



Ten thousand people skated on Green Lake over Sunday. Seventeen hundred skated at Lake Burien. These estimates were made by the city park department. This picture was taken at Green Lake by The Star staff photographer.

Merger Plan Doesn't Look Good to Star

If it will interest you to know what The Star thinks of the proposed terms of consolidation for the Commercial Club and the chamber, turn to page 4 and read the first editorial.

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BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS LINE UP IN RAILROAD RATE FIGHT

Commercial Club, Transportation Club and Others Will Intervene in Case

GILL REPLIES TO ERICKSON; CANDIDATES TALK IN STAR

YOU MUST READ STAR TO GET ALL SIDES IN CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR

Oliver T. Erickson, candidate for mayor, issued a public letter Friday, in which he roundly rapped Mayor Gill. The Star was the only daily newspaper in Seattle to print it. Monday Mayor Gill issued a letter to The Star, answering Erickson. The Star is the only paper in Seattle to print this letter, too. AUSTIN E. GRIFFITH also depends upon The Star for a fair presentation of his mayoralty claims. The Star is the Open Forum for the mayoralty candidates. The public must read The Star to get a full and fair discussion of the mayoralty fight. The Star is the only paper in which all aspirants for the most important position in the city present their views. In his letter Friday, Erickson made the following points: Mayor Gill is lined up "with the Puget Sound Traction company, the Chamber of Commerce, and the corporation newspapers in the fight against municipal ownership." Gill opposed every effort to extend the city car line into paying territory, "pursuing the same policy as when he was mayor before, when he blocked the extension of the light system into Ballard." Gill praised the Renick law, "which was intended solely to cripple city utilities." Gill opposed the extension of the city light system to the Duwamish valley, although it was paying business. Gill voted to increase residence lighting from 7 cents to 8 1/2 cents when he was in the council.

"WHEN YOU STICK A MAN YOU CANT LOOK"

How It Feels to Kill a Soldier in a Bayonet Charge. TOLD BY ROBERT MINOR



This sketch was drawn from a description and pose by an English soldier just returned from Gallipoli. "The Turks are dressed in rags," he told me. "We know that a bayonet charge is won as soon as we get past their fire, for they don't understand bayonets. They are brave enough, but they are helpless when we get up to them. We just stick 'em. We have orders to strike at the chest, and that always gets 'em somewhere." "How does a man's face look when he's stuck?" I asked. "I don't know," he replied. "You can't look. I never knew a man who could look. When you see you've got him, you just turn your face away; and when you feel your bayonet sort of coming back out of him, you take it out and step around him with your face away. Then you go for another. I don't want to talk about it."—Robert Minor.

LEND HAND IN CAMPAIGN TO GET SEATTLE SQUARE DEAL

Important legal developments in the fight taken up by The Star for equal passenger rates from Chicago to the Pacific coast took form Monday.

Several leading business men's organizations are preparing to file complaints, as intervenors, in the public service commission's case before the interstate commerce commission. Negotiations to that end were begun Saturday, between counsel representing various big commercial bodies and Chairman C. A. Reynolds, of the state public service commission. Following a short consultation with Reynolds, Secretary Otto Case, of the Commercial Club, announced that the club's counsel would draft the first intervenor's suit. Representatives of the Automobile club, the Hotel Men's association and the steamboat men's organization have taken the matter up with Reynolds and intend filing similar suits in behalf of their interests.

Will Charge Unjust Discrimination

Each suit will set forth that the organization bringing the action is being unjustly discriminated against by the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., in the matter of passenger rates from Chicago to California and return. The fight for fair passenger rates to the Northwest was taken up Monday in Spokane, Tacoma and Portland. Action by commercial bodies was urged toward getting from the interstate commerce commission a speedy hearing. Chairman Reynolds said Monday he was confident the case would get an early hearing and has already begun preparation of briefs to present to the interstate commerce commission when the hearing is called. Saturday he wrote a letter to Chairman Goldsmith, of the transportation bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, urging the bureau to file an intervenor's complaint in behalf of the chamber and the large interests it represents. He pointed out that every member of the chamber was vitally interested in having the differential of \$17.50 in summer and \$21.75 in winter over the Southern routes wiped out. He showed that, owing to the differential, the chamber's members were losing thousands of dollars annually because tourists avoid the Northwest for the reason that the Southern lines will not agree on a similar round-trip rate with the Northern lines.

