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## ARRESTS FRIGHTEN THE GILL GANG

### THREATS FOR GOULD GIRL ON HER WEDDING MORN



Lady Decies, the bride, and Lord Decies, the bridegroom, in the uniform of a British army officer.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 7.**—Threatening letters sent Miss Vivien Gould, warning her against marrying Lord Decies, are in the hands of the police today. All were anonymous, and their contents were kept secret from Miss Gould. One of them read: "My dear, sweet girl, beware! Remember the fate of your aunt who married a blue-blooded nobleman, the rotten remnant of a declining race. There are still Count De Castellanes waiting to snatch up poor, clean American girls for their dollars. Once they have done this, they soon throw aside the pure young things and return to their ways of dissipation."

### The Story of a Woman and a Big Street Car Co.

**Supreme Court Hits Woman in First of Fern Hill Damage Cases Which Comes Before Stone-Webster Corporation Scores Another Victory.**  
In cutting down the damages awarded to Mattie LeClaire, the supreme court at Olympia this morning handed down a decision that will help the Tacoma Railway & Power Co., a Stone-Webster corporation, in its fight with the people of the suburbs of Tacoma.  
Mattie LeClaire was awarded \$1,900 by a Pierce county jury. Judge Chapman cut the damages to \$750. Today the supreme court doubled them to \$1,500 and put the case on appeal (about \$250) on the defendant.  
**She Is Out \$150.**  
So that Mattie LeClaire is out about \$150 because the company appealed, although she won the case.  
The opinion was written by Chief Justice Rudkin, whom Taft recently elevated to the federal bench at Spokane, and concurred in by Judges Dunbar, Crow, Chadwick and Morris.  
The Tacoma case is similar to that of the people of the Duwamish valley. The Stone-Webster railroad raised the fares charged to its suburban patrons. Fern Hill, one suburb, annexed to Tacoma, but the company refused to let the people ride for five cents.  
On the night of December 17, 1909, Mattie LeClaire boarded a car at Midway station, at about 6:30, for her home at Spanaway. She paid the full fare demanded, but many of the passengers refused to pay the extra nickel and the company switched the car to Alki. Mrs. LeClaire had to stay on the car till 11 p. m. in the morning, when she hired a team and drove to her home, arriving at 3 a. m.  
**Court Is Sarcastic.**  
The supreme court in passing on the case admitted that the woman had sustained damages, but classified them as a slight cold and the inconvenience of being detained from her home. The court held that if it put a premium on such inconveniences by paying high damages, "Spanaway would be a Mecca and Tacoma would be depopulated."  
Although Mrs. LeClaire is out \$150, not counting her attorney's fees, as a result of the litigation, the court ruled that the matter of going to court was within her control.  
The railway monopoly had taken the appeal from the superior court. This is the first of the Fern Hill blockade cases to reach the supreme court.

### MOTHER VIEWS BODY OF MURDERED GIRL

**Mrs. Flora Gillette, mother of Gerna Gillette, the chorus girl who was murdered by her Greek admirer, James Vlassos, Sunday night, viewed the body of her daughter yesterday at the Butterworth morgue.**  
While she knew the Greek, she was unaware that he would eventually end her life.  
Coroner Snyder and Deputy Coroner Northwick, as well as the police, got no stock in the theory that two other men were implicated in the slaying. Miss Viola Gillette, leading woman of "The Beauty Spot"

### Hodge's Men on Watch for Illegal Voters in the Vice Districts

**Oscar Collins, Negro Leader Below the Line, Jailed by Deputy Sheriff—Roberts Threatens Arrest of Election Officials if Any More Irregularities Are Attempted.**  
The first arrest for illegal voting was made before 9 o'clock this morning by Deputy Sheriff Roberts. He arrested P. J. Yellum, in the third precinct of the First ward, on a John Doe warrant, and sent him to the county jail.  
Yellum had registered from a below Yesler lodging house.  
**GILL'S COPS CLASH WITH SHERIFFS.**  
The first clash between the sheriff's office and the police came just before this. Deputy Luther Mills had just stepped inside the Waldon hotel, at Sixth and Yesler, where the polling booth for the fifth precinct of the First ward is located, when four policemen jumped on him.  
"You get out of here," they shouted. "You've got no right to be in here." And they put him out.  
The policemen, Geer, Baker, Collins and Symmonds, remained inside the hotel after ejecting the deputy sheriff.  
The Waldon hotel was raided last summer and a crowd of men who live off the earnings of women were driven from there to Clancy's Detroit hotel.

