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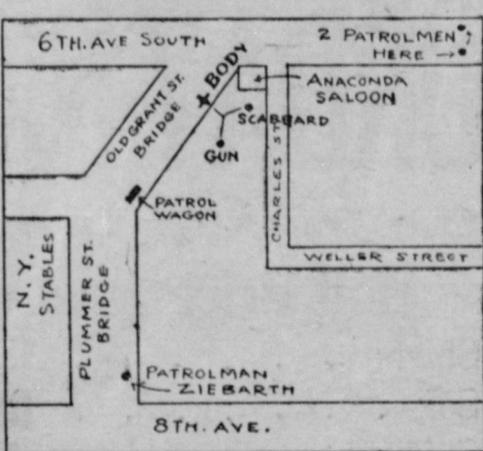
THE STAR AIMS To give you all the news as soon as it happens and in a way that will interest and instruct you.

BOUILLON SAYS IT'S UP TO COUNCIL IT ALONE CAN FORCE INCREASED CAR SERVICE

MAN MORTALLY WOUNDED; CENTRAL SALOON ROBBED

THE POLICE LOOK FOR WOUNDED MAN'S COMPANION. Mysterious Shooting and Burglary on the Tide Flats.

With the report of a pistol shot and the discovery of Harry L. Heliosis lying in a pool of blood on the old Grant st. bridge, over the tide flats, there developed this morning what promises to be one of the most interesting murder and robbery mysteries that has occurred in Seattle for many months.



SCENE OF FATAL SHOOTING, SHOWING CLOSE PROXIMITY OF POLICEMEN.

J. W. CORSON OPTIONISTS IS SUED TODAY NOT IN A HURRY

EFFORT IS MADE TO RECOVER LARGE SUM.

His Drafts for Thousands of Dollars Are Unhonored.

Suit for the recovery of unhonored drafts amounting to \$14,200 was instituted in the superior court this morning against John W. Corson, Nome mining operator, and who last summer was a candidate for delegate to the United States congress from Alaska.

On behalf of Corson's creditors the case will be fought by Bert A. Northrup, representing the collection agency in this city with which the drafts were placed for collection.

According to the complaint filed today the first of the drafts issued by Corson and subsequently unhonored was to F. G. Manley of Fairbanks in the sum of \$2,000 on July 17, 1908.

All of the transactions are alleged to have been made through the First National bank of Fairbanks, Alaska.

THE WEATHER. Occasional rain tonight and Saturday; brisk southwest winds.

MESSAGE ON CENSUS VETO

ROOSEVELT SENDS A POINTED REPLY TO CONGRESS. Says Census Taking Has Been a Graft—Makes Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—By U. P.—After placing his veto on the national census bill, President Roosevelt today sent a message to congress, giving his reasons for refusing to sanction the measure in its present form.

The president's message reads: "I herewith return without my approval a bill of the house of representatives, No. 16,954, entitled 'An act to provide for the thirtieth subsequent decennial census,' and I do this with extreme reluctance, because I fully realize the importance of supplying the director of the census as early as possible with a force necessary to carry on this work.

"But it is of high consequence to the country that the work of the census shall be conducted with entire accuracy. This is important from the standpoint of business industry, as well as from a scientific standpoint.

Remove Suspicion. "It is, therefore, my judgment that it is essential that the result shall not be open to suspicion of bias on political or personal grounds, and that it should not be open to the suspicion that it is a waste of the people's money or a fraud.

"Section seven of the act provides in effect that the appointment be under the 'spoils system,' for this is the real meaning of the provision which relates to non-competitive examinations. A proviso is added that employees shall be selected without regard to political affiliations.

Only Way is Clear. "There is only one way to guarantee that these shall be selected without regard to politics and to their merits, and that is by choosing them after competitive examinations from lists of eligibles provided by the civil service commission.

President Roosevelt quoted Director North that those who pass non-competitive examinations have in more than an equal chance of appointment with political pressure the determining factor. He added: "Wants Spoils Divided.

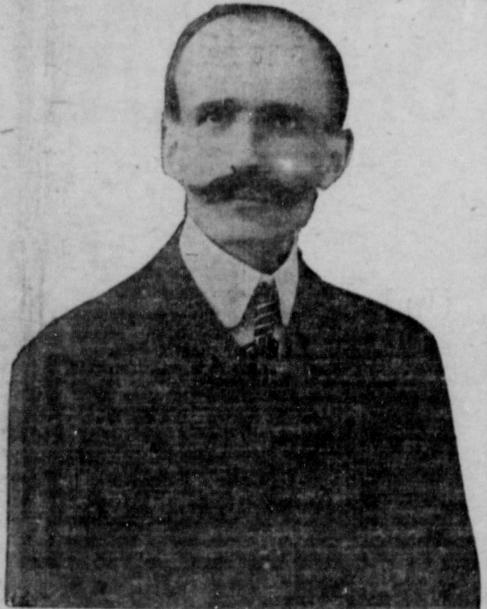
"To provide that clerks and other employees be appointed after non-competitive examinations and get to provide that they shall be selected without regard to party affiliation merely means that the appointments will be treated as perquisites by both parties instead of perquisites for politicians of one party.