Can Present Case More Forcefully

Reynolds asked the bureau to designate an attorney to take the matter up with him at once. "By bringing these intervenor's suits," Reynolds explained, "we can present our case to the interstate commerce commission more forcefully than by any other means. Each organization, and each individual of that organization, is interested in having tourists come here. Every business house in Seattle and the Northwest is interested—from the standpoint of its pocket-book. "With equal round-trip rates from Chicago to San Francisco via Seattle, the Northwest would get its just share of the tourist business. "With a preferential of \$17.50 in summer in favor of the Southern lines, we don't get that business, and never will. The tourist will take the Southern routes, because he can ride over those lines \$17.50 cheaper, and will leave Seattle off his itinerary altogether. Several Northwest problems are to be heard soon by the interstate commerce commission. It is expected an examiner will be sent here shortly to take testimony for the commission. Not later than May, Chairman Reynolds said, he believed the differential rate case will be ready for hearing. At that time the public service commission and the various commercial organizations will present the case, each from its own angle. The case then will be argued before the interstate commerce commission in Washington, D. C.

Sever Business Connections With O-W.

"The main proposition is simple," said Chairman Goldsmith of the Chamber of Commerce transportation bureau. "Any man who buys a ticket at Chicago is capable of giving testimony that the round-trip rates to the Coast are discriminatory against the Northwest." It became known Monday one of the biggest steamboat transportation men in the Northwest has severed connection with the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. until officials of that road agree to do all in their power to prevail upon their allied lines, the Union and Southern Pacific, to compromise with the Northern lines in the matter of passenger rates. Another shipper, who was about to sign an agreement with the O-W for delivery of 60 carloads of merchandise, has held up the deal until he has had a consultation with officials of the road on the rate issue. It may take years to carry the case thru the commission and the courts. Business men believe they themselves can obtain quicker relief by bringing pressure on the O-W, R. & N. Co.

HOLD BROTHERS IN MURDER PLOT

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Charged with plotting to murder their parents, Irving and Herbert Upliké were held by the police today. According to the story the police wrung from them, they intended the murders because they believed the father, Farman D. Upliké, millionaire, was about to change his will to their detriment. The younger son is said to have agreed to poison the parents, but intended to thwart the elder brother. From the younger man, the police got wind of the alleged plot. The younger son is understood to be held merely as a witness. The elder son, Irving, 38, was

Montenegro Asks Peace From Austria

KING FLEES TO ITALY; TINY COUNTRY GIVES UP

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Making the first break in the ranks of the allies, Montenegro has asked her enemy, Austria, for peace. Crushed and broken and threatened by complete destruction before the Austrians overrunning her, the country has surrendered completely. Announcement of Montenegro's request for peace came today from Count Tisza before the Hungarian parliament. Parliament had just finished the first order of business when Tisza asked permission to interrupt, said the dispatch, detailing the news. He informed parliament that the Montenegrin king and parliament had asked for inauguration of peace negotiations. Tisza said that Austria demanded that Montenegro lay down her arms unconditionally and that King Nicholas had acceded to this proposal. Negotiations, he added, will begin immediately. Parliament burst forth in a joyous demonstration at the tidings. The rejoicing was reflected in Budapest and Berlin. It is understood King Nicholas has gone to Italy. Probably an Austrian will sit on the throne he quit when the stress of war became too serious for him longer to hold out. The crisis in Montenegro came with the culmination of the Teutonic campaign against Serbia. Austrian forces turned their attention to an invasion of the little country and had swept over the state and into the capital, Cetinje.

THOUSANDS ENJOY SKATE ON SEATTLE LAKES SUNDAY

Seattle skated Sunday. We mean a regular innocent ice skate. It was a perfectly temperate skate. Cold—ice, understand? State's dry. The park board got busy during the last of the week and scraped the snow off 240 acres of ice at Green Lake. Ten thousand people, according to the park board estimate, skated there Sunday. Then the public utilities board set men to work at Lake Burien. And 1,700 people skated there Sunday. Spaces were cleared of snow at both lakes. More snow is being cleared away at both lakes Monday, so that facilities for the real Back East sport will be sufficient to meet the demands. Patrols, with life lines, have been established at Green Lake by the park board, to prevent accidents. The board is running a checking station, and keeps up fires. Lanterns are lighted near the danger zones at night. Electric lights have been provided at Lake Burien. Lunch vendors are making a cleanup. If the cold weather keeps up, the city will make enough money out of skaters who travel on the Lake Burien line to pay off the deficit on Division A. They were hanging onto the cars Sunday by their eyebrows.

