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SPEAK UP, GOVERNOR!

SERIOUS charges have been preferred against Gov. Lister, and he has remained silent. The governor is assuming an alarming position by silence under such critical circumstances. He has been charged—very directly—with being under financial obligations to his subordinates.

Are the charges true or false? It is important that he answer. The people of the state are entitled to know.

There has been a serious looting of the state industrial insurance fund. The governor is now investigating. Is he investigating men to whom he owes money? Is he investigating men who made him a gift of money? These are no mere personal matters to Ernest Lister. The state is vitally interested.

If the governor owes money to men who are under a cloud at this time; if he has received substantial sums from them, HE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THEM. If these men are innocent, the governor's exoneration of them under such circumstances will not suffice. It will not ease the public mind.

Already many other charges are filling the air. Most of them—perhaps all of them—may be baseless. There is even a rumor that one of the commissioners offered to pay a claim on the industrial insurance fund if the injured workman would split with him. This rumor seems to have no basis of fact.

Partisan newspapers and other political enemies of the governor are making, and will continue to make, as much political capital of the situation as they can get away with. Their motives for attacking the governor may not be ideal. But there is an ugly situation, nevertheless. This is not a question of politics. It is a question of good government, honest duty, and fair dealing.

And as long as the governor remains silent, ugly charges will continue to bring about an unhealthy state of feeling thruout Washington. **SPEAK UP, GOVERNOR!**

Austria's Strongest Man Declares His Country Wants No Quarrel With U. S.

FOLLOW GANG IN FOOTHILLS

WOUNDS WIFE'S AGED FATHER; THINKS HIM A BURGLAR

Shots fired in the dark at a groping form may cost the life of J. E. Orr, 87-year-old father-in-law of J. P. Richter, who mistook the old man for a burglar at his home, 3049 Alki ave., at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. One bullet went thru Orr's left thigh. The other missed, and struck the wall. But loss of blood and the shock have put the old man's life in the balance.

Every morning at 5, Richter, who is employed at the Bon Marche, goes downstairs, and, according to his wife, never fails to carry a gun in one hand and an alarm clock in the other. His father-in-law makes his home with the family, but had never been known to be about at that hour in the morning.

Tuesday morning, Richter got half way down the stairs. It was dark. He saw the man making his way uncertainly toward the foot of the stairs, and fired.

Mrs. Richter heard the shots. She ran to the head of the stairs and saw the two men. Both were silent.

"I knew what had happened," she said Tuesday. "And I knew it was all a dreadful accident. No one said anything. It was all so sudden. When I first heard the shots I believed my husband had either been shot or had fired upon a prowler. Father never gets up that early. He was confused. He was finding his way in the dark to the bathroom."

The old man has lived with his daughter for many years.

Mrs. Richter ran out and notified Officer Walsh, who sent in an emergency call. After an investigation by the police, it was decided not to arrest Richter.

Redskins Pick Up Lost Trail; Deputies Report Body of Dead Robber Riddled With Bullets.

Indian hunters skilled in woodcraft were taken from the Snoqualmie reservation Tuesday by Sheriff Hodge and placed on the trail of the three surviving members of a gang of thugs who Saturday held up the State Bank of Duval.

Others Indians were employed in dragging the Snoqualmie river for the body of the fourth bandit who was shot while attempting to swim to safety.

The party of hunters, with Deputy Sheriffs Elliott and Starwick, picked up the robbers' trail where bloodhounds from the Monroe reformatory dropped it, about 20 miles east of Duval.

Word was received at the sheriff's office about noon that the Indians were working under great difficulty in the foothills of the Cascades. The trail points directly into the mountains.

Most of the deputies returned to Seattle Monday night. They were drenched, to the skin and reported that further efforts were almost useless, as the bloodhounds had given up the scent, and, owing to heavy rains, nearly every trace of the vanishing bandits had been washed out.

Riddled With Bullets

Deputy Sheriff Billy Hodge said that the dead member of the gang had been riddled as he tried to escape by swimming the Snoqualmie. Thirteen rifle shots were fired at him and a number of shotguns were trained on his head as he swam away.

He threw up his hands and sank. It is hoped the body may be identified when found and furnish a clue as to the identity of the surviving bandits.

GEARHART, ORE., HOTEL BURNING

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The big summer resort hotel at Gearhart is a fire, according to a report which reached here just before the wires went down, at 8 o'clock this morning.

