

# STICK TO YOUR JOB, MR. ERICKSON!

**COUNCILMAN** Erickson announced yesterday that he will not resign from the council in order to run for Mayor. In the opinion of The Star, this means that Erickson will be in the council, and not in the Mayor's Chair, after election.

Erickson, as head of the council, is fully as valuable as he would be as mayor. Probably he is more valuable. In all friendliness, The Star would suggest to Councilman Erickson that, under the circumstances, he should not file for mayor. By filing, he will only complicate and confuse matters.

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## Perkins on Business!

George W. Perkins has written an article for The Star on how, in his opinion, America can gain the world's trade supremacy. Read it. On page 6.

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## MANY CANDIDATES FILE FOR CITY OFFICES ON FIRST DAY

Read Story of Prince Igor, a Dog, Who Gave Up Life for Want of a Dollar

### A Star Reporter Sees Noble St. Bernard Electrocuted at New City Pound; Gets Back to Office and Finds Letter of Appeal From the Dog's Impoverished Master

Prince Igor was executed this morning. Copper and leather harness was clamped around his neck and legs. A man pulled the switch. Eleven hundred volts of electricity went their course. Igor quivered a second before his muscles tightened—then he was dead. But his eyes never lost their searching, pitiful appeal. It was hard to stand there and watch it.

A Star reporter went to the foot of Harrison st. Thursday to see the new pound. He wanted to visit the place. Capt. Sullivan, secretary of police, who is a great, big, good-natured man, offered to take him. The trip was fine until they saw Igor. He is—or was—a St. Bernard. If the word "noble" ever fitted a living thing, it fitted Igor. In the next wire cage a dozen dogs twitched nervously and followed the visitors with their eyes. They tried to muzzle their noses in the reporter's hands. But Igor lay on his haunches like a lion. He looked us straight in the eye. He didn't fret. Igor was thinking, probably, that these callers were too small, too little, too warped of heart, to untangle the red tape that would keep him from the execution harness. If he thought that, the reporter knows now that Igor was right. This story is supposed to tell of the new pound equipment at the end of the Harrison st. dock—how many men and how many automobiles it takes to round up the dogs; how much money the pound makes a year; the names, with initials, of the men who operate it, not omitting street addresses, confirmed by the city directory. But when the reporter got back to the office a letter had come to The Star that knocked all that routine detail out of his head. There was no address, no name on the letter. Albert, the office boy, said he found it under the door when he came in, early this morning.

Here is the letter: "Editor The Star: I want to tell you about a fix I'm in that is a big matter to me, even if it won't seem to you worth reading. "This morning the bell rang and when I answered the door a man asked me if I owned a dog without a license. I said I hadn't worked for quite a while, and haven't had the money for a license, but would obtain one as soon as I could. He was very civil about it himself, but said that he had noticed my dog around, and that he didn't like dogs, and that he had telephoned to the pound because my dog didn't have a license tag on his collar. He left before I could quite understand. "I went out and left my dog in the hall, because I didn't think I could take him with me down to the waterfront, where I was going to look for a job. "My dog is always kind of backward about having much to do with anybody but me. I never dreamed any one would come and take him away. "But he went out I guess. And when the dog catcher came in, I guess he took my dog. "I spent 5 cents to telephone to the pound, and they told me I could get my dog out if I obtained a license. The money I used for the telephone took one-fourth of all I had. I can't buy a license and the dog is out there, locked up. "My dog is no bother to any one. He is quiet. When I have food, he has it, too; when I eat stale bread and drink water, he is satisfied with stale bread and water. "What I want to know is this: Can some of you fellows at The Star get my dog out? If you want to keep him, I'll let you have him—for a while. But when I get the money, I want to pay back whoever will help me out this time, and have the dog. "He wears a collar. He is a St. Bernard and his name is Prince Igor. The name is engraved on the collar."

The reporter wants to make a clean breast of the whole thing. When he went to the pound, they said they weren't going to try their new electrical equipment until tomorrow. Then the man in charge said that as long as the captain had brought The Star man out to see the plant, he might just as well try it then. There were 14 dogs waiting to be killed, anyway. He brought out the big Saint Bernard and killed him. The reporter saw him lug the limp body away. THE NAME ON THE DOG'S COLLAR WAS PRINCE IGOR. AND A DOLLAR WOULD HAVE SAVED HIM. BUT THE LETTER CAME TOO LATE.

