

"My Dry Ordinance Is Too Dry for Gill," Declares Hesketh STATE ORDERS A TAX ON POOR

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**Mutt and Jeff
Decide to Be Spies**

They get it all figured out how they're going to be greater men in Germany than Blismark, but—turn to age 9 and see what happened.

**LAST
EDITION**

WEATHER—Occasional rains
TIDES AT SEATTLE
High. Low.
11:40 a. m., 10.6 ft. 6:10 a. m., 5.5 ft.
11:57 p. m., 13.8 ft. 8:32 p. m., 4.6 ft.

WHY SUFFRAGE WORKERS SENT WOMAN ACROSS CONTINENT TO PIN DOWN HUMPHREY

The Women's Congressional union, of Washington, D. C., felt it necessary to send one of its most able and alert members all the way to Seattle to pin Congressman Humphrey down on the question of votes for women. Monday she pinned him, at the Washington Annex.

In his own district, where women are armed with the ballot, Humphrey is afraid to sneer. It was clever of the union to send Miss Virginia Arnold to Seattle to peg the shifty Humphrey in the presence of home women—able, public-spirited women who are representatives of the entire voting strength of the women of Humphrey's district.

"Susan B. Anthony" amendment?" she asked him. "And will you vote, speak and work for it at the next session of the legislature?" No chance here for the trimmer upon him, with no chance of escape, Humphrey said he favored the amendment, and would do what he could to secure its passage.

usual fulsome compliments, making the best of a bad business. You would have thought, if you had been at the Washington Annex yesterday, and if you did not know Humphrey, that he was enthusiastic about the "Susan B. Anthony" amendment. But once more The Star has the goods on Humphrey. In the official records on file at Washington, there is a letter written by Virg Boardman Whitehouse, daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stan-

ton, to Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Union for Women's Suffrage, under date of June 19, 1914. The letter speaks of the hearing the day before given Mrs. Blatch by the New York republican county committee. Here is an extract from the letter: "Her speech was, of course, excellent, and very well received. The speaker of the evening was Congressman Humphrey of Washington state. Mrs. Blatch had written him asking him to mention woman suffrage in his speech, and I had telephoned him to

the same effect. He came in after Mrs. Blatch had spoken. When he began his speech he said he understood there had been a suffrage speech before he arrived, and coming from a suffrage state, he would like to say that it did not cause discussion in the family. Every man voted the way his wife told him to, and that made the end of it. The effect of this remark was most unhappy—a sneer at suffrage. I see the number of women eligible to vote in Washington is 27,777. Could not some of them be gotten to write and protest to him or do something?"

Humphrey's sneering remark inspired a voluminous correspondence among leading suffragists, among the letters on file being one from Dr. Cora Smith King, of Olympia, to Miss Paul, in which this appears: "The gentleman from Washington (Humphrey) doubtless conveyed his real opinion if he gave the impression with a sneer. He was wholly unregenerate on the subject when it was up before our voters, and is quite unconstructed as yet, apparently. I will use this letter against him if he does not make a full retraction."

Women Voters, wrote Dr. King: "I know he was opposed to woman suffrage during our campaign, and there is no doubt he has not changed. AND IT WAS THESE VERY WOMEN, MIND YOU, AS OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL UNION, WHO FIND IT NECESSARY TO SEND AN EMISSARY CLEAR ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO TRY TO SHAME HUMPHREY, BEFORE HIS HOME FOLKS, INTO HONEST SUPPORT OF THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT."

Roosevelt Says He Will Support Republican on Right Preparedness Issue

T.R. ASKS BIGGER ARMY

By Gilson Gardner
NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—On an issue of adequate preparedness Theodore Roosevelt would support any republican who was not an active participant in the theft of his nomination four years ago. On these grounds Root, Taft and their friends are barred. I make this statement on the very best authority. Cummings would be eligible for Roosevelt's support. Burton is almost too recent a convert to preparedness to satisfy the colonel. Borah might get the Roosevelt support, in spite of the fact that the conservationists are entirely dissatisfied with his conservative record. Would Dictate Platform Borah, it is assumed, would stand for a strong preparedness program. As the price of his support, Roosevelt would insist on a short platform making ADEQUATE PREPAREDNESS THE LEADING ISSUE.

