

LANDSLIDE WRECKS SIX HOMES IN WEST SEATTLE; SEVEN TRAPPED IN WRECKAGE

The Seattle Star

VOLUME 18. SEATTLE, WASH., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1916. ONE CENT

ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS

LAST EDITION

Register Tonight!

The books at the Prefontaine building will be open Thursday until midnight. After that it will be too late to qualify for the municipal elections.

THE ONLY PAPER IN SEATTLE THAT DARES TO PRINT THE NEWS

ZEPPELIN SINKS THREE WAR VESSELS

HUMPHREY REFUSES TO TALK OF SITE

BY F. M. KERBY
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—Humphrey sidesteps. "I will make no statement or comment whatsoever" is his attitude in the expose of the Seattle postoffice-site expose. I went to see the Seattle congressman today to find out why he said that there is not one thing to show that he is interested in the Seattle postoffice-site deal (which the treasury department found it necessary to repudiate), although the records of the department are filled with letters to and from him in the matter!

"Mr. Humphrey," I said, "you are quoted in a Seattle newspaper of Nov. 8 last in this way: 'I had anything to do with the purchase of the site. In fact, I always have refused to take any part in negotiations having to do with the expenditure of government money for sites within my district.' It is ridiculous to assert that I participated in the negotiations. On my return from Washington city, I found that negotiations had progressed to the point of acceptance, and that there was a serious row on between local realty men over the whole thing. I refused to take any part in this AND THERE IS NOT ONE THING TO SHOW THAT I INTERESTED MYSELF IN IT IN ANY WAY, NOR DID I!"

"Is that a correct quotation?"

"I will not make any statement whatever in this matter if it is to be printed in the SEATTLE STAR," said Congressman Humphrey in reply.

"But you understand, Mr. Humphrey, that I am representing not only the Seattle Star, but a news association which serves the Seattle Star and many other newspapers ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. What I wanted to get you to explain is whether your statement is correct, in view of these letters which I have here from the treasury department files?"

"I will not make any statement whatever about that which is to be furnished in any way to the Seattle Star," reiterated the Seattle congressman.

WINDOW BLOWN OUT; GIRL HURT

One girl was severely cut and several other passersby slightly hurt by flying glass when a large window in the Metropolitan bank, at Fourth ave. and Union st., was blown out by the high wind shortly after noon, Thursday.

The girl was rushed to a doctor's office, near by. Bank officials refused to give out the girl's name or the names of others who were injured.

The window measured 12x14 feet and was of heavy plate glass.

WE MAY SEE STELLA Famous Painting May Come Here

Stella She wants to come to Seattle. After spending the summer at the San Francisco exposition, where thousands of rich men, old men, fat men and thin men went crazy over her, and a lot of women got sore at her, she is nutty to come up here!

Stella has many, many Seattle friends. She is about the most deceiving painting of a woman that was ever rigged up on a canvas. She has nothing to do with fashions.

"Stella—so lies she there, gazing at you, while your eyes drink in her beauty; reading your thoughts while you vainly try to fathom hers," writes her manager to the city authorities. "A little more dreaming on her part, a little more

U. S. Treasury Department Tells Humphrey About His Duck Pond

EDITOR'S NOTE—Here is a letter written to Congressman Wm. E. Humphrey of Seattle by the assistant secretary of the United States treasury department after he had finished an investigation of the undesirable postoffice site in Seattle, in which Humphrey said he was "not interested" in a purported interview, but about which, it has been discovered, he has had a great deal of important correspondence, as this paper has already shown.

June 23, 1915.

Hon. Wm. E. Humphrey, House of Representatives, Dear Mr. Congressman:

On April 29th last the postmaster general suggested to the secretary of the treasury that a joint investigation should be made by representatives of the two departments of the site purchased by the government in Block 253, Seattle. The representatives have reported as follows:

- (1) This site is not desirable from the standpoint of a postoffice only. For the purposes of a general federal building it is very undesirable.
 - (2) The mail would have to be hauled a distance of 3,100 feet from the cars to the site, and practically all of it would have to be hauled back again for distribution and dispatch; a spur track could not be successfully operated.
 - (3) No improvements have been made in this vicinity for six years. The improvements will, when eventually made, consist of manufacturing plants and warehouses.
 - (4) It is recommended that the present site be sold, but they state that, at the present time, not more than 50 per cent of the purchase price could be obtained for it.
 - (5) It is recommended that a site should be acquired which (a) would be convenient of access to the general public and federal officials; (b) would not entail a lengthy double haul of the mail; and (c) would be convenient as a distributing center to the eight postal stations in the central, northern and eastern parts of the city.
- The above is transmitted for your information, and the confidential report mentioned, which is on file in this department, will be at your disposal when you find it convenient to call.
- Very Sincerely Yours,
BYRON R. NEWTON,
Assistant Secretary.

BOOZE CASES ON TRIAL FRIDAY

Boeing, Skinner and Eden to Have Hearing Together

HODGE HAS EVIDENCE

Four hundred gallons of booze! In bottles, demijohns and casks, it stands locked in Sheriff Bob Hodge's "evidence room."

