

U. S. REFUSES TO BICKER; MAY BREAK WITH VIENNA

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What's the Idea, Hi?

WHY is Mayor Gill, if his side of the tax levy controversy is the right side, so anxious to make concessions so as to effect a compromise?

WHAT'S A GUY GONNA DO THESE DAYS, ANYHOW?

By Allman



AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT UPHOLDS THE ACT OF SUBMARINE COMMANDER

WOMAN OF 76 FALLS WITH AEROPLANE; DROWNS

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 16.—Mrs. T. A. Comstock, 76 years old, of San Diego, was killed and Aviator O. S. T. Meyerhoffer painfully hurt when a wing of his aeroplane crumpled at a height of 100 feet over the bay today and the aircraft fell into the water.

CAFE MEN GET READY FOR BIG NIGHT DEC. 31

What is Seattle going to do on Friday night, Dec. 31? Will she go on a maudlin drunk, to celebrate the double passing of the old year and the regime of liquor? Or will she behave with more propriety?

KICKING THE BUNK OUT OF IT!

LET'S get down to cases on this so-called "high-tax" fight. Part of the bunk that has been injected into the question by certain newspapers was shown up today when Mayor Gill, who has been fighting the levy passed by the council, was quoted as announcing his readiness NOW to include in the budget the \$200,000 item for the payment of refund bonds. It is a calm admission that THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS \$200,000 WAS ALL BUNK. This \$200,000 goes to pay off a city debt which comes due in 1916. If it is not paid by then, it will have to be paid later WITH INTEREST. Imagine sane men trying to bunk themselves into believing they are saving money simply by prolonging the payment of a debt. Mayor Gill has eliminated \$200,000 worth of the bunk out of this so-called "low-tax" contention.

Washington Gets Reports of Answer, Now Enroute; Prepares to Take Drastic Steps to Avenge Loss of American Lives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Austria must directly comply with or refuse American demands in every respect, in the Ancona torpedoing case. With reports all indicating that Austria's reply, now en route here, is merely a play for time, this is the administration's attitude, according to an official today who has conferred with Secretary Lansing on every step of the case.

CHARGES AGAINST HASELDEEN FILED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 17.—The Illinois state board of health today filed charges against Dr. H. J. Haseldeen, of Chicago, charging "gross unprofessional conduct," in deliberately allowing Baby Bollinger to die without surgical attention, despite its parents' approval of his course.

PEACHY WILL TALK

W. S. Peachy, cashier of the Seattle National bank, will give an address on "Foreign Exchange" at the monthly meeting of the Accountancy club, of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium school, at 8 p. m. Friday.

Weather Forecast

Rain tonight and Friday

Only 7 shopping days until CHRISTMAS

TIDES AT SEATTLE

LIQUOR GOES CHEAP

Quarts of fine stamp goods, regular price \$1.25, sold freely for two-bits. Fine wines, gins, brandies and cordials went at any price. No offer was too small to be refused in the scramble of the saloon men to realize what cash they could and get out of the state.

THREATEN DU PONT PLANT AT TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—A note posted on one of the magazines of the DuPont Powder plant that it would be blown up at 4 a. m. today, caused an extra number of guards to be stationed at the local plant. The threatened explosion did not occur.

MAY INVADE GREECE

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Bulgarian troops may continue their pursuit of the allies into Greece. This was indicated today in Sofia's official statement which said the Bulgarians had "temporarily" stopped at the border.

MAYOR WILLING TO COMPROMISE

Mayor Gill announced Thursday he is willing to compromise with the council majority on the tax budget by including the \$200,000 item to pay off a refund bond issue due in 1916.

Goddess Smiles on O'Hara, But It Didn't Last Long

H. R. O'Hara, who lives at 1520 Fifth ave., started out Wednesday on a large night at Tote's cafe. He fell in with a company of men and women. The entire party went to the girls' apartments, at 1055 Pike st. There somebody proposed a little game. O'Hara and another man (name unknown) were to lift a card each. The highest card would win \$20.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. GALT GET THEIR LICENSE WOMEN ALMOST MOB JUDGE IN CIVIC CLUB SUIT



REV. HERBERT SMITH

He is pastor of St. Margaret's Episcopal church, Washington, of which Mrs. Galt is a member.

A score of wrathful women—members of the Woman's Civic club, incorporated—gathered around Judge Dykeman Thursday and threatened to mob him when he decided against them in their petition for a restraining order against another club, which they charged stole their name.

U. S. GIVES ALIBI ON HENRY'S PEACE TRIP

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The American legations at Christiania, Stockholm and Copenhagen today issued formal statements declaring the American government has no connection with the Ford peace expedition, according to Copenhagen reports.

Austria's Reply Is Given to Ambassador

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—Austria has failed to meet the American demand for disavowal of the sinking by an Austrian submarine of the Italian liner Ancona with loss of American lives.

Refuses to Doubt Submarine Commander

"As can be easily recognized, the representation of the circumstances contained in the note allows numerous doubts and gives not at all sufficient reasons for blaming the commander of the submarine and the Austro-Hungarian government, even if the representation proves correct in all points and judgment in the case is based on the most rigorous legal interpretation."

Declares Ancona Case Is Different

On the point raised by Washington that Austria knew of the correspondence with Germany relative to submarine warfare, dispatches say Vienna denies she knew all of it. Moreover, even a full knowledge, Vienna believes, would not be applicable to the Ancona case, which, she feels, differs from the others.

BANDITS ROB TRAIN

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—Three bandits early today held up a Kansas City Southern passenger train near Eagleton, Ark., forced the engineer to detach two baggage cars and the mail car, then dynamited the express car and robbed the mail. They secured little of value.