### WHO IS SHE?

This picture was found in a room on Sixth ave. S. Wednesday, with the body of a young man who had ended his life with gas. "From Mae to Gilbert," reads a message written on the picture, "with fondest love." Neither the man nor the picture of the woman has yet been identified.

### LEARNS PARENTS DIE IN ARMENIA

John Boyd, the Star's Neighbor, Knows Something of War's Terrors

Nineteen years ago Havannes Boyadjrar saw the women and

children of Mersine, and the men who tried to protect them, chopped down by the Turks. They had clung to their hope of ideals called Christian. For their hope they were butchered. Havannes scampers thru the narrow little streets. His heart pounded. And he saw his uncle stand trembling with emotion until the swish of a sword severed his head. Havannes ran on.

What has that to do with buying cigars from John Boyd at the corner of Seventh and Union? Only this—Havannes Boyadjrar was the Armenian lad who came to America and gravitated to Seattle. Now he is one of The Star's neighbors. And one of the reliefs from legging news is the fume from John Boyd's cigars.

### VILLA GOES TO NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—Gen. Villa's wife had a message from him today, saying he would be here this afternoon. She expects to spend Christmas with him here.

### PEACE IN MEXICO NEAR

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Peace in war-shattered North Mexico today seemed at hand. Villista leaders hooked to the Carranzista standard, seeing in signing of peace terms no hope for continuance of their campaign. Chihuahua is reported in Carranza's hands. Firm control in Juarez by the same forces is anticipated at an early date.



### PHOTO IS ONLY SUICIDE CLUE

Girl's Picture With Love Message Found With Dead Man

Who is Mae? Who was Gilbert?

What woman's voice was it that Mrs. W. T. Russell overheard in Gilbert's room at 1818 Sixth ave. S., late Tuesday night? Was it a lover's quarrel that induced Gilbert to end his life by gas Wednesday? These are a few of the puzzling questions in the latest mystery of the King county morgue. Deputy Coroner Koepfl has been busy thruout the day exhibiting a photograph autographed, "From Mae to Gilbert, with fondest love," to persons who came to view the man's body in the hope of identifying it. The photograph was found in the room with the body. Gilbert was well dressed, though not elegantly. He weighed about 160 pounds, was six feet tall, and about 26 years old. His new derby hat was purchased from a Portland haberdasher. Those are the only clues—those and the photograph. Mrs. Russell says she heard a woman in Gilbert's room on Tuesday night. The man had come to her rooming house at 8 o'clock that evening. She had never seen him before. They found him dead in his bed next morning with a long tube stretching from the gas stove to the bed.

### AERO CLUB SENDS MILITANT GREETING

The Aero club of the Northwest wishes its friends holiday happiness and hopes they "will make and keep a New Year's resolution to work for national preparedness." Cards bearing their message were sent out Wednesday.

### BUSY DAY AT THE P.O.

The heaviest work day in the history of the postoffice is expected Thursday. Beside the regular daily Christmas rush, 12 cars of delayed mail are due. It will be handled at the main office and the King st. station.

### MILLIONAIRE LAND MAN IS MURDERED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—After having shot and killed Bert Richardson, millionaire land owner of Glendale today, Frank Miser, an agent for Richardson, barricaded himself in a real estate office there and threatened to fire upon any one approaching, according to word received at the sheriff's office. A posse was rushed to the spot.

### CARROLL IS FIRST ON JOB

The campaign is on, duly, officially, formally. Filings of candidates for office began Thursday morning in the comptroller's office. The period for filing will continue for one month. The election will be held in the primary contests on February 22, and the final contest will be March 3.

The first to file was Comptroller Harry Carroll, who was closely followed by City Treasurer Terry. Both are seeking re-election. Frank S. Griffiths and Thomas F. Murphine followed them, each leaving \$48 for the privilege of running for corporation counsel. Next came Councilman Fitzgerald, who filed for re-election.

