

DON'T MISS

—Starting "The Red Emerald," John Reed Scott's great novel of love and adventure and diplomacy. It begins in The Star on Monday and will end Saturday. It is the second in the series of book-length, popular fiction being published in this paper. The first, "The Rose Garden Husband," concludes in today's issue. These are regular, sure-fire hits—the kind of books you pay \$1.50 for if you buy them anywhere else—AND NO FAMILY IN SEATTLE CAN AFFORD TO MISS THE CHANCE to take advantage of—

THIS BARGAIN!

WARNING!

Don't overlook your Monday Star. For in it will begin a new book-length novel, "The Red Emerald," which is an even better story, we think, than "The Rose Garden Husband," which ends today. Start the new week right.

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GILL CALLS RIVAL A COWARD

Answer These Questions in Your Speech, Hi Gill!

YOU are starting out today, Hi Gill, on a speaking campaign. You are going to tell the people of Seattle why you think you ought to be re-elected mayor. There are a few questions that you will have to answer to the satisfaction of the voters.

(1) Why are you breaking your pledge, voluntarily given two years ago, that you would not run for mayor again if elected? You said then that you wanted vindication. The Star helped you get your chance because you then were the lesser of two evils. But what is your excuse now? Tell the voters your reasons, if you have any, why they should prefer YOU, and the rotten conditions that prevail with YOU as mayor, to Austin E. Griffiths, who has made good in public and private life, who knows Seattle and her needs, who is a student of civic problems, who will bring peace and progress in the community instead of the wrangles and quarrels which you are forever stirring up. Seattle has been charitable to you, Hi

Gill, believing you when you said you would not ask the office a second time. Now you seek to force yourself upon the city again as mayor, AND YOU'VE GOT TO STAND UP AND FACE THE MUSIC.

- (2) Why have you allowed a new vice district to spring up which, because of its lack of regulation, is worse than it used to be in the old days?
- (3) Why have you allowed gamblers to open up their joints and operate WITH POLICE KNOWLEDGE.
- (4) Why have you retained Louie Lang as chief of police, knowing that Lang stands for these things? It might be very convenient for you to forget Lang just at this time, Hi Gill, but Seattle is not going to let you forget him. A vote for Gill is a vote for Lang! Let us hear your defense of this fellow?
- (5) Why is it, Hi Gill, that after Austin E. Griffiths resigned as chief of police, there cropped out that disgusting series of police scandals? Why is it that there began, almost immediately, the old, old practice of grafting off women of the underworld?

Answer these questions in your speeches, Hi Gill. It's a job that should keep you reasonably busy between now and election day, March 7.

MAKES BITTER ATTACK UPON A. E. GRIFFITHS

What Gill Said at Liberty Theatre

"Griffiths is dragging his wife to the petty level of the street walker to gain his ambition."
 "The 'coward' (Griffiths) quit as chief the first time any trouble showed up."
 "Griffiths married his wife because she was a millionaire."
 "The editor of The Star smokes a dirty pipe and wears a wig himself."
 "Why did I appoint Griffiths chief? Because a lot of people wanted me to and I thought it would pacify things and I knew he was a millionaire and wouldn't be a grafter."
 "Griffiths showed the white feather. I brand him as an infamous slanderer and common liar. THE CITY IS CLEAN."

Feeling Against the U. S. Is Growing More Bitter Daily in Germany

Mother Appeals for Cleaner City

Mothers appealed to mothers in an earnest plea for a cleaner Seattle at the open meeting for Austin E. Griffiths, at the Hippodrome theatre, Saturday noon.

The speakers asked for help in electing Griffiths, because, they said, "We have got to keep the city clean."

The crowd started filling the theatre at 11 o'clock. All arrangements had been made by women.

All the speakers were women. And the audience was largely composed of women.

The chief speakers were Mrs. Remington Charter and Mrs. Anna S. Walker.

Both women had taken it upon themselves to investigate moral conditions under the Gill-Lang administration.

"We had to hide ourselves with umbrellas to keep policemen from recognizing the deputy sheriff and sending the word down the line. Both brought to their hearers the same message.

