

# The Seattle Star

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Bought a New One Yet?

SEPTEMBER FIRST will soon arrive, Again we are in doubt, Should we hang onto our straw hat, Or should we throw it out?

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WEATHER FORECAST—Fair  
TIDES AT SEATTLE  
High. Low.  
10:38 a. m., 11.9 ft. 5:16 a. m., 8.8 ft.  
6:07 p. m., 13.4 ft. 2:53 p. m., 8.5 ft.

## C. W. Ferguson, Jitney Bond Agent, Killed on Mt. Rainier

# LANG MUST STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES

## Crushed to Death in Ice Cave Is Brighter Chance of War's End

TACOMA, Aug. 31.—Crushed beneath an enormous block of ice which fell squarely on his head, when he incautiously struck the ceiling of an ice cave with his alpenstock, C. W. Ferguson, 35, of Seattle, state agent for the Pacific Coast Casualty Co., was instantly killed this morning and his body mangled almost beyond recognition.

The accident occurred a mile above Reese's camp.

Ferguson was killed while he, in company with two other members of the party, had gone in advance of the guides and had entered an ice cave in the Nisqually glacier without taking proper precautions.

He examined the interior of the cave and then reached up with his alpenstock and struck several blows on the ceiling.

Without warning a huge block of ice fell squarely on his head, crushing him to the ice and burying him beneath the fragments.

When the ice was removed it was found he had been killed instantly.

The body was carried to Reese's camp upon an improvised stretcher, and will be brought to Tacoma this evening.

Ferguson left Seattle Monday for the trip to the mountain in an auto with a number of friends.

The Pacific Coast Casualty Co., whose headquarters is in San Francisco, is the only company in Washington to write bonds for jitney drivers.

Having written approximately 600 bonds since April, Ferguson was well known throughout the state, especially in Seattle, where an office was maintained by Ferguson at 1204 Fourth ave.

He is survived by a widow. Ferguson formerly lived at Butte.

## England Not Ready Yet to Talk Peace

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Despite the latest alleged German "peace feelers," the United Press is able to state on the highest authority that the peace situation so far as England is concerned has undergone no recent change.

A few socialistic leaders are in favor of ending war. But neither in official circles nor in the mass of the public is there any inclination to accept peace now, honorable or otherwise.

England is determined that the strength of the new British army shall be felt and that the Germans must be driven from France and Belgium.

The above was received from the London bureau of the United Press in reply to a query as to the attitude in England in view of the revival of peace talk in Washington, based upon hints in official statements from European capitals.

## WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Hope for peace in Europe was increasing in Washington today.

Concessions made by Great Britain in the interests of American commerce have brought the greatest encouragement.

There was no intimation that the relief American shippers are to be given from some of the hardships they have undergone is in recognition of the change in Germany's submarine policy, but coming as a sequel to the Kaiser's not very formal pledge of a merciful attitude toward passenger ships, the news that England has yielded even slightly, was deemed significant.

It was pointed out that the point has at last been reached where belligerents show a willingness to listen to representations and even accede to them to some extent.

Optimists take the view that with this start, there is no reason why steady progress toward peace should not result.

Cargoes valued at millions of dollars, now held at Amsterdam and other neutral ports, and destined for the United States, are expected to be released soon.

German and Austrian firms will be able to fill contracts entered into with American importers before England declared the blockade. With this first step, further concessions are hoped for.

**HARRY RESERVES ROOMS**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—Harry K. Thaw may reach San Francisco before night. He telegraphed from Stockton today to the St. Francis hotel, reserving a suite of rooms there.

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO, MISTER MAN?

Suppose You Were Bathing in a River, and a Beautiful Maiden in Distress Called to You for Help, and Some Ruffians Had Stolen Your Clothes, Would You Appear as You Were, or Would You Stay Under Water?



## HOW GAMBLERS PLUCK VICTIMS BY POLICE O. K.

(This is a story about gambling as it exists today in Seattle, written by a gambler. He explains some of the reasons why Harry J. Dunaway, the defaulting Northern Pacific ticket clerk, lost \$2,000 of the company's money over the gambling tables. He gives an intimate insight into the things that happen to the unfortunate "sucker" who falls into the hands of sharpers in Seattle gambling joints, and tells of the silent, bitter struggle for supremacy between vice and right in progress south of Yalor way.)

### BY A GAMBLER

ABOUT 9 o'clock Saturday night, he dropped in. We were enjoying our nightly stud poker party in one of the "persistent joints" The Star has been telling about. I don't know how the place keeps open, tho I have my opinion. All I know is that it does, and that nobody bothers the game.

He was one of the regulars. Every two or three nights he drops in and unburdens himself of \$5 or \$10, and goes home. He says he works for one of the big wholesale merchants. Nobody knows how he gets all his money. Nobody cares.

Mind you, I'm not telling this because I want to injure the gambling industry. I know it won't be injured. There are always plenty of suckers—guys with a little money and all the confidence in the world. They always know, when they sit in a game, that it's on the level.

