friday, a pair, while they last 12 1/2¢

1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 4.	4 to 5.
Handkerchiefs. Men's Fine, Soft Linen Hemstitched White Handkerchiefs; regularly sold for 12 1/2c each. During this hour, each7 1/2¢	Thimbles. Silver Thimbles, stiffened for practical use; all sizes. During this hour, each4¢	Furs. Women's Fur Scarfs and Children's Sets, in chinchilla, brook mink, French chow and ermine, with head trimmings; beautifully lined with good satin; our regular \$3.50 values. During this hour\$1.69	Chiffon Voile. B. Priestley's All-Wool Chiffon Voile, in black only; very fine; 44 inches wide; regularly sold at \$1.50 a yard. During this hour, a yard\$1.10
Gloves. Women's All-Silk Cashmere Lined Gloves, in blacks, assorted browns and grays; sizes up to 6 1/2; regular price \$1.15. During this hour, a pair60¢	Men's Night Shirts. Men's Fine Flannelette Night Shirts, all sizes and worth regularly \$1.00 each. During this hour73¢	Tablecloths. Beautiful Snow White Bleached Table Damask; 58 inches wide. During this hour, a yard23¢	Musical. The following Popular Music—"School Days," "Red Wing," "Dreamland Waltz," "Good-Bye, Sweetheart," "Honey Boy," "Grand Old Lady," "Sunset" (rag), "Galloper" (march). During this hour, a copy15¢
Tumblers. Very Thin Engraved Water Tumblers, fire polished; regularly sold at \$1.00 a dozen. During this hour, each4¢	Men's Fine Flannelette Night Shirts. Men's Fine Flannelette Night Shirts, all sizes and worth regularly \$1.00 each. During this hour73¢	Shell Hair Pins. Finely Polished Horn and Shell Hair Pins, highly polished and strictly first quality, in shell and amber color. During this hour, each1¢	Golf Gloves. Black Wool Golf Gloves, in all sizes; regular 50c quality; special during this hour35¢
Floor Oilcloth. Good, Heavy Floor Oilcloth, 1 1/2 yards in width; 3 patterns to choose from; our regular 40c square yard. During this hour, a square yard28¢	Wash Goods. Beautiful Lawns and Batistes, in dots, figures and plaids; regularly worth up to 20c a yard. During this hour, a yard7 1/2¢	Washboards. Strong, Durable Washboards, made in Seattle; our best 35c seller. During this hour, each19¢	China Cups and Saucers. Our regular 19c China Cups and Saucers, decorated and gold band. During this hour, a cup and saucer11¢
Embroidery. Beautiful Nainsook Embroidery, in eyelet effects; extra fine value; 9 inches wide; regular 35c a yard. During this hour, a yard15¢	Moreen. Good 24-Inch Wool Moreen, in black only; wears and rustles like silk; ideal for petticoats; regular \$3c a yard. During this hour, a yard63¢	Window Shades. Good Linen Opaque Window Shades, 36 inches wide by 7 feet long; in medium and light green; guaranteed roller. During this hour27¢	Towels. 22x40-Inch Turkish Bath Towels, full bleached; our special 25c grade. During this hour, each19¢
Plaid Suiting. Beautiful Cotton Plaid Suiting, in wool effects; 36 inches wide; regularly sold for 25c a yard. During this hour16 2/3¢	Embroidery. Beautiful Firm Nainsook Embroideries and Insertions; extra fine quality; embroidered scalloped edges; regularly worth 15c. During this hour, a yard7¢	Pongee Silk. Imperial Pongee Silk, for medium and long coats and dresses; regular price \$1.25 a yard. During this hour, a yard89¢	Wrist Bags. Women's Assorted Leather Wrist Bags, in black and colors; all beautiful, desirable styles; regularly worth up to \$3.00. During this hour, each\$3.95
Pillow Tops. 35c Lithographed and Stamped Pillow Tops; lots to choose from. During this hour, each19¢	Lace Curtains. Beautiful Lace Curtains, regularly worth up to \$3.00 a pair; 50 inches wide by 3 yards long; 11 designs to choose from. During this hour, a pair\$1.90	Castile Soap. Famous Beccabelli Castile Soap, in green or white; regularly 8c cake. During this hour, a bar5¢	

Sale of Women's Coats Friday at \$2.50

It's a fortunate purchase of Women's and Misses' Coats, picked up by our New York buyer. They come in dark gray mixtures, velvet and braid trimmed; their true value we will let you estimate; all we can say, if you are in need of a coat, you'll be disappointed if you let this sale pass without securing one. Your size is here. All go at, each \$2.50

One-Half Price for All Remnants Friday--One-Half

Friday we will close the store's remnants at exactly one-half their regular remnant price. They include remnants of linens, silks, dress goods, wash goods, toweling, sheetings, pillow cloth, etc., etc. One grand effort to rid the stocks and store of remnants that have accumulated during the various January sales. Choose and pay Half Price

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