It is of varying degrees of "efficiency." Some of it is the lightest wine—the kind milady sips with her salad. And some of it is stronger.

A cat, unwittingly one night, licked up a bit that trickled from a cask, and keeled over, dead as a mackerel.

For the possession of those bottles, demijohns and casks and their fluid contents, three of Seattle's wealthiest men, one of them a millionaire, will do battle in Judge Ronald's court Friday against the county's legal department.

They are: W. E. Boeing, whose palatial home at "The Highlands" was raided by Sheriff Hodge's men; D. E. Skinner, whose cellars yielded a fabulous amount of liquor; and J. C. Eden, who has assumed responsibility for all the booze confiscated in a raid of the Rainier club.

These defendants have hired the most able lawyers in the Northwest to contest the right of Sheriff Hodge to seize their stocks of liquor.

They will contend that their constitutional rights as citizens of the United States have been violated. Deputy Prosecutor Meier will represent the state.

Pitted against him will be Hughes, McMicken, Dovel & Ramsey, Donworth & Todd, and Hastings & Stedman.

TURKS SELL GIRLS

GENEVA, Feb. 10.—With the Turks again massacring Armenians, thousands of men and boys have been shot, and many girls sent to Constantinople, to be sold into harems, according to dispatches today.

watching on yours, and lol some day at evening might not STELLA rise to her shapely feet, stretch out her wondrous arms, and, in a voice vibrant whom came these tidings, could refuse?"

That was the message that came to Mayor Gill from Edward Vaughn, Stella's manager.

"Can't Stella come up there?" he wrote. He wanted to know if a license is necessary.

"I'll pass it over to the censorship board," said the mayor, with long-suppressed emotion, say to the spellbound spectators: "I am the spirit of beauty in women; On your knees, all who love me, and worship."

"And who among you, to

ARMOR PLATE BILL COMING UP MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee today obtained permission of senate leaders to call up the administration bill for government armor plate manufacture as a special order of business for Monday. The president has endorsed pushing the bill.

DROPBOMBS ON CRUISER AND TWO OTHERS

BERLIN (By wireless to Sayville), Feb. 10.—In their last raid on England, Zeppelins bombarded and sank the British cruiser Caroline and the destroyers Eden and Nith, the Cologne Gazette reported today.

The British admiralty recently denied that any ship had been sunk in the last raid.

HERE'S A GOOD HUNCH

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 10.—H. K. Knapp, prone to do what his name implies after the alarm clock rings in the morning, used to get up, shut the thing off and go back to bed and oversleep so much that he got three more alarms, put one in each corner of the room, and now, by the time he has made the rounds and shut them all off, he's ready to sleep up.

REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY

With 5,361 registered Wednesday, it now looks as though the registration for the coming city election will even exceed the 1914 record, when 73,919 registered.

The last few days, the registration has come thick and heavy.

From downtown hotels, especially, the registration has been big. The total at midnight Wednesday was 70,088.

This is the last day for registration.

THE BOOKS WILL BE OPEN AT THE PREFONTAINE BUILDING, THIRD AVE. AND YESLER, UP TO MIDNIGHT.

HOBBOES FARE WELL IN DE KALB, ILL., JAIL

DE KALB, Ill., Feb. 10.—Hoboes have struck a soft snap here. Besides being accommodated at the local jail on cold nights, the unconsumed delicacies from banquets are sent in to them.

Weather Forecast—Occasional rain tonight and Friday.

BARGAINS GALORE

The ads are just full of money saving opportunities these days. Some are beginning to tell of the new spring styles also, which makes them doubly interesting. It's the "day of 100 specials" at McDougall-Southwick's tomorrow, and you know that means bargains well worth looking up.

Details on page 5.

"Why I Should Be Elected Mayor"

REGISTRATION closes today. Voters of Seattle, a week from Monday, will select at the city primaries the two candidates for mayor, six candidates for council, two candidates for corporation counsel, and two candidates for city treasurer, who will fight it out in the finals. With little more than a week of the pre-primary campaign remaining, The Star asked four candidates for Mayor to state, in 100 words, why they think they should be elected. The Star has been the open forum through which these candidates have expressed their views to the people. They now summarize them for this paper's readers:



GILL



ERICKSON



GRIFFITHS



RAYMER

WHEN a candidate for mayor two years ago, I made certain definite promises. They have been fulfilled. In a measure, thru the generous support of the citizens and the press, which I have received. There is much yet to be done along the same lines for the greater good of our city.

With your help, I will continue the policies of the past two years, without isms or promises impossible of fulfillment, and made only for the sake of riding into office.

Deeds are more substantial than promises.

A "SHAM" friend is a greater menace to public ownership than an open enemy. During the five years I have been in the council, insidious influences have been busy all the time, working under cover, to undermine our city utilities.

These interests are too clever to propose what they would like to happen—the abandonment of the light plant. Instead they have tried to kill off profitable business by opposing extensions to Ballard, Duwamish, and elsewhere.

Open attacks against me on the question of municipal ownership have proved futile.

So now the fake issue of taxes is raised.

The fact that never before has my record for economy been disputed, even by my enemies, proves the fraud in the so-called tax issue.

