

### Japanese Woman to Live Easy Now

She tells Star man what she will do with the \$150,000 left her by the will of her employer, William Holt. Read the story on page 9.

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## NIGHT EDITION

WEATHER—Occasional rain

TIDES AT SEATTLE

High. 4:25 a. m., 12.8 ft. 8:54 a. m., 8.3 ft. 2:14 p. m., 13.1 ft. 5:49 p. m., 2.0 ft.

# HILLSTROM DIES; IS CALLED INNOCENT

## Attempt to Block Belt Line Plan Frustrated by Bob Bridges; Walks Into Meeting as an Uninvited Guest

A DETERMINED attempt to block the port commission's public belt line project seems to be the motive of a joint committee representing the Commercial Club, Municipal league and Chamber of Commerce.

Bridges, Remsberg and The Star man appeared to be as annoying to a majority of the committee as was the Ancient Mariner to the wedding guest.

With the exception of the delegates from the Commercial Club, the committee was solidly in favor of a report recommending to the voters to vote, on December 4, for the comprehensive

### scheme for a belt railway, BUT TO VOTE AGAINST TRANSFERRING THE NECESSARY FUNDS WITH WHICH TO BUILD IT.

According to the report they had tentatively drawn up, they want the port commission to cooperate with the railroads on a belt line scheme.

This scheme, according to Bridges and Remsberg, would, instead of breaking the railroad monopoly, merely give the railroads a firmer grip on switching charges.

The committee held a preliminary meeting Tuesday night at the Arctic club. With the exception of the Commercial Club delegates, to whom the thing had been proposed over-night, they were all ready to go to bat with the report right then. It had the appearance of a cut-and-dried affair.

M. J. Carkeek, for the Commercial Club, refused to be drawn into the deal until he investigated. Finally the committee adjourned until Thursday night, at the Arctic club, at 6:15.

Carkeek invited Bob Bridges to the Thursday night meeting. Bridges accepted. When the other delegates heard of this, they said they would prefer having the meeting limited to the delegates. Carkeek stood firm.

BRIDGES THEN ANNOUNCED HE WOULD ATTEND, WHETHER HE WAS WANTED OR NOT.

Thursday afternoon Bridges learned that the meeting place had been changed to the Commercial Club. Bridges was Johnny-on-the-spot.

So was a Star reporter. Prior to the meeting, the reporter met Paul Whitham, chairman of the committee and a delegate from the Municipal league. Whitham explained that no members of the press had been invited.

The reporter nevertheless followed the delegates into the committee room. He sat down beside Judge Remsberg.

One and a half minutes later William L. Bilger, sales manager for the Seattle Hardware Co., came up to him.

"Are you a reporter?" he asked. The reporter said he was.

"We don't care for publicity as yet," said Bilger, "not until we have adopted a definite report. At that time we intend giving copies of the report to all the papers, and shall be glad if they print them in full. Tonight, however, we don't care to have any report made. Of course, if you care to stay with the understanding that you are to make no report, we will be glad to have you; otherwise—"

The Star man said he either would stay and report the session, or go. Judge Remsberg arose and put the question to the meeting.

Announcement that there was a newspaperman in their midst created a stir. Carkeek got up and spoke in favor of letting the reporter remain.

Somebody suggested the matter of expelling or retaining The Star man be voted on.

Then some one interrupted and precipitated the business of the evening.

Bridges said if the reporter went, he would go, too. Carkeek again reaffirmed his statement of Tuesday night that the matter had materialized suddenly, and that there had been no time for the Commercial Club to act. He refused to accede to the report favoring the railroads until the Commercial Club could pass on it.

The Commercial Club meets Tuesday. Carkeek promised he would bring the matter up at that time. The meeting then suddenly adjourned until next Wednesday, with no further discussion.

It is understood the tentative report, with the recommendations set forth above, will be submitted to the board of trustees of the Municipal league Friday afternoon.

Among those present Thursday night were: Paul Whitham, consulting civil engineer; William L. Bilger, sales manager Seattle Hardware Co.; James A. Haight, attorney, owner of the Haight building; James S. Goldsmith, first vice president-secretary Puget Sound Mills & Timber Co.; Charles H. Frye, president-manager Frye & Co.; Capt. A. O. Powell, consulting engineer; Judge W. P. McElwain, real estate dealer (Commercial Club delegate); M. J. Carkeek, capitalist (Commercial Club delegate); Albert Daub, transportation man and candidate for the port commission, and Herman Meyer, Carstens Packing Co. and Pacific Oil Mills.

## BOB BRIDGES TO CAMPAIGN FOR PORT PROGRAM

Bob Bridges, president of the port commission, will speak at the Riverton schoolhouse Friday night on the propositions to be voted on at the port election Dec. 4.

Saturday noon he will talk before the King County Democratic club at the Good Eats cafeteria.

Bridges will campaign for the re-election of Remsberg and Ewald, present incumbents. He declares the port projects can best be carried thru to completion by retaining the present personnel of the commission.

