

Oh, You Tennis Fans!  
Don't Overlook This

NEXT week Norris Williams, new tennis champion, is going to tell Seattle players, thru The Star, just how to go at the game if you want to become an expert. Williams can explain the game as well as he plays it. Watch the sport page.

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Fair Sunday. Cooler tonight

TIDES AT SEATTLE

High. Low.

3:49 p. m., 13.6 ft. 7:59 a. m., 11 ft.

8:09 p. m., 9.6 ft.

## ADMITS VISIT TO GIRL'S ROOM

CHIEF LANG'S silly explanation of his wine party-cabaret girl escapade, made public today, emphasizes his scandalous unfitness for ANY responsible position.

THE CHIEF ADMITS EVERY ESSENTIAL CHARGE AND STATEMENT MADE BY THE STAR. HE HAD TO. HE WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

But the chief of police lies, AND HE KNOWS HE LIES, when he says The Star held this information as a club on him in any way. The Star never demanded anything from Lang except that he should enforce the law impartially, protect decency, and eliminate brutality in the police department.

The Star never even knew about Lang's night in Tate's cafe and the Fairmount hotel when it demanded a full investigation of the brutality charges against Officers Phillips and Collins.

The Star did not promise Lang, as he intimates, to say nothing about the cabaret girl affair if he would fire these two patrolmen. The Star never made any statement to Lang or any demand

which it did not make in the printed columns of the paper. And it never made any promises to withhold publicity.

The important outstanding fact of the whole affair is that the chief made a disgraceful exhibition of himself in a public place, and in the early hours of the morning went to a cabaret girl's room—WHERE HE HAD NO BUSINESS TO GO.

The chief admits he sat and boozed at Tate's cafe. The rules of the house were broken to permit the girl singer to sit and drink with him and his

friends. And the rules were broken because "it was all right with the chief of police."

If any ordinary policeman had acted the way Lang did, he would have been summarily suspended. In the case of a chief of police, the misconduct is infinitely worse.

IN A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, SUCH CONDUCT MIGHT BE CONDONED AND EXCUSED. IN A CHIEF OF POLICE, SUCH CONDUCT STAMPS HIM AS A PUBLIC MENACE.

Caught with the goods, the chief now pleads

that he did all these things because he wanted to find out if certain police officers were "spying" on him. Any peace officer who saw Lang emerge from the cafe, and meet the cabaret girl, and go with her to the Fairmount hotel at 2 o'clock in the morning, who would not be curious enough to follow him, would not be human.

Just how Chief Lang could detect "enemies" and "spies" by sitting at a wine table and having a girl drink with him and his friends, is not plain. It's also a mystery just how the chief could detect "spies" by remaining for nearly an hour in the room of the cabaret girl on the third floor of the Fairmount hotel.

It's also a bit confusing to note that Lang says none in his party was drunk, while Mayor Gill explains that Lang was in Tate's cafe "attempting to keep a couple of our prominent citizens quiet."

LANG'S "EXPLANATION," ABSURD ON ITS FACE, IS A CLINCHING ARGUMENT FOR HIS REMOVAL. MAYOR GILL'S DUTY IS PLAIN. SO IS THE COUNCIL'S.

### ONE OF THE GAMBLING JOINTS PERMITTED BY THE POLICE TO DO BUSINESS



"The Green Room," a Spring st. resort, notorious among those who know Seattle by night. It has been operated as a gambling joint, un molested by the police, for several years.

## GAMBLING ALLOWED BY POLICE

GAMBLING joints have been operating in Seattle, month in and month out, under police protection. At the time Sheriff Hodge and Prosecutor Lundin took office, the word went out from police headquarters to the gamblers to close down for a while. For two weeks the gamblers didn't turn a card or a wheel. And then they opened up again. Just now, as a result of the turmoil caused in the police department by The Star, the gamblers are taking another layoff. Last night the curtains of many so-called "clubs" were up and men inside were innocently playing pool.

The Star has made an investigation this week of some of the places Harry L. Dunaway, defaulting N. P. ticket agent, named in his note to the public, telling how he stole \$5,000 to pay gambling debts. Chief Lang says the city "never was more free of gambling." This is the first of a series of articles which will appear in The Star, written by reporters and special investigators who have entered these places, which are operated under the very eyes of the police in the downtown district, and played the games. Real names and addresses will be used.

By a Star Investigator

FIVE men were huddled together in the little anteroom of one of the most flagrantly defiant gambling "joints" in Seattle.

It was 1:30 o'clock p. m. The name of the place, as it appears on the windows, is the "Green Room." It is on the ground floor, close to the alley between Second and Third aves., on Spring st.