MY RECORD has been an open book. As a councilman and as a private citizen, I have fought for municipal ownership, but I am against dry dams that make dear utilities and discredit public ownership. Have you seen your tax statements showing higher taxes than ever before? Have you seen our dam, costing, with interest, \$2,800,000 that will not hold water?

I am for administrative efficiency, municipal economy, home rule, sensible public ownership, law enforcement, good work for good pay, fairness and good will.

Whatever may be done to bring social and industrial justice and prosperity to our city and people, I shall try to do.

I AM NOT a politician, although I have run at the request of friends among socialists. I was always a good loser. I never stayed up all night "waiting for returns." A non-partisan election is a farce. Each candidate is appealing to partisan following. Municipal ownership is not socialism, merely a beginning. I stand for public ownership of all public utilities, street railways, gas plants, telephones, coal bunkers, markets, dairies, lodging houses, banks, a free general hospital and clinic, etc.

What would be my first official act, if elected? To fire the present chief of police.

Why? Because he is out of sympathy with the working class.

Oliver J. Erickson, Arthur S. Griffiths, Charles Raymer

SHE ASKED HIM TO DANCE; HE DID

But His Wife Saw Them, and Oh! What She Did Say

HE'S NO FLIRT, HE SAYS

Every time Joseph W. Collins, secretary of the Collins Wet Wash laundry, of 414 12th ave., got into an argument with his wife, she would best him with her more fluent tongue.

Then he would always say: "Just as you say. I should worry."

"But the last time I said it," he testified, at his divorce hearing before Judge Frater Thursday, "we were sitting at the table eating supper. Just as I said, 'I should worry,' I got a case knife in the eye."

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gibbs Collins, the demure young wife, is contesting the divorce with a general denial of everything her husband has alleged.

"I ain't of no jealous disposition and everybody will admit that I ain't no flirt and such as that, or nothing whatsoever," testified Collins.

"One night, tho, we went to a dance. It was the annual Labor day dance, and a girl saw me on the floor that I hadn't seen for a year. She was about 18, and ran over and put her hands on my shoulders and turned me around."

"She says, 'Let's have a dance,' and I says, 'Sure,' and we did. Well, what does my wife do but up and tell that girl something. What she didn't tell her wasn't worth saying."

MORRISON'S PICTURE PRINTED THRU ERROR



Frank Morrison

This picture of Frank Morrison, formerly field claim agent for the industrial insurance commission, was used by mistake in The Star on Feb. 4 for a picture of J. F. Gillies, convicted on that date of forgery in connection with short-ages in the commission's funds.

The Star learned today of its error, and hastens to reprint the picture and make amends to Mr. Morrison, who had no connection whatever with the Gillies trial.

SAILORS HELP IN RESCUE

Five more houses were smashed shortly before noon Thursday, when two great slices of the Alki ave. bluff broke loose in avalanches that cut short the efforts of police and fire department forces sent to help move furniture from the threatened residences.

More than \$2,500 worth of property was destroyed in a few minutes' time.

No one was reported injured. The destroyed houses are at 1110, 1154, 1364, 1366 and 1380 Alki ave.

Great sections of the bluff threaten to give way any minute.

Lieut. Dolphin of the West Seattle station had appealed for help from police and fire headquarters in aiding people in the danger zone to move their property less than an hour before the last slides.

Seven people were pinned under wreckage while asleep, and barely escaped being crushed to death, when another avalanche crashed down from the crest of Alki ave. bluff at 5:25 a. m. Thursday.

Sailors from the U. S. S. Pittsburg, firemen and police hurried to the scene and aided in the work of rescue.

There were no fatal injuries. The injured are: Mrs. Mabel Stewart, ribs broken; Thomas H. Stewart, crushed about legs; Harry Stewart, age 20, cut about hands and body; Mrs. Charles Berger, cut about body; Clinton Stewart, age 15, cut about arms.

Those who escaped uninjured were Olive Stewart, age 17, and Margaret Stewart, age 7. All lived in a house at 1500 Alki ave. W., owned by Matt Dee.

Neighbors who heard the crash telephoned the police that two families occupying the house had been buried in wreckage.

Mrs. Stewart, awaking suddenly, sensed the danger and threw herself over her 7-year-old child. Her act probably saved the child's life. When Dr. E. H. Smith arrived from the city hospital he found the mother suffering from broken ribs.

Harry Stewart was pinned fast under the bed. Aside from lacerations on his hands and body, he was none the worse for the accident.

The others managed to struggle out by the time the rescue parties arrived, and were searching for Harry.

The sailors who aided in the rescue were regular service men stationed aboard the naval militia cruiser Pittsburg.

The victims of the avalanche were taken by the owner of the wrecked house to 1394 Alki ave. They will stay at the new address. The loss is estimated at \$1,500.

Move From Danger Zone
Hundreds of families rushed the work of moving out of the danger zone Thursday. More than a mile

(Continued on page 5.)

TIDES AT SEATTLE
High 8:20 a. m., 15.5 ft. Low 2:10 p. m., 6.0 ft.
10:15 p. m., 10.0 ft. 2:04 p. m., 2.0 ft.