Next Wednesday night he will speak at the Foster schoolhouse.

## 'DUSK AND THE TWILIGHT FALLING

"DUSK and the twilight falling—" A soldier stands, leaning on his musket, at the grave of a fallen comrade! The roughly made cross marks the resting place of "only another" killed in battle. The sorrowing comrade is thinking, as he stands



near, of not only another slain hero, but of a mother, miles and miles away, perhaps right now scanning thru her silver-rimmed spectacles the long casualty lists.

Her eyes, as tired as her hair is gray, refuse to be moved until she has read the last name—and her boy's is not there!

But in a few more days she will know that it has happened. And the comrade near the cross is perhaps wondering how long 'twill be ere another gray-haired mother will know, too.

There will be many more freshly made graves; there will be many more such scenes as the one photographed in the remarkable picture above; there will be more comrades who will murmur in the twilight:

"Is it worth while?" How long will the world stand for this murder?"

## DR. PERCY SMITH QUILTS AS HEAD OF STATE BOARD

Dr. Robert Percy Smith, chairman of the state board of medical examiners, who was blamed Monday by the King County Medical society for unethical conduct, has written a letter of resignation to Gov. Lister. The charges of the King county society were in connection with the case of Dr. Mildred Purman, whom Dr. Smith had accused of betraying professional secrets. The state board failed to sustain Dr. Smith in his accusations, when it met last July.

Gov. Lister would not say what Dr. Smith's reasons were for resigning.

Dr. A. Jeff Nelson, member of the state board, Friday issued a statement denying Dr. Smith's statement that his action in bringing charges against Dr. Purman was sanctioned by the eight other members of the board.

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## AIR FLEET OFF ON LONG FLIGHT

LAWTON, Okla., Nov. 19.—The first cross-country flight of an army corps started from Fort Hill at noon. Six fliers equipped as in war time took the air for Fort Simpson, 450 miles distant, where in the future the corps will make its headquarters.

## BANK LOSES \$1,600

MALESTER, Okla., Nov. 19.—Posses hunted today for bank robbers who stole \$1,600 from the Adanson State bank, locked the cashier and customers in the vault and then fled.

## DAILY CARTOONET



## ROOSEVELT MAY FIGHT IN EUROPE WITH CANADIANS

OTTAWA, Nov. 19.—Asked concerning a report that Col. Roosevelt had offered to join the Canadian regiments in Flanders, Minister of Militia Hughes said today:

"He would make a bonnie fighter. I have heard rumors of such an offer, but it was not made to me. I'd be delighted to give him command of a division."

## COLONEL WON'T COMMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The colonel has no comment to make, Roosevelt's secretary said today concerning the Ottawa report that he had offered to join Canadian forces.

## 'PSYCHIC' HOME WRECKERS ON TRIAL TODAY

William Overton, soothsayer and alleged wrecker of Seattle homes, and R. Archer, his assistant "psychic," were cited for trial before Judge Brinker at 1:30 o'clock Friday.

Both men are charged with statutory vagrancy. They were operating openly in the Booth building, Broadway and Pine st., until exposed by The Star two weeks ago.

Overton's "powers" enabled him to delve deeply into his victims' private affairs. He made a specialty of women's home problems and guaranteed to get evidence against their husbands sufficient for divorce. He also agreed to find "souls-mates" for women at \$11 per mate.

## SEATTLE MAN SWEARS UTAH RIFLE SQUAD MADE ERROR

By Fred L. Boalt

### Was Joseph Hillstrom a murderer? Or did he, innocent of the slaying of the Morrisons, play the chivalrous part, going to his death with sealed lips to save the good name of a woman?

I heard today from the lips of a man a story which, if he told the truth—and the story seemed to ring with truth—establishes for the man who at 7:42 this morning faced the firing squad, a full and complete alibi.

I was told this story by William Busky, 21 years old, an illiterate man, but by no means a stupid man, a wanderer and a sufferer from "bull horror," a malady which afflicts men who have had unhappy encounters with the police.

Busky, having drifted to Seattle, dropped into a meeting of the I. W. W.'s at their headquarters, Second and Washington, last night. It was a Hillstrom protest meeting.

Busky was heard to say he knew Hillstrom was not guilty, because he was with him in Salt Lake City, when the crime was committed, and far from the scene of it.

Busky was at once questioned; then taken to police headquarters. This was at midnight.

Unable to find a notary public there, one was found elsewhere, and Busky made a sworn statement which, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, was telegraphed to President Wilson, Gov. Spry of Utah and O. H. Hilton, of Denver, Hillstrom's attorney.

I interviewed Busky at the I. W. W. headquarters this morning, just after the news of Hillstrom's execution had reached there. He gave me this statement:

"I was in Salt Lake City when the Morrisons were murdered. I met Joe Hillstrom on the day of the murder, at 2 in the afternoon, on Commercial st. He was a stranger to me. We got to talking, and he asked me to have a drink. I had soda water. Then he said: 'Kid, you look like you could do with a bite to eat.' I said I wouldn't mind, and he bought me something to eat in a restaurant.

