

FIREMEN FIND SEATTLE SCHOOLS UNSAFE

"ittie Cutie"

DO you talk "baby talk" to your youngster? Wrong, says Mrs. Sackville Stoner, who tells in Friday's Star, how she brought up her remarkably clever daughter on a diet of perfect grammar. Every parent should read Mrs. Stoner's articles, of which this is the first.

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Low 34.4

WHO'S GETTING THE SWAG?

WHEN Chief of Police Lang was found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, the council, by whom he was tried, set aside certain evidence as more fitting to be considered by a grand jury. This evidence was to have shown that gambling had flourished, and does flourish, in Seattle, and that the police have closed gambling joints and permitted them to open whenever those at headquarters willed. It was ascertained that joints which were closed temporarily by the police following the induction into office of Sheriff Hodge and Prosecutor Lundin were now running wide open. Then, on Tuesday of this week, the prosecutor testified in court that an alleged law-breaker, in a letter found in his possession, admitted he had been paying money to the police for protection. Maybe there isn't any graft money being passed between the gamblers and the Seattle police. There ARE lots of honest policemen. But if gambling runs wide open, with police knowledge, it's a good bet that some officers are getting paid to keep their eyes shut. And gambling IS running wide open. That is known. The county grand jury to which Gill and the city council passed the buck in the gambling matter, will meet in a few days. Prosecutor Lundin will submit this situation to the jurors, among other things. **THE GRAND JURY SHOULD GO TO THE BOTTOM OF IT AND SEE WHO'S GETTING THE SWAG!**

Look Behind the Flag, Boys



SEAMEN'S LAW IN EFFECT TODAY—AND SHIPS SAIL OUT OF BAY JUST AS USUAL; WHAT'S A LANDLUBBER TO THINK?

THE SEAMEN'S ACT goes into effect today. If I can believe such enemies of the act as the other Seattle newspapers, the American merchant marine is as good as done for. When I read the able and almost convincing arguments of these opponents, I weep that the Starry Banner must be swept from the seas.

But when I read The Star, or talk with friends of the administration, the tears cease to flow, and in my mind's eye I see American ships, flying the American flag, manned by American sailors, enjoying good pay and comfortable forecastles, plowing every ocean.

The other day a news item caught my eye. It said that for the week ending October 23, Seattle, with imports worth \$3,853,015, ranked second among the seaports of the country. New York was first.

What Is a Landlubber Going to Think? At about the same time I made a swift survey of the water front. Not only were the public docks chockful, but the privately owned docks were crammed with merchandise of every sort.

Dear, dear! This Seamen's Act is very important. But what is a landlubber to think? Many years ago I stood on a rotting wharf in Portsmouth, N. H., once a thriving port, in the days of sailing ships. Boston and New York took the business away from Portsmouth, and left it as dead as a mackerel.

That was the very wharf on which the poet had stood when he received the inspiration to write—

"I remember the black wharves and the slips,
And the sea tides tossing free;
And the Spanish sailors with bearded lips,
And the beauty and mystery of the ships,
And the magic of the sea."

I would not like to see Seattle as dead as Portsmouth. I hope the ship-owners and their newspapers are mistaken about the Seamen's Act.

Coolie Crews Aren't Finicky on Pay or Grub If a landlubber may express an opinion, I cannot, for the life of me, see what all the bother is about. The ship-owners have been employing coolie crews. Naturally they would like to continue employing coolie crews. Coolies are cheap, if not very efficient, and they are not finicky about grub and forecastle conditions.

HUMPHREY IS BLAMED FOR 'SWINDLE' BY U. S. OFFICIAL

Congressman Will E. Humphrey of Seattle yesterday issued a statement to the effect that the lots which he recommended for a post-office site and which the government bought for \$169,500 are "not under water," and that the city can fill them and bring them up to the level of adjoining lots.

BY GILSON GARDNER
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—Congressman Will E. Humphrey of Seattle is held responsible by treasury officials, particularly Assistant Secretary Newton, for the swindle perpetrated on the government.

"The sale of several lots on Sixth ave. S. and Seattle boulevard," said Newton today, "was made in 1911. Humphrey was congressman representing the district when the sale was made, and it is proper to assume that he was informed as to all the facts and was taking a patriotic interest in seeing that his government was not swindled."

DRESS FIRED BY GAS; WILL DIE

Her hair and clothing completely burned off her body, and numerous other burns inflicted when her dress caught fire from a gas plate, where she was cooking breakfast at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, Mrs. C. J. Jarig, 35, is at the city hospital, where doctors have little hope for her recovery.

SHIP FIRED AT DOCK

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Slow fuses placed aboard by spies are believed responsible for an incendiary fire which destroyed \$25,000 worth of sugar and damaged the 2,000-ton British S. S. Euterpe at the South Brooklyn docks last night.

KIDNAP REQUITER?

JUNEAU, Nov. 4.—William Christie, an amalgamator at the Treadwell mills, is missing. Authorities believe he has been kidnaped in revenge for raising a volunteer army for the allies last summer.

FIRE ESCAPE FROM EVERY ROOM NEEDED FIREMEN SAY

Fire Marshal Bringhurst, who is making an inspection of Seattle schools following the fire last week at Peabody, Mass., said Thursday he has covered six buildings thus far, most of them in the West Seattle district.

"I find most of them," he said, "in better condition than two years ago, when I last inspected them." Battalion fire chiefs are also making an inspection. It is not known as yet whether their report will recommend outside fire escapes, as advocated by The Star.

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Oh, What Will Rene Do if She Loses Her Knickerbockers?



Rene Davies.

Rene Davies, the striking New York city girl singing at the Orpheum this week, wishes now that she had stuck to petticoats when the fashions changed.

But, being a stickler for up-to-the-minute stuff in her wardrobe, Miss Davies had to have knickerbockers.

SCOTLAND YARD MEN OVERRUN U.S.; SEARCH OUT GERMAN PLOTS

The Star gives you today a most amazing story on the alien war activities in America—an article showing that German and British agents are engaged in a desperate, also generally bloodless warfare RIGHT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES!

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CABINET UPHEAVALS RESULTING FROM WAR
The French cabinet, under Viviani, resigned and was replaced by a new cabinet under Briand.
The Greek cabinet under Venizelos was forced out and Zaimis' cabinet replaced them. Today the Zaimis cabinet quit.
Secretary of State Bryan, U. S., resigned.
Chief of Staff Von Moltke, Germany, resigned.

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