"It is a very touching separation scene," commented Murphine, when Filing Clerk Street touched him for the 48 shokels. Must Pay One Per Cent

Every candidate is required to pay a fee of one per cent of the salary of the office for which he filed. None of the mayoralty candidates have yet filed. Next to the mayoralty fight, however, the contest for corporation counsel will absorb the most attention. It is expected that the present incumbent, James E. Bradford, will file in a few days. His principal opponent is Tom Murphine, who was minority leader in the house of representatives in the last two sessions.

Renick May Be Candidate

Frank H. Renick, who is the author of the notorious Renick law, which, it is claimed, is costing the city many thousands of dollars, may enter the council race.

He ran a year ago and wasn't even nominated. Hodge Out for Governor

Bob Hodge, sheriff of King county, will again be a candidate for governor of Washington next fall.

Alfred H. Lundin will probably be a candidate for re-election as King county prosecutor. County Jailor M. E. Halley and Under Sheriff John M. Stringer will make the race for sheriff. Commissioner Lafe Hamilton will also probably run for sheriff. Sheriff Hodge announced himself Thursday. "I started running in June, 1912," he declared, "and have been running ever since." Probably, he said, there would be no attempt made to resuscitate the old progressive party in this state.

### We Have Found the Richest Person in Whole Northwest

Five hundred thousand dollars a year! A pretty nifty income—yes? That's what one person in the Northwest has, according to the recent reports of the U. S. treasury department's income tax collectors. Who is the lucky person? Uncle Sam doesn't say. But The Star knows. We've been looking for the person. And, by the way, it isn't a man. It's a woman. Read about her in The Star Friday.

### RELAX TENSION AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Less apprehension of a break in diplomatic relations between Austria and America was manifest among diplomats today than heretofore. Tension relaxed at the state department. With the American Ancona rejoinder dispatched, and officially received at Vienna, a "cooling off" wait is expected. Unofficial reports said that Foreign Minister Burian may go to Berlin to confer with the Germans before making his answer. At any rate, German influence is expected to be in favor of America.

### WANT DUTCH HARBOR FOR A SUPPLY BASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The government wants Dutch Harbor, Alaska, as a supply base, the coast and geodetic survey revealed in its annual report.

### LEAVES RICH ESTATE

John Mueller, at one time mayor of Georgetown, and superintendent of the Seattle Browning & Maltin Co., left an estate valued at \$275,371.12, according to papers filed in probate court Wednesday. He died in San Francisco Sept. 23, 1914. The reality of the estate is valued at \$238,500.

### 'OPIUM' IS GLUCOSE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—"Opium," seized on the steamship Selyo Maru last Monday, and declared by U. S. officials to be valued at \$450,000, turned out to be glucose and "vegetable products," worth practically nothing.

Japan will build at Tokyo an astronomical observatory the equal in size and completeness of anything in the United States or Europe.

### Weather Forecast

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight.

TIDES AT SEATTLE	
High	Low
2:27 a. m., 14.5 ft.	12:23 a. m., 9.7 ft.
2:28 p. m., 12.5 ft.	

### PREMIER ASQUITH 'PANNED'

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Premier Asquith may be questioned concerning charges reported by the Chronicle today to have been made by Greek Premier Skoulodis, saying the allies' "bullying tactics" had cost the allies Greek support. In this statement, Skoulodis said the allies had insulted King Constantine and had lied. Moreover, he claimed that the allies had "flouted" Greece instead of placating her, and had at the same time parleyed with Bulgaria. Skoulodis declared his belief that Greece would soon become a bloody battleground, but that the nation would not oppose Bulgarian invasion.

### REPORT KAISER IN BAD WAY

LONDON, Dec. 23.—According to unconfirmed private messages, received at The Star, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany is so ill with a high fever that his sons have been called from the war front to his bedside. In official circles in Berlin, it is stated that the kaiser is only slightly ill from inflammation of the cellular system.

### CLAIM GERMAN VICTORY

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The war office claimed today the Germans had recaptured the Hartmannswellerkopf summit. The landwehr took 1,520 men and 24 officers prisoners. The French are under attack now on the northern slopes.

### The Bon Marché Will Be Open This Evening

And they have two lists of most enticing bargains in today's Star on pages 9 and 12. You will find many interesting, as well as money saving Gift suggestions in their ads. Be sure to look them up.

## The Battle Cry of Christmas