"I do not believe in the doctrine that to the victor belong the spoils, but I think even less of the doctrine that the spoils be divided without a fight by professional politicians of both sides. This would result in permitting the bill in its present shape to become a law. Both of the last censuses were taken under provision of the law excluding competition and every man competent to speak with accuracy has stated that the result was to produce extravagance and demoralization.

Money Can Be Saved. The president quotes Frederick H. Wins, assistant director of the census of 1900, Robert T. Porter, who took the census of 1890, and

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SIXTY MORE CARS NEEDED TO HANDLE THE TRAFFIC



A. V. BOUILLON. Superintendent of the Department of Public Utilities, Who Has Completed an Exhaustive Report on Local Street Car Conditions.

Says Star Ordinance Doesn't Provide Sufficient Room for Standing Passengers—Makes Full Report on Present Conditions.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Quantity. Electric cars in service: 272. Electric cars required to properly handle service: 320. Cable cars in service: 38. Cable cars required to properly handle service: 50.

REMEDIES SUGGESTED. First: The passage of ordinances prescribing the standard of service on the respective lines as to capacity, number of cars, and intervals at which they shall be run. Second: The passage of ordinances to specify those features of street cars and operation thereof, upon which depend the comfort and safety of the passengers. Third: That instructions be given to the law department to institute the necessary legal proceedings to stop the operation of trailers.

A. V. Bouillon, superintendent of public utilities, this morning placed in the hands of Thomas P. Revelle, chairman of the council committee on corporations, his report upon the street car conditions in Seattle. This report is made pursuant to instructions from the city council at the time of the introduction of the Star ordinance limiting the number of passengers to be carried in each car. Regarding the Star ordinance, known as council bill No. 7227, Mr. Bouillon said: "I deem council bill No. 7227 improper as a remedy for the conditions complained of, and, in my judgment, its provisions are inadequate, and its adoption and enforcement would not procure material relief. In criticism of the bill, I submit that its allowance of platform area per passenger is too small for comfort, convenience and safety; such allowance should be four square feet. If, however, the bill is further considered, I would advise that before its adoption provisions be added thereto requiring proper gates and operating mechanism therefor, also signs in front and on sides of cars indicating to persons outside when the car is loaded to its capacity in order to prevent efforts to board full car.

FIGHT DESPERATE DUEL TO DEATH

ALEX. S. SMITH IS KILLED BY W. S. DUDLEY.

Following a quarrel supposedly over who should have the credit for the arrest of two Northern Pacific freight car thieves, Alex S. Smith and W. C. Dudley, special detectives of the railroad company, engaged in a pistol duel at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the freight shed at Second and King sts., in which the former was instantly killed, and the latter shot through the neck and hand.

Twelve bullets in all were fired, five of which came from Smith's .25 caliber six-shooter, and the remainder from a .25 automatic carried by Dudley, which was entirely emptied into the body of the dead man, completely riddling it.

J. A. McLean, a freight checker, was a witness of the whole affair, as were Charles Clark, W. R. Weir, D. Dick and T. S. Carlson, all employees of the railroad company, who were working nearby in the shed. Dudley is said by these men to have been the aggressor in the affair, and is now under police guard at the Seattle General hospital, where it is said his wounds will not prove fatal.

Smith was a widower, living at 621 Blanchard st. with his son, Frank, who is West Seattle superintendent of the Independent Telephone Co.

Dudley has a wife and family in Tacoma. Both have been engaged in detective work for many years. It was stated today that Dudley would recover. Coroner Snyder has not yet determined when the inquest over Smith's body will be held.

WILL FENCE UP TRACKS

THIS ACTION THREATENED IF NOT REMOVED FROM DANGEROUS POSITION.

As a result of the action of the Star in disclosing the dangerous condition of the street car tracks at the curve on Eleventh av. and Pine st., the board of public works today instructed Chairman Bouillon to notify the Seattle Electric company to immediately place the tracks in a safe condition.

Unless steps are taken by the company to brace up the sandy banks on which the cars are operated by tomorrow evening, the board will probably order Superintendent of Streets Maloney to build a fence across the tracks, absolutely shutting off the operation of cars along that portion of the tracks which are regarded as dangerous.

LOOKS FOR WAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—By U. P.—John Joseph Conway, the London magazine writer, who arrived here today, declared that England expects a war between the United States and Japan.

Faces a Jury Today—Alex Meyer was this morning tried on a charge of burglary before Superior Judge A. W. Frater. Meyer is charged with having entered the Manhattan hotel on December 22 last and looting the room of M. B. Roush. The case is still in progress.

A WEEK WITH OLE HANSON'S RACE TRACK BILL—OR A REAL "MARATHON"

A cartoon strip showing a horse race on a track. The days of the week are labeled: SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY. The horses are labeled with names like 'OLE HANSON'S BILL', 'JUDICIARY COMMITTEE', 'SENATE', 'AMENDMENT', 'RTB', 'SHOO', 'JUDY, COM.', 'SENATE'. The cartoon depicts the progress of the bill through the legislative process over a week.