

A CHEAP TRICK!

SECRETARY OF STATE I. M. HOWELL, CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION, IS INCLOSING CAMPAIGN LITERATURE IN ENVELOPES CONTAINING RECEIPTS TO AUTO MEN WHO PAID UP THEIR LICENSES, MAKING THE STATE CONTRIBUTE TO HIS PRIVATE CAMPAIGN EXPENSES. IT'S A "HINKY DINK" WARD HEELER'S TRICK.

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IT'LL BE COOLER TUESDAY, REMARKS GEORGE, THE WEATHER OBSERVER, IS IT A FORERUNNER OF THE ARCTIC FEELING IN SEATTLE TOWARDS WILL HUMPHREY, WHO ARRIVES HERE TUESDAY? THE FORECAST IS: "TONIGHT AND TUESDAY, PARTLY CLOUDY, OCCASIONALLY THREATENING; COOLER TUESDAY."

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## RUMANIA JOINS ALLIES IN WAR

### NATION IS ON VERGE OF GIGANTIC RAIL STRIKE

#### WILSON OFFERS TIME TO MEET 8-HOUR CHANGE

BY ROBERT J. BENDER  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—President Wilson today presented a new proposal to the railroads of the country by which he hopes to avert the threatened final break between the roads and the inevitable industrial crisis that would follow. The president has determined, if negotiations fail, to recommend the passage by this congress of the following measures:

pld the president, Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, and Secretary Lane, the president's confidential adviser in the cabinet, met yesterday. After a final conference, the president was informed that legislation, such as he had in mind, could be put thru at this session. Night Trip to Capitol. The president made an unprecedented night trip to the capitol and discussed his plans with Senator Kern, democratic floor leader. If speculation, doubt and uncertainty marked the general strike situation Saturday, it may be said that today's development promised in rapid order a clearing up of the now dangerous and perplexing situation. The president was to see both sides today. The railroads expected to ignore his eight-hour proposal for peace and stand pat for arbitration. The employees, unless they prepared some entirely unexpected move, apparently were certain to order a strike.

#### RAIL MEN HAVE \$15,000,000 WAR CHEST FOR STRIKE USE

BY CARL D. GROUT  
U. P. Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Fifteen million dollars bulge in the war chest of the railroad brotherhoods. This amount, about equally divided among the four unions, is ready today for distribution

among the men should they need strike relief. As the brotherhood men view it, their mighty war chest probably would not be touched in the forthcoming strike, for they believe it would be so brief that the men would not feel the pinch of unemployment. This great war fund has been gathered thru weekly contributions covering a long space of time. The assessment varies according to the members' earnings, but the total sum per year is written in fixed thousands. One little code word wired from Washington to every railroad center in the country is sufficient to precipitate the strike.

#### ARREST WHITE GIRLS IN RAID ON NEGRO JOINT

Three white women were surprised in a negro houseboat resort at Lavilla, ten miles from Seattle, on Lake Washington, when festivities were broken up at 3 a. m. Monday by the arrival of Under Sheriff John Stringer and a party of deputies. They arrested every one present and seized a large quantity of beer and whisky. One of the women was dancing with a negro when the raiders appeared.

All the men taken are negroes, with the exception of Fujimoto, a Japanese chauffeur, who was booked as a witness and allowed to go on his own recognizance. H. Hardin, said to be the proprietor of the houseboat, was unable to furnish \$500 bail and was locked up with the others. Deputies Brewer, Campbell, Von Gerst and Starwich aided Stringer in the raid. When the party arrived a large automobile was found standing in the road outside the resort from which came the sounds of singing. When they broke in the doors there was a general attempt to rid the place of traces of liquor by throwing bottles and glasses thru the windows into the lake, it is said, but a dog led Deputy Von Berste to the foot of a tree outside, climbing which the deputy was enabled to enter a cave in the bank where several cases of whisky and beer on ice were found. Stringer ordered the party into the car outside.

#### WILL H. PARRY BACK IN TOWN

Will H. Parry, Seattle member of the federal trade commission, is back in town, with a yearning "to stay here rather than be president," and with oodles of work. The commission, according to Parry, is working out a permanent basis for handling American trade following the war. Special attention is to be given to the lumber trade of the Northwest. Parry will remain here about a month.

