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THE OLD, OLD WHEEZE, "IS IT WARM ENOUGH FOR YOU?" MUST HAVE BEEN USED ON GEORGE, OUR WEATHER MAN, YESTERDAY. HE CAME THRU THIS MORNING WITH THE FOLLOWING: "FAIR TONIGHT AND FRIDAY; NOT SO WARM FRIDAY."

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## THE FABLED JABBERWOCK IS A BAD AND TERRIBLE CRITTER BUT IT HASN'T GOT A THING ON THE EJUSDEM GENERIS

SEATTLE sells its surplus water to various districts outside of the city. People in these districts have been glad to pay 15 cents a cubic foot for all water they consumed. Small users within the city limits pay six cents a cubic foot. The revenue received annually by the city for the surplus water sales amounts to \$10,500. Now Corporation Counsel Caldwell has come along with an opinion, rendered at the request of a city councilman, which says that it is illegal for the city to sell its surplus water. Among the outside users are the King county schools, several cemetery associations, and the residents of Renton and other towns. To them, the privilege of buying water from Seattle means sanitation and health. But under the corporation counsel's opinion, the way now is open for anybody to start a lawsuit, and stop the city from selling water—water

which it does not need itself—to these folks who live outside Seattle's corporate limits. And then Seattle, instead of getting \$10,500 a year for this water, will have to dump it into Lake Union. It is not, however, the fault of the corporation counsel. Caldwell passes the buck to the supreme court. The corporation counsel's opinion recites in considerable detail the method by which the supreme court put the skids under the city water department on this particular deal. The legislature, in 1897, passed a law authorizing any incorporated city or town to construct water works within or without its limits, "for the purpose of furnishing such city or town, and the inhabitants thereof, AND ANY OTHER PERSONS," with water. In 1906 the city was prevented from selling excess water to people in Ballard when a man named Farwell brought suit on exactly the same issue, and the supreme court upheld his contention that the city could not sell water outside its own limits. The clause, "and any other persons," in the law as quoted above, does not mean people out-

side the city, as everybody except a supreme court would think that it meant, and which the legislators who passed it undoubtedly wanted it to mean. Oh, no! The words, "and any other persons," according to the ruling of the supreme court, as quoted by Caldwell, must be construed according to the rule of EJUSDEM GENERIS. That's where they get us, with that EJUSDEM GENERIS. It means, the court says, that the words, "and any other persons," cannot refer to anything except persons or things of the same kind or class with those specifically named in the preceding words, and that since the specific words in this statute referred to that class of persons who are inhabitants of the city, the general words following can have no broader application than to persons within the corporate limits. CAN YOU BEAT IT?

Another law, passed later, gave the city the right to sell its surplus water, but this law was repealed in 1915, so that the city has nothing now upon which to base its fight for the reasonable and just right to sell water to outside communities except the statute upon which the supreme court has made it EJUSDEM GENERIS ruling. There are two ways in which the city can gain this right. One lies in prevailing upon the supreme court to reopen the case of Farwell vs. Seattle, and hear new arguments upon the meaning of the phrase, "and any other persons." The other lies in having the next legislature pass a law giving the city the power. Application has been made to the supreme court by interested parties living outside the city for a reopening of the Farwell case. Thus far, however, the supreme court has not deigned to notice the application. It is standing pat on the ejusdem generis. GREAT IS THE LAW!

## DEMOCRATS WILL RENOMINATE WILSON AND MARSHALL TONIGHT

### AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN BATTLE

Three Killed, Several Wounded, When Attacked by Mexicans RAIDERS CROSS LINE SAN ANTONIO, June 15.—Gen. Mann, commanding at Laredo, reported to Gen. Funston today that troops I and M, 14th cavalry, were attacked at San Ignacio, south of that place, by about 100 Mexicans, at 2 o'clock this morning. Two Americans were killed and 11 wounded in the fight, which lasted half an hour. The total American dead was raised to three when Maj. Gray wired, at noon, that "Trooper James Minadan, Troop M, died of wounds at 8 a. m." Maj. Gray is pursuing the scattered bandits. No further details are known here. The battle was on the American side. The total Mexican casualties are not known, but the bodies of six bandits were found in the brush. Gray stated that he had communicated with Carranza troops on the Mexican side who reported they had killed four of the bandits driven back by the Americans. The bandits are said to have gathered at Las Tortuillas ranch, 15 miles from the border.

