

**THEY SAY:**  
A woman wants a romantic man to make love to her, but needs a matter-of-fact one to support her children.

**HEARD ABOUT A. D. McMIX?**  
The only A. D. McMIX is a little closer today. He won't stop traveling on Christmas Day. Watch The Star for him.

# ROOT IS BEFORE BAR COMMITTEE TODAY TRYING TO CLEAR NAME

## BOULLON DECLARES HIS HANDS ARE TIED BY LAW

HE JOINS WITH STAR IN PLANS TO SECURE DECEMENCY.  
BY ARTHUR CALLAHAN.  
Declaring himself fully aroused by the outrages perpetrated on the streets of Seattle by the Seattle Electric Co., Mr. Bouillon, superintendent of public utilities, this morning assured me that from this time on he should have his own cooperation in compelling that corporation to stop the crowding of its cars.

## PATHETIC SIGHT AT HAINS TRIAL



GEN. AND MRS. PETER C. HAINS. Pathetic Figures of the Hains Trial, at Fushing, Are the Venerable Parents of Thornton and Peter Hains.

The franchisees place small power in the hands of the superintendent of public utilities, said Mr. Bouillon. "This office has complaints enough of the manner in which its cars are packed to the point of indecency in some hours of the day, but the power to remedy these conditions lies, not with the superintendent of public utilities, but with the city council."

On October 19 four ordinances were prepared by Mr. Bouillon which provided for schedules on three lines of the Seattle Electric Co.—Fort Lawton, University and Broadway and Pike, and also an ordinance providing a schedule for the Old Renton line.

These ordinances were immediately referred to the corporations committee. Since then they have slumbered in the pigeon holes of the clerk of that committee.

## ONE POKE TO THE JAW

MR. DEE RESENTS WITH BLOW ATTEMPT MADE TO COLLECT BILL.  
LECT BILL.  
John Schefer of Oyster Bay, near Charleston, this state, is nursing a broken jaw because he attempted to collect a bill of \$8 from Matt Dee, ex-comedian, ex-auctioneer, and a few other "uses."

## WILL WARM CHAIR IN CITY JAIL

Denny Shea will spend Christmas in jail.  
Denny is chairman of the Chair Warmers' convention, which meets in night session at a Washington st. saloon.

## ARE WORKING FOR PEACE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—By U. P.—With a view to opening negotiations looking to a peaceful settlement of the differences between Holland and Venezuela, former Foreign Minister Paul is now on his way to The Hague from Caracas.

## BROKERAGE FIRM IS SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—By U. P.—Marshall Spader & Co., one of the largest brokerage firms in this city, was today suspended from the stock exchange by the board of governors for a period of three years.

## GOVERNOR COSGROVE SENDS HIS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Editor Star:—Give my Christmas greetings to the people of the state of Washington. In body in California; in mind and heart with the people I expect to serve.  
S. G. COSGROVE.

## DENOUNCES CONVICTION OF GOMPERS AND OTHERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—By U. P.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who, with John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, was sentenced to jail for violating an injunction, did not appear at his office early today to read the thousands of telegrams that arrived over night from all parts of the country. All of the messages offered support, and denounced in mild terms the decision of Justice Wright ordering the labor leaders to jail.

## TOM AND JERRY PUT JERRY OUT

Jerry Artoian, a lawyer, came down from Snohomish yesterday afternoon to accumulate a Christmas jag.

## "NAY, NAY, NOT SO," QUOTH HE

G. H. Williams, an itinerant photographer, was hailed before the police judge this morning to answer to a charge of begging.

## NO MONKEYING NOW, BUT MUST PRODUCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—By U. P.—United States District Attorney Sims today demanded that the Nelson Morris Packing company be compelled to produce certain private books and other documents needed as evidence to present to the grand jury in connection with rebating cases.

## DAL ROBERTS IS MADE HAPPY

Dal Roberts, the rotund clerk of the police justice court, was pleasantly remembered by his associates this morning.

## MASKED BANDITS ROB AGENT

SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—By U. P.—It has just been learned that three masked bandits in cowboy garb held up and robbed the agent at Breville, Wash., on the Marcus division of the Great Northern railway, a few nights ago.

## CITY PRISONERS TO FEED ON "TURK"

CHRISTMAS at the city jail will be signaled by a big turkey feast. Those unfortunate who are detained will revel in turkey and all the "trimmings."

## CONGRESS TO GET A TAME REPLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—By U. P.—Indications are that persons who expect President Roosevelt to say something of a personal nature in his message to congress replying to the inquiry as to the basis of that portion of his message dealing with the secret service, will be disappointed.