The report came from the operator at Gearhart to the Northbank dispatcher here.

Astoria, Gearhart and Seaside were shut off from wire communication. Details of the fire are lacking.

A heavy gale was blowing off the coast this morning.

DECLARE SEATTLE MAN WAS MURDERED

OAKDALE, Cal., Dec. 21.—Stanislaus county authorities today turned to the police of Seattle to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of George Walker, 44, I. W. W., of that city, and to establish his relationship.

Walker was found dead near La Grange several days ago. It was first thought death was due to exposure, but the finding of a wound behind his ear led to the conviction that he was murdered.

BIG WATER SURPLUS

After redemption, interest and operating expenses are paid, the surplus of the city water department for the first 11 months of this year will be \$118,503, according to the report of Water Superintendent L. B. Youngs.

Weather Forecast

Rain tonight and Wednesday.

TIDES AT SEATTLE	
High	Low
6:32 a. m., 14.3 ft.	11:06 a. m., 9.6 ft.
2:22 p. m., 12.7 ft.	10:39 p. m., 9.8 ft.

PEACE, SANITY AND SOBRIETY! THEY'RE GRIFFITHS' ISSUES

"We have had too much bickering and turmoil over petty things, and now is the time for constructive work, for peace in city affairs, for real progress and development."

So declared Austin E. Griffiths, candidate for mayor, Tuesday.

"The issue in the coming campaign is neither the so-called high-and-low tax fight, nor is it municipal ownership," Griffiths said.

Griffiths' record in the council, by the way, stamps him as a true friend of municipal ownership and also a friend of economy in city expense.

Wants Waste Eliminated

"Low taxes," said Griffiths, "cannot be accomplished by postponing payment of legitimate debts. Eliminate the waste in running expenses of city government; adopt the most efficient methods in the conduct of the municipality, and then you have real economy, and, naturally, also, lower taxes."

As to municipal ownership, his record is an open book. A progressive by nature, I have given the most loyal support to every municipal ownership project that had a basis of sound judgment."

Real Issue Is Peace

Griffiths has not yet formulated any campaign platform.

"Your opinion, then," he was asked, "is that both the tax and the municipal ownership issues, as they have been outlined by Mr. Gill and Mr. Erickson, are pure 'hunk' issues?"

Griffiths smiled.

"I wouldn't say so in just that way," he said.

"What, then, would you say are the issues?"

"I would say that the issues are PEACE, SOBRIETY, SANITY, CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS, EFFICIENCY."

Will Make Hard Campaign

Griffiths will make a determined, aggressive campaign. While he has not said so in so many words, it is his idea that as long as either Gill or Erickson is at the head of the city government, there will be a lot of unnecessary quarrels over small, unimportant matters, while the larger affairs of the city's progress are delayed.

"The city must get rid of petty quarrels," he said.

Griffiths is now running for the third time against Mayor Gill. In 1910 he quit the race to lend his break allies' line.



Austin E. Griffiths

strength to another candidate. In 1914, he was defeated in the primaries.

Resigned Council Job

Immediately after the election in 1914, however, Griffiths was appointed chief of police by Mayor Gill. It was the popular demand for his acceptance of the job that induced Griffiths even to consider it. After several months, however, he resigned. He is a lawyer by profession. He had spent three years in the council, and resigned when he entered the mayoralty race, in 1914.

Father of Playgrounds

Always active in civic affairs, Griffiths and Mrs. Griffiths are well known in many movements for the city's welfare. Griffiths is known as the father of the playground system of Seattle. Mrs. Griffiths was president of the Mothers' congress. They have several children. One son, Tom Griffiths, formerly captain of the university football team, was recently elected mayor of Cosmopolis, Wash., a town of 1,700.

J. C. McPherson, former Seattle man, writes from trenches; says Germans will never be able to break allies' line.

PREMIER ASQUITH CALLS FOR MILLION MORE MEN

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith today sought to call 1,000,000 more men to the English standard. To this end he introduced a bill for such a number, bringing England's total of troops to 4,000,000.

As for the Dardanelles withdrawal, Asquith explained they were compelled by Earl Kitchener, who recently visited that region, by Gen. Monroe, in charge of the expedition, and by other military and naval men.

In withdrawing the men, England suffered only slight losses; her supplies were removed virtually intact.