#### ALLIES LOSE MANY

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—French and British losses totaled 40,000 in killed and wounded during one week of the Somme offensive, according to James M. Beck, former assistant secretary general of the United States, who has returned from London.

FRAN SPERRY, 21, of 197 Minor ave. N., died Sunday evening at the Minor hospital from injuries received when his motorcycle collided with an auto at Sixth and Pine Friday evening.

#### Ship's Mate in Love With Rich Heiress

Jimmy Farquhar was mate on a Pacific liner when he met Ruth Osborne, daughter of a millionaire.

But a misunderstanding arose on the ship. Jimmy could not clear himself as it involved a serious question of honor. He accepted dismissal rather than tell the facts.

At Vancouver, B. C., he joins two others. They go North for a supposed treasure in a wrecked vessel. Then things happen that bring Ruth and Jimmy once more across each other's lives.

This is only an inkling of the story, "The Secret of the Reef," which begins today in The Star. Turn to page 4.

#### Youths of City Hustle Votes for Ad Show Queens



BY CORNELIA GLASS  
Maybe it's the result of modern education; maybe it's just instinctive in all of us; but, anyway, it gets rampant on the slightest provocation. It is the youth of Seattle is in a turmoil over this business of choosing queens, one little and one big, for the Advertising Show. She has resorted to measures both dark and brilliant to attain its end. Elinor Danks, 8, 4212 Latona, had nearly 1,200,000 votes Monday for juvenile queen, which brings her very close to the top. Has Close-Knit Organization. A Tammany Hall organization is mere Swiss cheese when compared to the compact and merciless political machine that is the motive power of Miss Danks' campaign. She entered late, did Miss Danks. In fact, voting had been going on actively for some four days before she intruded her plump and charming person into the lists. The morning that the powers of the house of Danks agreed over the breakfast table that "it won't hurt Elinor to try," Master Edward Danks, aged 12, carefully removed his spoon from his oatmeal, as he had been taught to do, rose to his feet, and with brief and brilliant eloquence, nominated himself campaign manager. Calls Mass Meeting. That afternoon there was a giant mass meeting in the Danks' back yard. The masculine youth of the entire district lying about 4212 Latona was gathered there. Edward was the principal speaker. He nailed down every plank in his sister's platform, and talked exhaustively upon her qualifications for office. His speech was a forensic masterpiece. The climax came when he announced that his aunt would "treat all you fellows who help us to show when the contest is over." They offered him their services to a man. Simple and Effective. The campaign plan is very simple. Each fellow is responsible for every voting coupon in every paper in every house in a certain block. Also, is at perfect liberty to accept any passerby that he sees with a newspaper, either in hand or in pocket. He makes his round each evening, and the chap he has a block where several families are subscribers to more than one paper is a lucky chap, indeed, because Edward has hinted at another prize for the most votes turned in. Each morning nets at least 8,000 votes from these collectors, and Edward is urging them mercilessly on. Gets Grown-Ups Going. The political germ has clutched even the fathers and mothers of the contestants. If you should breakfast or lunch, or dine, at Rinne's cafe, you will be asked, probably by the proprietor or the proprietress for the voting coupons from your paper. In order that they may be cast for Grace Rinne, whose bonnet is in the ring for the grown-up queen. A night or two ago a dozen men of the Butler hotel clientele went out into the street and invested \$11 in newspapers and cut them all to pieces in the lobby, in order that they might cast the votes they contained for Ruth Noble, who used to operate the Butler exchange. It's politics, and I think it's instinct.

#### ALL UTILITIES GIVE SEATTLE RAW TAX DEAL

So Assessor's Figures Compared to Rate Basis Show

#### HOME RULE IS NEEDED

Not only the Pacific States Telephone Co., but the traction and gas companies are permitted to place one valuation upon their properties for rate making and another for taxation, under the present public service laws, it was stated Monday. The traction company has filed an alleged valuation of \$19,737,122 for its Seattle properties, outside of power plant and sub-stations, with the public service corporation in its petition to be relieved from franchise obligations to the city. But the traction company is paying taxes on an alleged valuation of only \$16,248,156. The Seattle Lighting Co. (the gas corporation) was given a physical valuation of \$7,532,787 by the state public service corporation for rate making in 1914. Assessor Thatcher says that the gas company this year is assessed on a valuation of \$4,280,000, and pays taxes on that amount only. In other words, the three biggest privately owned utilities in Seattle are permitted to earn on inflated valuations, and then turn around and pay taxes to the people on an altogether different basis. And in figuring their "costs of operation" they are permitted to deduct on watered stock and indulge in economic waste, such as big salaries to outside officials, at public expense. Unless some move is made at the next session of the legislature to regain the powers of home rule by cities, Corporation Counsel Caldwell, Mayor Gill and a score of others believe the public service commission will develop into a tool to eliminate the competition of municipal utilities.