Mother Ready Now to Go to Her Dying Girl

Once again the big-hearted folks of Seattle have proved themselves worthy of the name. A few days ago The Star told about a Seattle mother whose daughter is dying of tuberculosis in a Chicago sanitarium. The mother wanted to go to the daughter, but couldn't, because she hadn't the money. The Star asked for \$50. Tuesday The Star turned over the last of the checks which came in, and the mother announced she would start East immediately. Checks arriving Tuesday forenoon included \$3 from Edith H. Dolg, \$1 from I. H. Arnold, of the Arnold Remedy Co., and \$1 from Mrs. J. Henry.

WIDOWS CANNOT PAY

County Assessor Thatcher declared Tuesday he will refuse to obey an order of the state tax commission commanding him to levy assessments for 1916 taxes against thousands of poor widows and small home owners, formerly exempt from taxation, in this county. The order is oppressive in view of the depressed financial situation, and directly contrary to law, Thatcher contends. He declared the tax commission's action, if upheld, will work a hardship on between 15,000 and 20,000 people in King county alone, and many times that number throughout the state. The law says that widows and heads of families, not including corporations, firms or partnerships, may be exempt from paying taxes on \$300 worth of property or less. It says, further, that the county assessor shall deduct the amount of exemption, \$300, from the total amount of the assessment. The tax commission has ordered every assessor in the state to deduct the amount of exemption, not from the amount of the assessment, but from the full value of the property. For instance, under the law, a widow or head of a family owning \$600 worth of property is assessed on a 50 per cent basis at \$300 and is exempt. Under the tax commission's order, \$300 is deducted from the \$600 value of the property and the balance, \$300, is assessed on the 50 per cent basis, or \$150. The person formerly exempt is then forced to pay taxes on \$150 worth of property, which this year may likely mean in the neighborhood of \$8 to \$10 per family. Assessors of Pierce and Spokane counties have taken the same stand as Thatcher, refusing to carry out the order. The tax commission, to make the order mandatory, has brought a civil action against Assessor Cameron of Pierce county, asking the court to command him to make the assessments. The case will be argued in Tacoma in a few days.

STATE OF WISCONSIN SECRETLY DOOMS 24 MEN TO STERILIZATION

"They're Mentally Defective," Is the Excuse; But the First Man Sterilized Was Afterward Cured; Officials, Fearing Attempts to Enjoin Operations, Hide Names of Victims From the Public; State Now Sentences Men to Surgeons on Advice of Any \$10-a-Day "Expert."



At the left is John Rehfeldt, sterilized while a patient at the Outagamie county asylum, at Appleton, and later released as mentally cured, only to lose his wife and family because of the operation, worry over which drove him to insanity again; above, at the right, is a photo of Rehfeldt's wife and four children, the innocent sufferers; below, at the left, is Dr. J. A. Canavan, former Appleton mayor and the surgeon who performed the operation, and whose death shortly after is reported to have been hastened by worry over the Rehfeldt tragedy; below, at the right, is George Downer, superintendent of the asylum, who recommended Rehfeldt's sterilization and who committed suicide as the result of worry over the effect and a \$10,000 suit filed against him.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 16.—Some time this month 24 men—their names hidden from the public—are to be STERILIZED by the state of Wisconsin! Absolute secrecy veils the experiment Wisconsin is to make at the expense of the most sacred function of mankind. An "expert alienist," who, the law provides, shall

WHO ARE THESE EXPERT \$10-A-DAY ALIENISTS
Who are these "\$10-a-day experts" who will decide who shall be sterilized in Wisconsin? The Wisconsin sterilization law provides that before operations are performed on "mental defectives," the condition of the patient shall be determined by "expert" alienists, who shall not be paid more than \$10 a day. In the Thaw case alienists reputed to be experts charged from \$500 to \$5,200. AND THEY DISAGREED.