"I went with a deputy sheriff," Mrs. Walker told the crowd, "because I wanted to know, from the standpoint of a mother, what evils threaten the budding manhood and womanhood of a city the size of Seattle under a questionable police administration.

"Things are worse today than ever before. We have vice without pretense of regulation. We must either minimize vice or protect it—that's certain."

Other women made two-minute appeals for virile action in the campaign on the part of the women.

The Ghost That Can't Be Laid!



WILSON DRAWS ANGER

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN
 United Press Staff Correspondent
 BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Germany counts upon congress to force President Wilson to back down from his position in the German-American situation, the United Press learned today.

While officials would not comment upon it, the general feeling is that if the matter of the German armed merchantman decree is referred to congress, a resolution will be passed warning Americans from traveling on armed ships.

Dispatches suggesting the possibility that President Wilson would ask the recall of Ambassador Von Bernstorff caused great surprise here.

For the past 24 hours the United Press office has been besieged by telephone calls from officials inquiring as to the truth of the report.

American Ambassador Gerard and Foreign Secretary Von Jagow declared no such intimations had come to them.

The report that congress may force President Wilson to yield to Germany roused hope here for a peaceful settlement, the feeling against America is daily more intense.

Not only the public, but officials are frankly bitter in their criticism of the president for refusing to present it to congress to keep off armed ships.

CHARGES GRAFT IN GARBAGE

Charging existence of graft in the garbage collection department, Dr. E. J. Brown, council candidate, caused a sensation at the Public Ownership league meeting Friday night when he declared himself for Austin E. Griffiths for mayor.

"My own election to the council is unimportant in comparison," he said. "I never voted for any one but a socialist before for mayor. But I shall vote for Griffiths this time. While I do not agree fully with him, I believe he will conserve our public utilities, and not do them damage. He has also promised to remove the tin soldier chief of police."

Enlarging on his charges against the garbage collection department under the Gill administration, Dr. Brown said:

"Eight out of every ten of the men who collect garbage are not American citizens, and their names cannot be found in the city directory. Prosecuting Attorney Lundin began a grand jury investigation of the garbage graft scandal. It wasn't brought to a head at the time, but it's going to come to an issue before long."

Scores the 50-Year Rule

Brown also scored the 50-year rule for civil service employment.

He then challenged Councilman Fitzgerald, who was present, to a series of three debates, to be held in Ballard, in Rainier valley and the Labor Temple, on the subject of taxation.

He also urged the election of Otto A. Case to the council as the best man in the entire field.

Councilman Marble also is expected to issue a statement urging Case's election, even in preference to himself.

Case opened headquarters at 4150 Arcade building Saturday.

Austin E. Griffiths, candidate for mayor, made a brief talk. He specifically charged Mayor Gill with responsibility for locating the Cedar river dam at its present site, and said Gill always, in the city council and as mayor, had piled up taxation.

He said he did not regard the principle of municipal ownership in danger in Seattle.

"No candidate dare go before the voters on a platform opposed to it," he said.

Fitzgerald Answers

Fitzgerald, answering Brown, said the 50-year rule for civil service employees was not due to the council, but to the civil service commission, appointed by the mayor.

PURITY SQUAD MAKES ARRESTS

Clean-up officers arrested three more women charged with soliciting, and booked them at the police station Friday.

They immediately planked down the crack men of Germany—yesterday entered the steel-city town of Doumont, key-stone of the fortifications of Verdun from the northeast and only four miles distant, while the Kaiser himself looked on, today's official Berlin statement declared.

Bombardment of the remaining forts before Verdun by the German crown prince's army, and the shelling of Verdun itself, is expected at once.

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VERDUN FORTS ARE TOTTERING

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\$657,000 ASKED FOR SHIP CANAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Appropriation of \$657,000 for federal work on the Lake Washington ship canal at Seattle was recommended to congress today in a report of army engineers.

The engineers asked the appropriation for a 20-foot channel below the canal lock and reentrant banks between Salmon bay and Lake Union, and between the two lakes.

They recommended that the government do the work without asking local financial co-operation.

Bulkheads will be built between Lake Washington and Lake Union; extensive dredging will be done below the locks of the Lake Washington canal, and the banks will be faced with concrete, if congress appropriates the \$657,000 recommended.