**NEGRO SALOON MAN NABBED.**  
A half hour after this clash, Oscar Collins, negro saloon keeper and gambler, who for two weeks has been arranging to handle the colored vote below the line for Gill, tried to vote at the Waldon hotel precinct.  
A Dilling man challenged him. Collins swore his vote in. Then Deputy Mills was called and placed the negro under arrest. Collins protested vigorously.  
"You're an ex-convict," said Mills. "You've no right to vote."

Collins' arrest will undoubtedly throw a scare into the negro voters below the line, whose leader he was.  
Collins handled a lot of Jack Johnson money at the Reno fight. He was reputed to have cleaned up a fortune for himself over the match.  
The first effort at intimidation came early, when John F. Dore, Gill's attorney and chief campaign prater, and "Fryday" Frye, the mayor's law partner, started around the polling places, telling the inspectors to disregard the John Doe warrants.

Deputy Sheriff Roberts followed close on the heels of Dore and Frye. "Those John Doe warrants are all right," he said to his deputies. "You use them whenever it is necessary."  
**GANG TRIES TO STEAL VOTES BY WHOLESALE.**  
The third arrest for fraudulent voting today came when deputy sheriffs nabbed Pietro Ramacciapi in the first precinct of the Fourth ward. Challenger Otway Pardee challenged Ramacciapi, as not being registered, then called the sheriffs in.  
A wholesale attempt to steal votes in the second precinct of the Third ward was only checked by prompt action on the part of Deputy Sheriff Roberts.

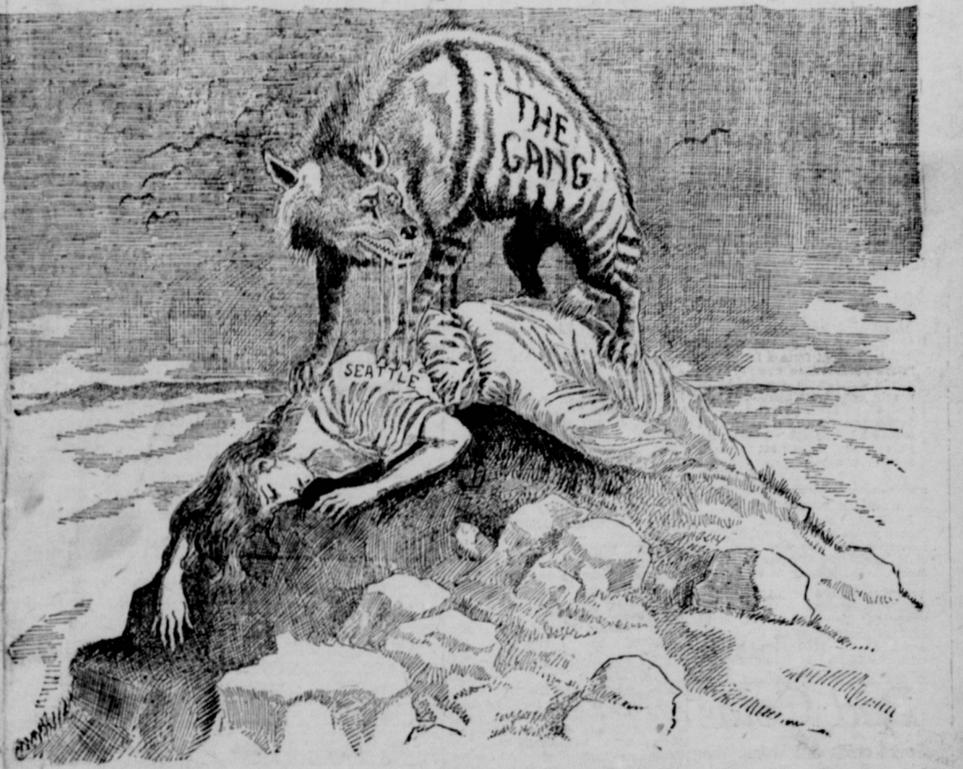
Over the protests of Challenger Moore, the Gill gang was rushing men into the booths six at a time. The men were not even registered. Attorney Roger Revelle, brother of Councilman Revelle, who was outside the booth, went to Moore's aid, but was ejected by the police. Revelle succeeded in blocking part of the fraudulent voters but they returned later to try again.  
Despairing of getting any aid from the police, Revelle appealed to the sheriff's office. Roberts hurried out in an automobile. The gang had cleared out by then, but Roberts served notice that if any more irregularities were attempted he would arrest all the election officials.