not be paid more than \$10 a day, is to determine who will be sterilized! And the excuse will be: "THEY'RE MENTAL DEFECTIVES." That was the same excuse given when John Rehfeldt, a patient at the Outagamie county asylum at Appleton, was sterilized. But tragedy, spelled in big letters, made that excuse only a mockery. Here is the result of that one sterilization operation: **One suicide. Another death. One man again made insane.**

ALLIES TO USE FORCE IN GREECE

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Greek and French forces have clashed at Salonika, the point of debarkation for allied troops en route to Serbia, according to Vienna advices today. The French tried to occupy a Greek ammunition tower, but were forcibly prevented. Later the French authorities apologized. In their apology, the French "pretended" that the affair was a mistake.

EAST TANKERS ARE OUT GOOD QUARTERBACK

Romulus Bender, former quarterback of the East Tank county jail football team, which is to meet another jail team on a public field here Thanksgiving day, caused a temporary break-up in the line Tuesday, by going to the Monroe reformatory for one to 15 years. Bender is serving time for grand larceny, and during his absence from jail his position on the football squad will be filled by Remus Peterson, formerly tackle, whose old place has been filled by Mike Penney, who arrived and signed on the team Tuesday. Peterson has been confined nearly by two years in the county jail for assault, and his muscles had become so softened that it was found necessary to provide him with a complete and heavily armored suit for even light practice. Daily workouts have placed both teams in excellent shape, tho no outside practice has been indulged in because of the sloppy condition of the jail yard.

Would a Piano Bargain Interest You?
The well known Bush & Lane Piano Co. is having a clearance sale of used pianos. This enables them to offer some fine instruments at extremely low prices. Full description as to makes, prices, etc., will be found in their large ad on page 5 in today's Star.

HE URGES BIG NAVY
PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—"I favor a navy, if you will pardon the slang, strong enough to knock the block off any other nation." This statement shows where Senator Harry Lane of Oregon stands on the preparedness question. He made it in an address before the Jackson club last night. CHATTANOOGA ARRIVES BREMERTON, Nov. 16.—The cruiser Chattanooga arrived at the navy yard today and will undergo an overhauling.

REPLIES TO THE MAYOR

"My dry ordinance is as tight as a drum. That's what's troubling Mayor Gill!" Thus did Councilman Hesketh "come back" at the chief executive, Tuesday, on the charge made by the mayor late Monday that the ordinance introduced by Hesketh, providing for enforcement of the state prohibition amendment, was ineffective. "The mayor has been clamoring for a dry ordinance for months, and now he's got it, and doesn't want it. The trouble with it is that it is drawn so tight it won't need any attorneys to enforce it," Hesketh added. "It will enforce itself."

WOMAN HIT BY SKIDDING AUTO; FATALLY HURT

Mrs. E. F. Cramer, 918 Spruce st., is in the Seattle General hospital Tuesday suffering from possibly fatal injuries, the extent of which have not yet been determined, as the result of being struck Monday night by an auto driven by Dr. Charles F. Markey, 1106 21st ave. S. Mrs. Cramer's head and body are terribly bruised, and it is thought she may have a fractured skull.

DR. PERCY SMITH GIVEN STINGING REBUKE BY DOGS

Dr. R. Percy Smith, chairman of the state medical board, was rebuked Monday night by the King County Medical society, which took him to task for his accusation of Dr. Mildred Furman, whom he recently charged with betraying professional secrets. These charges were dismissed before coming to trial. Smith was grilled and declared guilty of unethical conduct as a member of the state board at a meeting of the medical society Monday night. PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—The storm which swept Oregon west of the Cascades yesterday was subsiding today. No great damage was reported.

BISHOP MOORE VISITOR
Bishop David H. Moore and daughter will arrive in the city tomorrow and will stop at the Lincoln hotel. They will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard at luncheon.

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