Without giving the total number of enlistments gained thru Lord Derby's volunteer campaign, Asquith had praise for Derby, whose work he characterized as affording

U.S. MUST KEEP COOL, HE SAYS

By Carl W. Ackerman
BERLIN, Dec. 21.—There will be no quarrel between Austria and the United States if Washington keeps cool.

Count Stephen Tisza, who, next to Emperor Josef, is Austria's strongest man, gave this assurance to the United Press in an interview at Budapest in the course of my week's visit to Austria and Hungary to ascertain sentiment concerning the Ancona note.

"To think of trouble between Austria and America—sheer nonsense," said the count, who had just conferred with the emperor at Vienna over the Ancona situation.

"I must confess, tho, that we were greatly surprised to receive the American note. It is far from our intention, however, to get into any quarrel with America. Perhaps I should not say quarrel, because I know it would not be that, but of course matters do not depend on us entirely."

Insist on Correspondence

There is no reason for trouble over the Ancona affair. It must be settled satisfactorily, not only from the American standpoint, but also from our own. The only way to reach a settlement is thru correspondence, which will suggest the means."

Further indications that Austria does not contemplate a break came from Tisza's statement that Austria is now studying the question of selecting a successor to the recalled Ambassador Dumba.

Still Retain Good Will

American Ambassador Penfield also pointed out at Vienna that twice on the day the Ancona reply was sent to Washington, Foreign Minister Burian asked America to use her good offices to obtain concessions for Austria in belligerent countries.

Consul General Coffin, at Budapest, who daily meets the Hungarian ministers, said the cordiality of their relations had not been interrupted by the note.

Coffin believes the dual monarchy does not desire a break and will prevent one.

No Break Is Desired

From persons outside of official circles came the statement that the government is not so much opposed to America's demand for disavowal as it is toward its manner in the courts.

It was suggested to Tisza that the Vienna visitor is surprised at the number of aged Emperor Franz Josef's daily conferences.

"The world has quite a false impression of him," the count replied. "He is awake at 4 every morning and works until 8 at night like a man of 40. He knows every detail of foreign and military affairs. He has retained his strength of mind and physically he is one of the strongest men in the monarchy."

The count characterized the military situation as more than satisfactory.

Ships Bring Foodstuffs
From Tisza's windows, overlooking the Danube, I could see Bul-

SIX-YEAR-OLD MISS TO BE HAPPIEST GIRL IN U. S. THIS XMAS



She Has Just Won Governor's Pardon for Her Daddy, Who Was Sentenced to Life Term in Georgia Prison.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 21.—The happiest girl in the whole United States this Christmas will be little Bessie Lucile Stripling!

The governor of this state has just promised the pretty 6-year-old child that he will let her father out of prison, where he had been sentenced for life, in time to eat Christmas dinner—a free man, with the fear of 20 years gone from his shoulders.

Twenty years ago Stripling murdered a man in Harris county.

He was captured and declared that the crime was committed to satisfy the "unwritten law."

Nevertheless he was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

After a year in prison, Stripling, desperate because he knew his wife and two children were living in terrible poverty, managed to escape.

Taking his family, he settled in Danville, Va., under the name of Morris and soon became a leading citizen.

Then came the most amazing part of his thrilling story. Hunted fugitive tho he was, he finally became the town's chief of police, an office he held several years.

Then after 15 years' liberty he was recognized, recaptured and sent back to prison.

One day Bessie's mother took her to the prison to see her daddy.

It happened that Governor Nat E. Harris was inspecting the prison that day.

The little girl had heard much about him and knew him by sight. She slipped from her mother's side and ran to the governor.

Putting her tiny hand in his, she whispered:

"Please, Mr. Governor, won't you let my daddy come home with me? I wants him."

A tense moment followed. Then the governor answered:

"Run along home, girl; I'll send your daddy home soon."

And now the governor is going to keep his promise, and Bessie's father will be with her for Christmas day.

There's no Christmas rush at The Hague peace tribunal.

RUSS SQUADRON BOMBARDS VARNA

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A large Russian squadron is bombarding Varna, Bulgaria, on the Black sea, said a Berne dispatch today.

JEWELRY SALE OFFERS BARGAINS

The B. L. Gates Jewelry Store, at 1418 Second ave, is having its annual Christmas sale. Many excellent bargains are offered in high grade jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks, etc. Their ad on page 2 in today's Star contains a large list of specials. It will pay you well to look it up. You'll find some good suggestions for gifts.