#### MAN KISSES GIRL IN SPOKANE PARK, SO THE WHOLE TOWN'S AGOG



Miss Frances Osborne, the Girl Who Was Kissed  
SPOKANE, Aug. 28.—A young man kissed the girl he intends to marry as they were enjoying outdoor movies in Natatorium park, the other night. That one kiss has set the whole town agog. A park policeman saw the kiss as it reached the full blossom stage. He brought the occasion to an abrupt end, and led boy and girl to the park police station, where they were dismissed. Spokane citizens, like all the world, love a lover. They are all wrought up over the results of this kiss. Shall spooning be permitted in Spokane parks, or must it be rigidly tabooed? That's the issue, which overnight became a burning one. Wilbur Y. Hoag, an auditor for railroad contractors here, was the kisser in the case. Miss Frances Osborne was the kissee. Park Policeman Elmer E. Woods was the one who broke into their rapturous moment. Young Hoag, who is given an excellent reputation by his firm, has asked Chief of Police Weir to "fire the cop." He charges in a letter that Woods insulted Miss Osborne by insinuation and beat him with a "billy," finally handcuffing him. Woods denies the charges of insult and battery, but admits he snapped on the "come-alongs" when the "young man got fresh." The policeman has been employed in the park 12 years. He, too, has enthusiastic character witnesses. Mrs. W. E. Osborne, the girl's mother, defends the kissing. "Mr. Hoag is a fine young man," she said. "There is nothing unusual in his kissing my daughter. At the house we don't think anything of it. They have been keeping company for some time." Chief Weir is silent. He must decide the policeman's fate. Mayor Charles Fleming, whom Spokane people call "Charlie," said: "Young couples ought to keep one eye on the policeman." The Seattle park board has decided that spooning may be carried on in the parks, PROVIDED THE SPOONERS KEEP IN THE DARK—out of the way of folks not spoonily inclined. That's the view many Spokane citizens take. But the question is still unspoken. No definite provision for the protection of spooners has been made. Until the question is decided, young Mr. Hoag and Miss Osborne will oscillate in the parlor of the girl's home, where mother thinks it's all right and no rude policeman can "butt in."

#### THROWS 600,000 MEN INTO FRAY AGAINST KAISER

BY ED L. KEEN  
LONDON, Aug. 28.—Rumania has joined the allies, with her well trained army of 600,000 men.

One official statement from Berlin this afternoon announced that Rumania declared war on Austria last night. The French foreign office announced that Rumania has declared war against the central powers.

Within a few hours after Rumania entered the war, her frontier forces clashed with enemy patrols along the Transylvanian frontier. The German war office this afternoon announced that some Rumanian prisoners were taken.

Germany will dismiss the Rumanian minister to Berlin today, according to an Exchange telegraph dispatch from The Hague.

There is every indication that Germany will follow Rumania's action with a declaration of war before many hours.

Rumania's declaration was reached at a meeting of the crown council, summoned by King Ferdinand last night. It came at the end of two years of anxious waiting in which the Rumanian diplomats watched with tense interest the military fortunes of the allies.

The Rumanian declaration is expected to signal Greece's early entrance into the war on the side of the allies.

Pro-ally enthusiasm, fanned to fever heat by the Bulgarian invasion of northern Greece, broke out in a series of great meetings in Athens Sunday. King Constantine was denounced for failing to lend support to the allies, and was urged to prepare the army for war.

The Rumanian third army, already mobilized within striking distance of the Hungarian frontier, is expected to invade Transylvania before the end of the week, striking westward toward Besszeres.

To Hasten War's End. Squeezed between the victorious Russian and Italian armies, the Austrians now find themselves forced to defend their eastern border from attack at a moment when they lack men for the Russian and Italian fronts. Allied military experts are confident that Germany will be unable to send any reinforcements to the aid of the hard-pressed Austrians without inviting disaster on both the Russian and Anglo-French fronts.