COLISEUM, ST. LOUIS, June 15.—President Wilson and Vice President Marshall will be nominated by the democratic convention tonight, and adjournment will be taken till tomorrow. The rules committee will recommend that the nominations be made at a session starting at 8 p. m. Judge Wescott of New Jersey will nominate Wilson. The convention adjourned at 1:25 p. m. today until 9 p. m. out of respect to the memory of Delegate Kasting, of Buffalo, N. Y., who died this morning. Today's session was a picturesque one. Senator James, Kentucky's huge senator, spoke another democratic keynote, and it was a keynote of defiance, of boast of President Wilson's successful maintenance of peace, and a profession of entire optimism that the people would perpetuate the Wilsonian policies. Bryan Runs Away James got almost as enthusiastic a reception as did the main keynote—Gov. Martin H. Glynn—in yesterday's session. The convention yelled repeatedly for a speech from Wm. J. Bryan, but at the first indication that he was being demanded, the former secretary of state beat a hurried exit from his seat in the press stand. Later Senator James, as permanent chairman, announced that the convention would have plenty of time in which to hear the great commoner if it wished, but that Bryan had to leave to make a talk elsewhere. The only real work done by the democrats today was in the resolutions committee, where the platform builders strove to put the finishing planks on the skeleton structure forwarded from Washington. The platform's strongest plea for votes will be upon an American plank, with a subsection denouncing certain hyphenated organizations for their efforts to influence the government in its foreign policy.

### SPRINGS SURPRISE IN PROBE

Nephew of Slain Sisters Maintains Poise in Inquest STICKS TO HIS STORY That an unknown boy murdered Mrs. Corinne Wheeler and Kate D. Swift in their Westlake ave. shack two months ago, is the belief of Howard S. King, the nephew, according to a statement he made before a coroner's jury at noon Thursday. It was the first time King had ever voiced any suspicions in the case. He spoke of them only after he had himself gone thru an eight-hour grilling at the hands of Deputy Prosecutor Ellis and Capt. of Detectives Tennant. "Whom do you suspect of the murder?" a member of the jury asked King. "A boy who lived in the rooming house across the street," King answered. People in the room leaned forward. It was the most tense moment of the inquest. King said he could not give any description of the suspect. "There was a young fellow living in the rooming house," he said. "The women said he was watching them from the window, several days before the murder. I don't know anything more." Mrs. Fouts, proprietor of the rooming house, is one of the witnesses who will be called on the stand later. King sat for six motionless hours Wednesday and dully answered questions that Ellis shot at him concerning his actions during the days just previous to the murder of Corinne Wheeler and Kate Swift. His tired eyes seldom left the black slouch hat that he was twisting nervously around on his crossed knees. Girl Tries to Aid Father A few feet from him sat his oldest daughter, a girl of 20. She leaned far forward in her chair, as she would lessen the distance between them, and help (Turn to page 7, column 4)

HOT? WHO SAID SO? LOOK AT THIS PICTURE, TAKEN BY THE STAR PHOTOGRAPHER AT THE CORNER OF FIFTH AVE. AND PIKE ST.



It wasn't so hard to keep cool in Seattle five months ago. This is the way the snow piled up at Fifth ave. and Pike st. during the last week of January, 1916. Schools were closed and traffic tied up by the biggest snowstorm in 23 years.