### Witness Tells How He Lost Money on Hillman Land

**The first of C. D. Hillman's alleged victims appeared in Judge Donworth's court this morning as a witness—Anton Gardner, a butcher, who had sold out his Iowa homestead three years ago for \$4,100 and sunk all the money in Boston Harbor.**  
Gardner, a widower with seven children, paid Hillman \$1,000 cash for two lots which he was told were worth \$1,400, but which he found later others were paying \$200 for on easy payments. He also put up a \$1,000 house.  
Gardner was told, he testifies, that three transcontinental railroads were building to Boston Harbor and that many industries were going to be established.  
Hillman himself, according to Gardner, on one of the Yosemite excursions, made a speech saying

that the Union Pacific owned the upland at Boston Harbor, but that this was a secret. Gardner was told, he testified, that he could start a butcher shop and supply the hotel that was to be erected.  
Gardner lived at Boston Harbor seven months. The only work he could get was hauling a few ties for Hillman he said. He went to Boston Harbor, last week, Gardner testified, and all the machinery that was piled on the dock three years ago was still untouched. The shingle mill had worked only two weeks when he was there, he said, and had employed only four or five men.  
**Wanted Taxes Cut.**  
Ernest Bateman, cousin of Hillman and one of his managers until August, 1909, testified to the cor-

### THE ISSUE AGAIN



Reprinted From The Seattle Star of March 7, 1910, the Day Before the Last Mayoralty Election.

### HEAVIEST VOTE IN HISTORY OF CITY

Good weather today is helping Dilling's cause. With the biggest outpouring of voters in the history of Seattle, the Dilling managers are confident of victory.  
"Dilling will win by 15,000 votes," said John G. Higgins, his campaign manager, at noon today. "The heavy voting in the residence districts makes his election practically certain."  
"Our checkers in the various wards report a surprisingly heavy Dilling vote. In the Third ward it is running 3 to 2 for Dilling. In the Seventh ward it is 2 to 1 for Dilling. In the district north of the canal it is 3 to 1. On Queen Anne hill Dilling is leading by a 2 to 1 vote."  
"The First ward voting is light. The arrest of Collins and the other two men for illegal voting has evidently thrown a scare into them."

**EXPECT 60,000 VOTES.**  
Owing to the good weather and the fact that the citizens of the residence sections are thoroughly aroused to the menace of Gillism, a total vote of 60,000 is predicted today. At every polling place in the anti-Gill wards, there was a continual stream of voters all day.

### MRS. SEATTLE AT POLLS TODAY

With perfect weather conditions, the biggest early vote in the history of Seattle—this was the indication from the opening of the polls this morning.  
In one precinct, the fifth in the Fifth ward, 101 votes were cast before 10 o'clock. In the 16th of the Seventh ward, 30 votes came in one right after another in the first 30 minutes—a vote a minute.  
From all over the city come similar reports of heavy early voting. From Ballard, Green Lake, the University district, Capitol Hill, and all the residence districts comes the report of unprecedentedly heavy voting.  
A considerable portion of the vote is women. But the men are doing their part even in the early residence voting.  
Many picturesque scenes were enacted in the morning's voting. Occasionally a woman, richly dressed, with gold and silver mounted chapeau and a Mexican hairdresser's terrier yipping at her side, drove to the polls and was helped out.  
No one had to look to the flaring banners at the back of the car to find the words, "Vote for Gill."  
But for one who drove up in a Gill auto, a dozen women walked to the booths. Busy women stopped on their way to their grocery or the meat market. Without hats or coats, with perhaps a shawl thrown over their heads, they walked to the ballot box for the first time, with perhaps a dozen eggs in one hand and a ballot in the other.  
"I don't care who knows it," they often challenged the men around the booth, "I voted for Dilling."  
The first woman to vote in the 16th precinct of the Seventh ward was Mrs. Rebecca Hall, 80 years old.  
Mrs. Hall was waiting at the door of the fire station, where the precinct voting place was located, when the polls opened.  
Two men who were also waiting gave precedence to "Grandma" Hall.  
"I'm voting for Dilling," she announced proudly.  
Rev. Everett M. Hill, pastor of the University Methodist church, was challenged by a Gill worker when he tried to vote in his precinct, the second of the Tenth. Dr. Hill swore his vote in. His wife, who immediately preceded him, was not molested.  
"I have been in the state for three years," said Dr. Hill. "Though I have only lived in Seattle since September."  
Dr. Hill is one of the courageous ministers who attacked the Gill vice regime. He made a special plea to the women last Sunday, "If I Were a Woman on Tuesday," being the theme of his morning sermon.  
This was probably the reason for his being annoyed by the Gill worker, his friends say.

### WHAT ABOUT IT?

A year ago in the mayoralty election, Clancy's precinct below the line returned a 319 to 10 majority for Hiram C. Gill.  
The underworld wanted Gill then—it wants him more badly now. Gill is the candidate of the forces of vice.  
If Clancy's followers want Gill that badly, how hard will Green Lake and Ballard and the University district and the other residence sections turn him down?  
**GILL AND VICE.**  
**DILLING AND DECENCY.**  
**THERE'S NO EVADING THAT ISSUE.**