Some critics see, as a result of Rumania's action, the shutting off of Bulgaria and Turkey from communication with their Austro-German allies, and their surrender under economic and military pressure before the end of the present year.

#### ITALY DECLARES WAR ON KAISER BECAUSE GERMANS AID AUSTRIA

BY JOHN H. HEARLEY  
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ROME, Aug. 28.—Italy declared war on Germany, because Germany sent both land and sea forces to the aid of Austria.

enabling her to concentrate her maximum effort against Italy, said an official statement today.

A similar statement was forwarded to the German foreign office thru the Swiss government, setting forth the reason for the declaration of war yesterday.

Excepting the capture of Goritz, no event of several months has so stirred the Italian public as the news of Italy's challenge to the kaiser. Newspapers flashed the word to the Sunday holiday crowds, and an enormous throng quickly gathered in Piazza Colonna.

A great procession formed and paraded thru the streets, shouting "Down with Germany" and "Long live the allies," until midnight. The decision of war against Germany followed by a few hours a royal decree confiscating the historic Palazzo de Venezia, which, for centuries, had constituted virtually an Austrian province in the heart of Rome.

The Palazzo, a square of land with two ancient palaces, was the property of the pope, but in 1560 was presented to the republic of Venice by Pope Pius IX. It later came into the possession of Austria and was the home of the Austrian embassy. The embassy documents were sent to the Vatican for safe keeping.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Hope for adjournment of congress this week was killed today, when Senator Kern, democratic floor leader, announced that the senate could not possibly get thru with its program by Friday, as has been planned.

#### FOREST FIRES DO BIG DAMAGE

More than 1,500 acres of timber have been swept by forest fires in the Snoqualmie national forest, and the flames are still raging, according to reports received in Seattle Monday. About 500 acres burned Sunday. A party of 150 men was used by the Northern Pacific to fight flames that threatened to destroy tracks and station at Kennedy, 70 miles from Seattle, Sunday. Special trains carried pumps and hose to the scene.

#### SEATTLE CAN SEE NORTHERN LIGHTS

According to Samuel Boothroyd, professor of astronomy at the state university, the Northern lights, or aurora borealis, are visible these nights. They were dimmed Sunday night by forest fire smoke and fog. But the arc of jumping green light will be visible from Seattle for the rest of the year, he says.

#### BANK CLERK CALLS WIFE EXTRAVAGANT

George L. Brooks, National Bank of Commerce clerk, living at 6401 Dayton ave., took legal steps Monday to find out whether he must pay Mrs. Brooks, who is suing for divorce, \$1,000 maintenance money, and, also she is not residing with him, at the same time foot her bills for gowns and lingerie. Brooks says he must soon lose his position at the bank on account of falling eyesight.

#### DR. J. K. HART TO TEACH AT REED

Dr. Joseph K. Hart, formerly of the educational department of the University of Washington whose dismissal led to an investigation by the American Society of University Professors, has been appointed assistant professor of education in Reed college, Portland.

Prof. H. P. Torrey, of Reed college, was chairman of the investigating committee, and Dr. Hart's selection as a member of Reed college faculty is indicative that the report of the university professors may sustain the charge that he had been dismissed because of his advanced political views. Dean Bolton, Prof. Herbert Lull and Dr. Hart were dismissed at the same time, it being given out by the regents that internal troubles between the professors was the cause. For the past year, Dr. Hart taught school at Seabeck, Wash. Dean Bolton has been reinstated at the university, and Prof. Lull will become a member of the faculty at Kansas state normal.

#### SAYS ALASKA WILL VOTE DRY IN FALL

JUNEAU, Aug. 28.—That Alaska will vote "dry" at the November election was the prediction here of Gov. Strong, when he welcomed delegates to the territorial convention of the W. C. T. U. Saturday.

#### INCOME TAX STAYS AT PRESENT RATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—By a vote of 31 to 19, the senate Saturday refused to accept the Underwood amendment which proposed to reduce exemptions in the income tax to \$2,000 for single men and \$3,000 for married men. The vote was taken after sharp debate. The law remains as it stands today. Incomes are not taxed under \$2,000 for single men and \$3,000 for married men.

#### BRITISH PROGRESS

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The British made progress in last night's fighting east of Delville wood and engaged in several enterprises successfully near Moqueque farm, Gen. Haig reported today.