## TAFT STRIKES OUT AT BURTON

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—By U. P.—Chas. P. Taft indirectly struck at Congressman Burton, his principal rival for election as senator.

## NEWSPAPER BOYCOTT AGAINST LAW

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—By U. P.—To boycott a newspaper doing an interstate business is an offense which falls directly under the decision of the supreme court in the haters' case, declared Judge Sanders, of the United States district court, in charging the grand jury today.

## LETTERS TO GORDON ARE PRINTED FOR FIRST TIME

### ROOT-GORDON LETTERS

Letter from Root to Gordon, dated Olympia, Aug. 1, 1908: "AM ANXIOUS ABOUT OUR FRIENDS. AM EXCEEDINGLY EMBARRASSED BY PROMISES MADE ON ASSURANCES RECEIVED. I HATE TO BOTHER YOU, AS I KNOW YOUR POSITION, BUT IF THEY CAN BE JOGGED UP A LITTLE IT WOULD WONDERFULLY HELP THE SITUATION. Begging pardon for annoying, which I would have done only because of my extremity, I beg to remain, as ever,  
"Very truly yours,  
"MILO A. ROOT."

Letter from Root to Gordon, dated Olympia, Sept. 26, 1906: "YOURS ENCLOSING TRANSPORTATION RECEIVED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

Letter from Root to Gordon, dated Olympia, Feb. 11, 1908: "Expect to go to Seattle, Thursday, 13th, and will probably not return to Olympia until Feb. 24. If you are in Seattle during that time, I shall be glad to see you."

Letter from Root to Gordon, dated Olympia, April 24, 1908: "When you are over on this side, please let me see you."

Letter from Root to Gordon, dated Olympia, April 30, 1908: "I will try to be at the Butler in Seattle Friday at 3 p. m. If you are not there, I will call again at 3:30, and if I fail I will call again at 4. I wish to see you as early as 3, if convenient, as I go away that afternoon to Tacoma."

Another letter, a copy of which could not be secured, showing that Attorney Gordon, of the Great Northern railway, wrote the now famous Harris-Great Northern rehearing decision, is in the hands of the committee.

## SHE GETS \$10,750,000 IF SHE STAYS INSIDE FENCE



BARONESS VON ECKHARSTEIN.

(Star Special Service.)  
LONDON, Dec. 2.—Of course there really isn't any fence, but there are legal bars, made with the full knowledge and consent of the Baroness von Eckharstein, that keep her within the confines of England at least 240 days of each year. The bars are of gold, and represent \$10,750,000 in money.

### Accused Justice Is Shown to Have Used Railroad Passes.

Broken in health and spirit and little more than a shadow of his former self, Milo A. Root, late supreme court justice, is this afternoon before the investigation committee of the State Bar association in an effort to explain away letters and documents that have been construed by others as reflecting upon his judicial integrity.

Some of these letters are printed on this page of The Star today for the first time in this city. They were secured by The Star in Spokane yesterday, and are among the letters used by M. J. Gordon in his attempt to save himself through the sacrifice of his former friend, Root.

That Contribution.  
The letter dated Olympia, Aug. 1, 1908, evidently refers to the \$300 which was to have been sent Root by Gordon for his campaign expenses.

The money was to have been sent to E. B. Palmer, Root's former law partner, but was never sent. Root has already told friends of this incident, and long ago admitted having written Gordon two or three letters relating to the offered contribution.

The letter dated Olympia, Sept. 26, 1906, brings a new feature into the investigation, in that it indicates that Root, while supreme court justice, accepted transportation from the Great Northern railroad.

Not of Importance.  
The other letters merely tend to prove the existence of a close relationship between Gordon and Root. Such relationship might, of course, with all propriety, exist, inasmuch as Gordon and Root and their families for many years past have been very intimate.

Judge Root has declared to his friends that when he was given the opportunity he would be able to explain away every letter ever written by him to Gordon that might in any way be construed as indicating the payment to him of any money, with the single exception of those letters relating to the contribution Gordon offered to make to aid him in his campaign.

Root's Opportunity.  
This afternoon Root is being given that opportunity. With the exception of possibly one more witness, he will be the last to be heard by the committee. The report to be made to the president of the State Bar association will be prepared within a few days, and will be forwarded.

It is believed that this report will mark the end of the Root matter, and that it will have no other effect than determining Judge Root to make no move toward qualifying for the full term to which he was elected last November.

Palmer and Lysons.  
Yesterday afternoon E. B. Palmer and J. Will Lysons were before the committee and questioned, it is understood, regarding the \$300 Gordon contribution to the Root campaign fund. It developed that Root had authorized Palmer to expend the money on Gordon's promise that he would send it, and that Lysons had disbursed it in payment for advertisements in country papers and for other printing.