## STEAMER BEAR HITS ROCKS; FIVE BODIES ARE WASHED ASHORE

PORTLAND, June 15.—Twenty-three lives are believed to have been lost when the liner Bear en route from Portland to San Francisco, ran aground in the fog last night on the jagged rocks near Cape Mendocino, in northern California. Officers of the San Francisco & Portland S. S. Co., owners of the Bear, announced today that five bodies had been washed ashore at Cape Mendocino. Two of the five bodies have been identified as those of Herman Rose, butcher; and F. Rossi, second cook. All lifeboats of the Bear, which had 120 passengers and 82 members of the crew aboard, have been picked up except one. That one contained 20 persons, it is thought. Fourteen lifeboats, it is said, started from the Bear. The naval training station radio at Yerba Buena, in San Francisco bay, received a message from Eureka saying the battleship Oregon reported all passengers except those in two missing boats aboard the Blunt's reef lightship. One hundred and thirty survivors are either at Eureka or en route, and 29 have reached Capetown, a total of 159 saved. If the total of 182 is correct this leaves 23 unaccounted for. Captain Louis Nopander and three sailors are still aboard the wreck, which is being heavily pounded by the great seas crashing over the reef. When the passengers and crew were taken to the boats at midnight, Capt. Nopander refused to leave his bridge. Three men decided to remain with him. Plans for their rescue are being made. The Bear is believed a total loss. Fourteen lifeboats left the Bear when it crashed upon Blunt's Reef last night. Nine reached the lightship at Blunt's Reef, landing 60 persons, who were later transferred to the tug Relief and the steamer Grace Dollar. The Relief reached Eureka with its survivors at noon. Two lifeboats were picked up by the Relief. J. A. Arnold, May E. Doeg, Mrs. Maud Williams, Los Angeles, Miss Amy Harrington and uncle, C. M. Leavitt, of Lewiston, Idaho, Miss Cora A. Barsell, Florence Barsell, Olive Barsell and Cyril Barsell, of Lewiston, Idaho. A. G. Whaley, W. W. Noble, D. Martin, of Missoula, Mont. Sasandra Messager and Mrs. G. D. Messinger, and Mrs. Laura Boucher of Walla Walla. A. W. Cores, physical director at the University of California, W. H. Ducks and E. F. Parker, all of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beckwith, Alliance, Neb., and Mrs. George H. Leonard and child, Forest Grove, Ore. Florence Lutz, Mrs. E. H. Hulen, W. J. Tannehill, Vancouver, Wash. C. I. Norman and Agnes Loftus, Aberdeen. Prof. and Mrs. A. N. Bean of Forest Grove, Ore. Others in the passenger list whose residences are not given are: W. H. Rowe, Otto Wising, J. V. Geary, Vera J. Adams, Mrs. Joe. Haring, Beulah C. Moyer, Mrs. E. W. Page and Miss A. G. Page, John Hill, H. A. Trimmer, M. E. Wray, Mrs. H. T. Williams, Louise Belser, Miss L. Halstead, Mrs. Emma Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haynes, Florence Lutz, Mrs. E. H. Hulen, W. J. Tannehill, Mary E. Cole, Gladys Crame, Leone Hepp, Evelyn Hepp, Mrs. B. Hepp, Susan Grant, Josephine Caspard, W. H. Kennedy, Carl Wilson, A. Clarke, F. L. Marotte, Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, C. M. Austin, June Barsell, Mrs. M. H. Williams, Melville Brown (son of Capt. Brown) San Francisco, W. H. Martin, J. M. Westenhöfer, Elsie Lischerhoff and Mrs. Anna Lischerhoff, Nell Fish, Ruby Farrington, Sarah E. Westenhöfer, Miss Vera Westenhöfer, Mrs. O. T. Hanson, Miss Vera Calveria, Miss Pansy Threlk.

### PASSENGER LIST OF ILL-FATED VESSEL

PORTLAND, June 15.—The list of passengers who sailed on the steamer Bear for San Francisco and Los Angeles is as follows: CABIN PASSENGERS Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walkup and Miss Marjorie Walkup, Miss Irene J. Leber, Es. and Mrs. F. E. Wilbur, Mrs. S. H. Hagg, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Odette, Mrs. E. E. Koster, Mrs. K. A. Jones, H. G. Gustafson, May Godfrey, A. H. Parker, all of San Francisco. W. Coleman of Berkeley, student at Oregon Agricultural college, Miss Marian Coleman, Berkeley. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arnold, May E. Doeg, Mrs. Maud Williams, Los Angeles, Miss Amy Harrington and uncle, C. M. Leavitt, of Lewiston, Idaho, Miss Cora A. Barsell, Florence Barsell, Olive Barsell and Cyril Barsell, of Lewiston, Idaho. A. G. Whaley, W. W. Noble, D. Martin, of Missoula, Mont. Sasandra Messager and Mrs. G. D. Messinger, and Mrs. Laura Boucher of Walla Walla. A. W. Cores, physical director at the University of California, W. H. Ducks and E. F. Parker, all of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beckwith, Alliance, Neb., and Mrs. George H. Leonard and child, Forest Grove, Ore. Florence Lutz, Mrs. E. H. Hulen, W. J. Tannehill, Vancouver, Wash. C. I. Norman and Agnes Loftus, Aberdeen. Prof. and Mrs. A. N. Bean of Forest Grove, Ore. Others in the passenger list whose residences are not given are: W. H. Rowe, Otto Wising, J. V. Geary, Vera J. Adams, Mrs. Joe. Haring, Beulah C. Moyer, Mrs. E. W. Page and Miss A. G. Page, John Hill, H. A. Trimmer, M. E. Wray, Mrs. H. T. Williams, Louise Belser, Miss L. Halstead, Mrs. Emma Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haynes, Florence Lutz, Mrs. E. H. Hulen, W. J. Tannehill, Mary E. Cole, Gladys Crame, Leone Hepp, Evelyn Hepp, Mrs. B. Hepp, Susan Grant, Josephine Caspard, W. H. Kennedy, Carl Wilson, A. Clarke, F. L. Marotte, Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, C. M. Austin, June Barsell, Mrs. M. H. Williams, Melville Brown (son of Capt. Brown) San Francisco, W. H. Martin, J. M. Westenhöfer, Elsie Lischerhoff and Mrs. Anna Lischerhoff, Nell Fish, Ruby Farrington, Sarah E. Westenhöfer, Miss Vera Calveria, Miss Pansy Threlk.