TRAIN ROBBERS STILL AT LARGE

After combing the outlying districts between Seattle and Tacoma in search of the North Coast Limited train robbers, deputy sheriffs and special agents for the railway company returned to Seattle Saturday to confer over the next steps.

Postoffice inspectors in Spokane, trying to check over the amount of loss from the rifled mail bags, have announced that the totals will not be known until inquiries have been made in the Orient to find the amounts of money in the mails.

FALL FROM TRUCK MAY PROVE FATAL

H. A. Benard, an employe of the Firestone Tire Co., fell from an auto truck when it made a sudden swerve at 14th ave. and Madison at Saturday morning and sustained concussion of the brain. He was taken to the city hospital in a serious condition.

Hurling epithet after epithet upon the head of Austin E. Griffiths, candidate for mayor, calling him a "coward," charging him with bringing down Mrs. Griffiths to the level of a street walker in this campaign, declaring that Griffiths married his wife because she was a million dollar heiress, summoning to his aid countless expressions of abuse to heap upon Griffiths, Mayor Hiram C. Gill at noon Saturday at the Liberty theatre delivered his first speech since the primaries.

Mrs. Griffiths has been one of the active workers in her husband's campaign.

Gill claimed the city was clean, that Lang was a better chief than Griffiths was, that the Felix Crane and other grafting on unfortunate women of the streets originated in Griffiths' administration, and that he had kept his promises.

"I said I wouldn't run again two years ago," he said, "but I entered the race again because I thought the city was in danger of falling into the hands of theorists. I thought I was going to contest the election with Erickson, not with Griffiths. That's why I ran again."

"The first day I was in office I cut down expenses, reducing costs \$12,000 a month."

He hastily reviewed some of the revenue and taxation questions, claiming the city had a deficit of \$290,000 when he went into office. He then digressed into a religious tirade.

He said he never interfered with any policy of Griffiths during his incumbency as taxation collector.

"Why did the coward quit? He's a millionaire; he owns the Westlake hotel, and it was raided, too."

The Westlake hotel was raided during Griffiths' own administration, and by Griffiths' own orders.

"Griffiths says he's going to save the city a million dollars. How? I'll tell you. The same way he does in his private capacity. He has kept a lot of men on his farm across the lake, paying them 50 cents a day."

2ND AD GILL. k.k.o.

"That's how he saves. He dumped \$250,000 into the Firland hospital and it was only half completed when I took charge. He dumped the money there when he was in the council. But I took hold—Dr. McBride took hold—and out of an appropriation for only 80 patients, we are taking care of 140. It's a fine institution now."

"Now about the vice district so-called. There may be some women that I would not wish were here. I don't know. I do not see them. There's a Mrs. Charter who says they are here. She ought to know, judging by her picture—what she's talking about. But there has been a grand jury, and we have a capable prosecuting attorney, and they didn't do anything about it, did they? If there is a disorderly district, and gambling, why didn't they?"

"Now we—Lang has—abated some disorderly house. Griffiths never did. That's the kind of a fine chief Griffiths was."

MRS. VANDERBILT COMES TO CITY

Three notables will be in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos-Tuck French, Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, divorced wife of the New York capitalist who lost his life on the Lusitania, and Lawrence Perkins are scheduled to arrive here Saturday night in Perkins' private car on the North Coast Limited over the Northern Pacific.

SAYS DURAZZO IS EVACUATED

ROME, Feb. 25.—Durazzo, Albanian seaport, has been evacuated, said an official announcement today.

What Gill Said of Austin E. Griffiths

(Upon Griffiths' Resignation as Chief, Nov. 7, 1914.)

"I feel that whatever success has attended this administration has been largely due to Chief Griffiths' handling of the so-called police question.

"I will be very deliberate in the appointment of Chief Griffiths' successor, and shall endeavor to find a civilian of as near his type as possible for the place."

"Gill's estimate of Lang, the successor, in testimony before the city council, which probed the chief's wine party at Tate's cafe and his visit to a cabaret girl's room at the hour of 2 a. m.: "I told Lang he had made a fool of himself."