ALL RECORDS SMASHED BY THIS COLD SPELL

Here goes your old weather record. Don't come around any more with that wheeze about how, back in unmy unmy, they had a spell that makes the 1916 cold siege in Seattle look like the tropics. Monday is the 20th consecutive crisp, cold day that Weather Man Salisbury has wished upon the community. He says that in 1909 there was weather like this for 13 days. But if there has ever been a longer cold spell than the one we are now shivering thru, Salisbury won't admit it. He says it is a record. And it's not over. Fact is, snow will likely hit the city again Tuesday. "Fair tonight," says Salisbury, "snow tomorrow." The wind is still from the Northwest and blowing strong. That means continued cold.

ORDER BOYS ARRESTED FOR ABSENCE FROM N. G. DRILL

Private Willis Jamison, 19, of Co. D, Second Infantry, National Guard of Washington, is in the county jail Monday, serving out a fine of \$15.00 imposed for being absent from drill without leave on December 15. He is a Ballard high school boy, son of H. C. Jamison, a bricklayer, of 5210 Russell ave. He walked into the sheriff's office Saturday evening and gave himself up. A storm of protest has gone up from members of the sheriff's force over the wholesale arrests of young men. "A fine way to stimulate preparedness!" was the comment of Under Sheriff Stringer, who sent a letter protesting to Adjt. Gen. Maurice Thompson against serving nine other warrants.

TIDES AT SEATTLE High 4:42 a. m., 13.4 ft. 9:50 a. m., 10.1 ft. 1:54 p. m., 11.8 ft. 9:32 p. m., 1.2 ft. Low

DOG SHOULD WORRY

THE HAGUE, Jan. 17.—A year's study may be necessary before the Ford peace program can be submitted to the belligerents, members of the party remaining for establishment of a permanent tribunal admitted today. It was reported that Rev. Dr. Aked will receive \$25,000 for abandoning his pulpit while he is engaged in the tribunal work.

Mayor Gill today issued a letter replying to charges made by Councilman Erickson, in a letter to the public, which appeared in this paper last Friday.

Gill ridicules Erickson's claims to office. He defends his own attitude toward the city's public utilities, and declares he has "put in eight hours here at the city hall on city work where Erickson has put in one." He also defends his record in the council, which Erickson had attacked.

The mayor asserts the only issue of the campaign is taxation, and declares that Erickson, as the dominating influence in the council, has done much to counteract Gill's own efforts toward saving money for the taxpayer. Gill's letter follows:

Editor The Star: In your issue of the 14th inst. appears an open letter from Mr. Erickson pertaining to my candidacy for the office of mayor, and to what he concedes to be my official shortcomings, much more than it appears to concern his fitness to succeed me. In discussing this letter, it is hard for me to differentiate between Mr. Erickson, as an individual, and Mr. Erickson, convened by himself and his secretary's typewriter in his capacity as the Public Franchise League. However, I think it is only due to your many readers, if consistent with your policy, that I be allowed to put my candidacy in what I regard as the proper light before the public. In the first place, let me say that Mr. Erickson has no more chance of winning the coming campaign with me on fake issues, such as he mentions (the so-called Renick act, the Referendum League or kindred subjects) than he has to solve the questions of who struck Billy Patterson, or who abducted one Charles Ross. The issue is not municipal utilities or any other than what it was two years ago. The issue is TAXATION, high or low? I, as a member of the city council, helped install Seattle's water plant and probably was as largely instrumental as any other person in installing the light plant, at a time when it was much harder to favor its installation than it is now. The public generally understands that I have consistently upheld and upheld those two utilities. I might say in passing, for the benefit of those who do not remember, that in the winter of 1905-06 Judge William Hickman Moore, who had always been a consistent municipal ownership advocate as to our light and water plants, was a candidate for mayor in the democratic primaries. This was before the present non-partisan system. At that time Mr. Erickson, having been duly "hypodermicked" by

Helped Revolve Franchise In 1910, I signed the ordinance authorizing bonds to purchase the Renton line, and I procured the revocation of the franchise of the Seattle, Renton and Southern for non-compliance with its provisions. I frequently stated in the campaign two years ago that after that, forfeiture, my successors in this office and the city council had, by their acceptance of the percentages earned and other recognitions of the franchise forfeited, lost all rights under that forfeiture and that when the mass of litigation which for four years was allowed to slumber—as Mr. Erickson stated in the council upon his order—the city would be best. I stated two years ago that the diversion of the Renton line condemnation bond fund, for the purpose of building Division A, was a municipal crime and I still ad-

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