### FINISH NOTE TO CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, June 15.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing today went over the final draft of this government's reply to the Carranza demands for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. The note practically was completed Monday, but because of a desire to make this country's attitude plain to the Carranza government and to the public of both countries, the president wanted to discuss it again with his secretary.

### BOMB MAILED TO GOVERNOR SPRY BLOWS UP IN CAR

BUTTE, Mont., June 15.—A bomb in a sack of mail consigned to Gov. Spry of Utah, at Salt Lake City, exploded here today when the bag was tossed from a Northern Pacific to an Oregon Shortline train. The interior of the car was completely wrecked. A pile of mail bags, behind which Messenger Ross Winterowd was standing, probably saved his life. He was badly cut by flying splinters.

### EXTRA! BIG MYSTERY

Members of the police department and the city hall officials are alarmed Thursday over the mysterious disappearance of Mayor Gill and Chief Beckingham. They were last seen on the Kirkland ferry at 6 a. m. Thursday. Mayor Gill wore a slouch hat and carried a pail. Chief Beckingham wore a police star and held two long instruments, about the length of unjointed fishing poles, concealed in a gray cloth sack. The detective department was not notified.

### TONY TOJIC HAS BEST JOB IN CITY

Its 15 Degrees Below Zero Where Tony Works Today

### STILL, TONY HAS KICK

Who's got the finest job in town? Certainly not Harry Whitney Treat, in spite of all the money he makes. Nor Mayor Gill and his Jacobean furniture. Nor Dr. Matthews, who has only to preach on Sundays. Even yourself, now—you'll have to admit it's no whopping pleasure to sit watching your collar wilt while your light summer underwear sticks closer and closer as the thermometer rises. All right, then, Mistah Dockstader, who HAS got the finest job in town? You can answer the question in a flip of the tongue. Tony Tojic! He's neither a railroad magnate nor a member of congress. He earns \$2 a Day. He's just plain Tony Tojic, laborer, that's all. He lives with his wife and two children at 2037 West 64th st. He works nine hours a day and draws a stipend of \$3 per diem. And while the rest of us are bawling in the heat, and trying to remember whether it was salt or soda that the almanac said to put in the water to bathe hot, burning feet, Tony Tojic, clad in three suits of clothes and two heavy pairs of wool mittens, is trying in vain to keep warm down at the Diamond Ice Co. 15 Degrees Below Zero It is 15 degrees below zero all the time, down where Tony works cording fish. Salmon, sturgeon, black cod—

### 29 CASES OF BEER MISSING AT STATION

Twenty-nine cases of bottled beer that had been ordered held in the public safety building as evidence have vanished, it was learned Thursday, into thin air. They were part of the scowload of beer consigned from San Francisco, via Seattle, to Ketchikan, Alaska, which the police seized off Harbor Island on April 11. Mayor Gill helped dump 960 cases into the bay. "Thirty-two cases were ordered held, so that the charge against W. X. Russell, who claimed the shipment, might be prosecuted. When the case came to trial before a jury in Superior Judge Smith's court, on appeal, Thursday afternoon, the signs were, "Not Sawlsberry, if you please," he said, and we could hear him writhe in his chair, "but Sawlsb'ry, it's a trifle warmer today." The thermometer juggled between 80 and 84. "Mebbe it'll get to 86 before the afternoon is over," said Sawlsb'ry. "But tomorrow afternoon, the signs are, the hot spell will break. It's 108 at Phoenix, Arizona. Sure signs of a break down there. Then we'll get cooler weather." But our bet is that the snow will hold off at least 48 hours longer. No record of such an event was produced, however, and the trial of Russell went on with only the three cases left for the jury to gaze upon. DELEGATE STRICKEN ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Wm. F. Kaastang, postmaster of Buffalo, N. Y., and a delegate to the convention, died here suddenly today.

### EVEN WEATHERMAN IS GETTING PEEVISH

This is sticky, annul-lah weather. Even Mister Salsbury, the weather dopester, himself, was peevish when we rang him up Thursday and asked if this was "Sawlsberry." "Not Sawlsberry, if you please," he said, and we could hear him writhe in his chair, "but Sawlsb'ry, it's a trifle warmer today." The thermometer juggled between 80 and 84. "Mebbe it'll get to 86 before the afternoon is over," said Sawlsb'ry. "But tomorrow afternoon, the signs are, the hot spell will break. It's 108 at Phoenix, Arizona. Sure signs of a break down there. Then we'll get cooler weather." But our bet is that the snow will hold off at least 48 hours longer.