I nodded thru the window at the thug-like appearing individual whom I knew as "The Bouncer."

He opened the door, which was locked.

I stepped inside.

The "Green Room" is sometimes known as "The T. M. A." It is run under that title by Jack Sears and R. C. Torrey, a former pal of Charlie Shomo, who was indicted here a few years ago and who escaped from a deputy sheriff who was bringing him back here from Hot Springs, Ark.

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### FARMERS FIGHT FOREST FIRES TO SAVE HOMES

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 21.—Showers of ashes continued to pour onto this city today from the raging fires which have converted Whatcom county into a furnace. The city is under a heavy coat of ash now, and a smoke pall has settled over the upper sound country, making navigation difficult and hazardous.

A score of farms have been wiped out, at least one town, Alki, four miles from here, has been destroyed, orchards and crops are ruined and lives are endangered.

Damage already amounts to several thousands of dollars.

Strong Wind Blowing

To add to the seriousness of the situation, a strong northerly wind is blowing, and the weather bureau is predicting at least 10 days more of hot weather.

An army of 2,000 men is fighting flames thruout the country, but because of the prevailing direction of the wind, backfiring is out of the question, and the only weapon is water, which is scarce.

Fight to Save Homes

Dozens of farmers are fighting doggedly to save their homes, with flames roaring all around them. Many of them are carrying water in buckets from creeks on adjoining farms. Hundreds of cattle are believed to have been burned, and as many more are endangered.

With the burning at 9 o'clock last night of the Bellingham & North ern railroad's station at Wahl, the Postal Telegraph lines went down.

The south end of Mercer is all ablaze, and but few fire fighters are on hand.

## LANGISMS

Wonder if those two friends of Lang's will agree with him that he was the only sober one in the crowd that night at Tate's.

Gill says Lang was there to keep two drunken friends quiet. Somebody was drunk, all right.

Oh, to be a detectaf and to sit in the stilly hours of 2 or 3 a. m. and chat with a pretty cabaret girl in her room! That is the life!

The chief says he went on purpose to the girl's room to be able to say he didn't go there for the purpose his "enemies" might say he went there for. That explains it all perfectly.

Quoting from Chief Lang's own statement: "After that we (the cabaret girl and the chief) played hide-and-seek with my shadowers for some time." It's plain what they were trying to hide, but what was it they were seeking?

### PROSECUTOR TO KEEP UP FIGHT ON GAMBLERS

Prosecutor Lundin announced to The Star Saturday that he intends to proceed at once against the gambling gangs known to exist in Seattle—but in silence.

"I do not wish to enter into any newspaper controversy," he declared, after making the comment that a morning paper had aided the gamblers by disclosing information obtained in his office. ago. It leaked out several weeks ago that certain persons prominently connected with the newspaper referred to had called at Lundin's office and asked him to drop the prosecution of the gambling case which Lundin lost when deputy sheriffs failed to identify the prisoners charged.

"But," said the prosecutor Saturday, "I intend to go ahead with this thing in the only course that is left open to me. I ask that every citizen who can give evidence against these gambling resorts and the men operating them, call at my office in the Alaska building."

Lundin will be out of the city Monday, attending the Washington State Prosecuting Attorneys' annual convention at Portland, but deputies in his office will handle any evidence that may be submitted on that day.

### LINER WAS NOT CONVOYED

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The liner Arabic was not being convoyed when she was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine, a statement published by the Press Bureau, and said to be authorized by the admiralty, said today.

### GERMANY WILL MAKE ENEMIES PAY IF SHE WINS

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—Germany will impose heavy indemnities against her enemies if victorious in the war, Secretary of the Treasury Hellrich declared in a speech in the reichstag today. He estimated the war is costing the belligerents a total of \$75,000,000 daily.

### ROME AGOG OVER TURK WAR SCARE

ROME, Aug. 21.—Intense excitement prevailed here today as a result of the strained relations with Turkey. It was generally believed war with the Turks is imminent. A reply from Constantinople to Italy's ultimatum demanding that Italian reservists be permitted to leave Turkey, is expected at any time.

## MUTT May Think He's a Thomas A. Edison, But JEFF Doesn't

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By "BUD" FISHER



## You'll Have to Hurry

if you're going to have an excursion trip on beautiful Puget Sound this season. One of the most attractive excursions will be run tomorrow to Olympic Peninsula, on the steamer Whatcom. The fare is only \$1.00 round trip for adults; 50c for children 5 to 12; children under 5 free. And those hot days are when you'll appreciate such a trip the most. Full details on page 5.