"While we were eating I asked him if he was looking for work, and he said: 'Where at?' and I said at the Murray smelter. 'Just then we had finished eating, and a Sandy & Midway car came along. We caught it and went to Murray. It's five minutes' ride. We got to Murray at 2:30, and went to see the foreman of the Murray smelter, Mr. Hives. I had worked there before.

"I gave my name and Hillstrom gave his, and our names were written down in blue ink. I can't read or write, but I know we both gave our right names, and that they were written down in ink. They must be in the book now.

"We got rustling cards, and Mr. Hives said we could try the 11 o'clock shift that night if we wanted to. We left the office about 3:30. 'We spent the rest of the day this morning to the president, Gov. Spry and Hilton.

"I met Joe Hillstrom on the 10th day of January, 1914. I was in the company of one Joseph Hillstrom continuously from the hours of 2 p. m. until 10 p. m. at Murray, Utah, and that we also received rustling cards from a foreman named Hives at the Murray smelter.

"When Hillstrom left me at 10 p. m., on the night of January 10, he had received no bullet wounds.

His (Signed) WILLIAM B. BUSKY, Mark

Witnesses: JOHN LEFURNY, HARRY FURBERG, JOHN GIORIA, Notary Public.

## HILLSTROM PUT TO DEATH; GOES TO END FIGHTING

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 19.—Fighting in an insane frenzy, Joe Hillstrom, I. W. W., went to his death before the state firing squad in the yard of the state penitentiary at 7:42 a. m. today, despite an eleventh hour attempt of a Seattle man to save him.

In some unknown way he had concealed a broomhandle in his cell.

When the door was opened he leaped at his guards, swinging the club over their heads, fiercely, and severely cutting one on the scalp and face.

Guards overpowered him in the twinkling of an eye. Until he came out of his cell, he had shown no signs of resisting.

"I'll die fighting," he screamed, "not like a coward."

The guards, having overcome him, urged him to take his medicine like a man. He settled suddenly into an apathetic calm.

"Now I can die with a clear conscience," he said. The march of the firing squad then commenced. Warden Pratt and a deputy led. Two physicians followed. Then came Hillstrom between two deputies.

Condemned is Blindfolded Hillstrom's eyes were not blindfolded until he was taken into the prison yard. It was his wish to face the squad with open eyes, but a thick, heavy

## AUTO PLUNGES OVER BLUFF; ONE DEAD

Carl K. Bergman, instructor at Fowler Auto academy, was killed almost instantly shortly after noon Friday when a Winton driven by William Cole, a novice whom Bergman was instructing, plunged over a 25-foot embankment on Washington boulevard, a half mile south of the cable bridge at Leechi park.

Cole and four others in the car.

## HERE'S NEWEST OF BETROTHAL SIGNS FOR GIRL



Corrine Hancock

VENICE, Cal., Nov. 19.—Cupid has a new method of marking pretty Venice girls as victims of his shafts of love. It is the "sweetheart silhouette," which was introduced as a fad here several months ago. It is a token of betrothal to take the place of the sparkling diamond.

## REFUGEES TELL TERRIBLE TALE OF SLAUGHTER

PARIS, Nov. 19.—Butchery and rapine, horrible beyond description, were charged today against the Bulgars by Serbian refugees reaching Salonika.

Serb prisoners, the fugitives said, were slaughtered by inconceivable tortures. Hundreds of women and children were burned alive in Nish churches, where they had slight protection when the Bulgar batteries pounded down the city's defenses, it was asserted.

Those who rushed out when the Bulgars swept into the town were shot and cut down.

Girls and married women were outraged, the refugees alleged.

## CORNER EGGS IN WAR; BROKERS NOW FACE RUIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The "egg kings," who planned to garner a financial harvest by selling their goods to the allies at war time prices, are wig-wagging to the public for help.

The allies did not buy as expected. The "kings" have been caught with a surplus, complicated by prospects of a mild winter, which promises to make hens lay more than usual.

## NEW YORK ROCKS BEFORE GALE; 2 FATALLY HURT

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Rocked by a 70-mile gale, the metropolis today experienced the fiercest wind storm ever recorded here.

Two persons were fatally injured, according to police reports, while a number were slightly hurt by falling signs. Among the East Side poor there was unusual suffering.

GALES SWEEP LAKES WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Dangerous gales swept the Great Lakes today while a heavy storm lashed the New Jersey and New England coasts, according to weather bureau reports.

## Bargains in Raincoats

The wholesale stock of the Boyd Rubber Co. is being closed out at retail, direct to the public.

They are offering some most unusual bargains in Raincoats, which will be doubly appreciated at this season of the year, when Raincoats are needed the most. There's a full page ad on page 11 in today's Star which gives full details as to prices, etc. It will pay you to look it up.

## BLACKHAND GUILTY

SAN JOSE, Nov. 19.—Tony Di France, Black-Hander, today was found guilty of attempting to extort \$2,000 from A. Trapani, president of the Western Fish Co.