But the suckers haven't a chance.

The wholesale merchant lad—his about 23 or 24—sat down between two of the oldest and toughest gamblers in the Northwest.

It makes me laugh. That kid sitting into a game with those two, and half expecting to win. I wondered what he'd do if he knew them and the rest of the bunch around the big green table like I do.

The deal passed around to the man sitting to the kid's right. Call him Jerry.

Dovetails Cards in Deck

Jerry is so crooked he can't help it. He don't know

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## Council Votes Unanimously for an Inquiry

At 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, the council will begin its investigation into the charges against Police Chief Lang of conduct unbecoming an officer. The council voted unanimously at the regular meeting Monday afternoon to make this inquiry.

In the original form, the resolution introduced by Councilman Ira D. Lundy also called for investigation of gambling conditions in Seattle, but this was eliminated by an amendment offered by Councilman Dale and supported by Councilmen Hesketh, Haas and Bolton. The amendment was opposed by Councilmen Lundy, Hanna and Fitzgerald.

Dale also offered an amendment to effect that "any other charges" than those already made against the chief of police or police department, should be made in writing before the council may consider them. This amendment also passed by the same vote of four to three.

In the amended form, every councilman present voted for the Lundy resolution. Councilmen Erickson and Marble are out of the city.

While considerable debate ensued as to whether the council should investigate gambling, there was no debate whatever as to whether the chief's cafe conduct should be probed, every councilman tacitly agreeing that it is a proper matter for investigation.

**Will Investigate Chief's Conduct**

As the matters stand now, the council will probe the chief's conduct at Tate's cafe and the subsequent visit to a cabaret girl's room at 2 a. m., and will also investigate "any charges which may be filed in writing against the chief of police or police department."

The four councilmen who voted against including gambling conditions in the investigation, took the position that this should be left to the grand jury.

Prosecuting Attorney Lundy Tuesday announced that "a grand jury probe will most assuredly be made."

In commenting, during the meeting, on the inadvisability of a councilmanic probe of gambling, Councilman Haas declared he considered sufficient cause had been given for a grand jury hearing of charges against the chief, the police department, the sheriff's office and that of the prosecuting attorney.

Councilman Dale echoed Haas' sentiment.

When Lundy moved for the adoption of his original resolution, Dale arose and announced:

"I don't know that we should go into an investigation of gambling. I think it is the duty of the grand jury to call witnesses to look into that. Personally, I am not dissatisfied with the work of the police department, and believe they should be eliminated from the investigation. If I understand we can take up whatever specific matter we like at the hearing, I'll second the motion."

**Says People Demand a Hearing**

Apparently thinking Dale was attempting to curb the investigation, Lundy sprang up.

"I believe the people of this city will demand a public hearing on the matters alleged in the resolution," he declared, "and I think it is up to this body to act. I believe it is for the best interests of the city that we go thoroughly into the entire matter."

Councilman Bolton said he wished to be informed whether charges had been filed against Lang.

"Do you make the charge?" he asked of Lundy.

"I am not charging the chief with anything," declared the latter. "I am asking the council to give the chief an opportunity to explain. If you are afraid to have this passed—if you wish to have this cloud hang over him during the next campaign—don't pass it."

"The Seattle Star has printed a list of open gambling houses. The prosecuting attorney has made a statement that he can not get the help of the police. It is high time we looked into these things."

Bolton replied:

"I want to say to Mr. Lundy," he said, "that I haven't anything to fear. I want to know where these charges are filed, and would like to ask him if the mayor has asked any help in this investigation."

Fitzgerald was of the opinion that the council should make a sweeping investigation of all matters brought up since Chief Lang has been under fire, including gambling conditions. He was seconded by Councilman Hanna.

Corporation Counsel Bradford will probably conduct the investigation personally with the assistance of Assistant Howard Hanson. Witnesses will be subpoenaed and testimony will be given under oath.

## CONSTABLES RAID HOUSES

Following the breach between Prosecuting Attorney Lundy and the sheriff's office, Constables Shrewsbury and Shannon early Tuesday morning raided three alleged disorderly resorts right in the heart of the downtown business district, and arrested six women.

This is the first time constables have ever replaced deputies from the sheriff's office in any raid planned by a prosecuting attorney.

The women arrested are Eva Harris, 30, Trixie Smith, 29, arrested at The Cottage, 2229 Western ave.; May Bush and Alta Newman, arrested at the Jersey hotel, 155 Washington st., and Frances Seigel, 26, and Mazie Brown, 23, arrested at 1215 1/2 Third ave.

## They Ought to Serve JEFF a Menu of Towns When He Buys a Ticket - - By "BUD" FISHER



**Veith-Cammack's**

# Final Sale

Starts tomorrow and full details of prices, etc., appear on page 3 today. This store announces that they have finally made arrangements to terminate their lease and that they will close their doors on September 25. Needless to say, this sale will offer bargain inducements that are sure to appeal to the economically inclined. It will be both interesting and profitable to read their ad carefully today.