

THE BEST SOLUTION

"Bridget, you have broken as much china this month as your wages amount to. Now, how can you prevent this occurring again?" "O! don't know, mum," said Bridget, "unless ye raise me wages."

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NIGHT EDITION
A reader asks us why C. Allen Dale parts his name in the middle. Why does any one? The weather man today sallies forth with the statement: "Rain tonight and Sunday."

HUNGER STRIKER FORCIBLY FED

Mrs. Byrne, Birth Control Advocate, Fasts Long

Thomson and Moore Are Unmasked

Seattle may have labored for a long time under the delusion that Reginald H. Thomson and William Hickman Moore are BIG councilmen.

But the mask is ripped off their faces today.

When they were elected a year ago by an overwhelming vote—and The Star helped to roll it up for them—the city believed they were way above the average type of politician.

But we have their true measure now.

Their statement opposing the Nichols amendment to Senate Bill 21, giving cities the right to extend water and light service to outside communities, convicts them of using the same tricks, the same deceptive arguments, the same attempts to begot the issues, as the ordinary peanut politician employs.

"Extension of light and water facilities outside the city limits," they declare jointly, "would mean the sparse building up of a district necessarily unsupplied with sewerage facilities and the establishment of a pest zone encircling Seattle."

And then they draw a picture of a typhoid pestilence destroying "the purity of our milk and vegetable supply."

One would suppose it's a new proposition that is being suggested—this giving cities the right to serve light and water outside the city limits. Thomson and Moore would give you the impression that it is such a radical, unheard-of thing, that pestilence and disease must surely and swiftly follow if the Nichols amendment is passed.

YET UNTIL 1915, CITIES ENJOYED THAT VERY RIGHT.

Two years ago, a notoriously rotten legislature deprived them of that right thru a "joker" clause slipped into an irrigation bill.

Until this trick was played on the cities, there was no question about this RIGHT to extend service. Whether they should extend in any given locality, was a matter for THEIR discretion alone.

Seattle has furnished water to outside communities, AND DOES IT TODAY, TOO, BY SUPPLYING A PORTION OF RENTON.

There has been no pestilence here, no pest holes created, no typhoid epidemics, as Thomson and Moore hint in their statement would follow the passage of the Nichols amendment. In fact, Seattle has been a healthier city than any in the U. S.

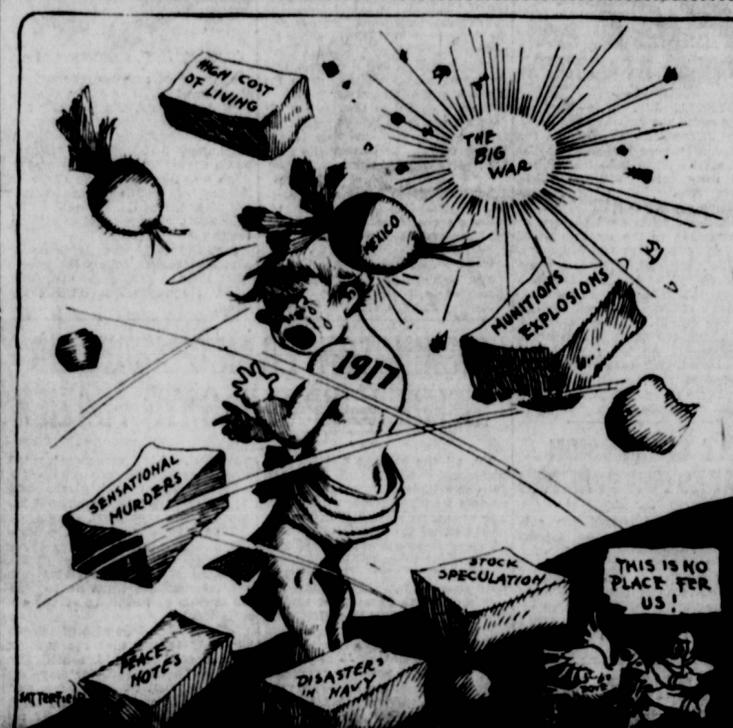
"Not only is the bill pernicious from a health standpoint," say Thomson and Moore, "but it is unjust to the taxpaying citizens of Seattle."

Taxes? What taxes, Messrs. Thomson and Moore? No one pays taxes for the maintenance and operation of our light and water system. They are self-sustaining. It doesn't make a particle of difference to taxpayers of Seattle whether the city sells light and water outside or not.

"It would make property less attractive in the city and reduce its value," Thomson and Moore say. "It would make a still thinner spreading of the population. The main curse of the city is sparse population. It is in the neighborhood of 4,000 per square mile. It should be between 12,000 and 16,000."

No, thank you, Seattle doesn't want the slum conditions of the East, Messrs. Thomson and Moore.

WHO SAID HAPPY NEW YEAR?



SECOND FIRE IS RAGING AS FIRST COSTS 2 MILLION

PITTSBURG, Jan. 27.—This city experienced one of the most disastrous fires in recent years early today when the eastern half of the downtown business block bounded by Fifth ave., Wood, Diamond and Smithfield sts., was totally destroyed.

At 9 a. m. the blaze had eaten into the rear of shops in the western section, fronting on Wood st., and the entire downtown fire fighting apparatus with the exception of the reserve was battling to hold it in check.

The loss at that time was estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Officially it was stated that it might be greater. Ten were reported injured, none seriously.

Fire broke out this afternoon in the building of the Philadelphia company, on Sixth st., near Smithfield.

A bad situation confronted the firemen who answered the first alarm there, as much of the apparatus is frozen to the pavement about the scene of this morning's big blaze.

The Philadelphia company's building is a block and a half from Fifth and Smithfield. The two fires have no connection, it was stated.

The fire in the Philadelphia company's building spread quickly to the Nixon theatre block.

The block was one of the oldest in central Pittsburg, and the blaze spread rapidly.

More than 4,000 were thrown out of work by the fire. Half of these were shop girls. Unaware that a blaze had wiped out their places of employment, they trooped to work this morning to find themselves jobless.

MAY COMPLETE TOURIST FUND BY NEXT WEEK

The campaign to raise \$5,000 to conduct the tourist rate case to its logical finish, will be ended, it is believed, Monday.

Contributions that have come in today in Seattle and from outside points, indicate that the total will be in the hands of the treasurer, Manager Bass, of the Frye hotel, shortly.

The following contributions were announced today: Seattle hotel, \$25; Seward hotel, \$25; Washington Anex, \$25; Hotel Assembly, \$25; Diller hotel, \$20; Savoy hotel, \$50; Sorrento hotel, \$25; Leopold hotel, Bellingham, \$50; Standard auto, \$10; First National bank, \$25; Lincoln hotel, \$25; J. V. Prosser, \$10; Lemington hotel, \$20; Standard hotel, \$5; Newell & Simpson, \$10; J. D. Hoge, \$25; J. W. Maxwell, \$15; Knickerbocker hotel, \$10.

INDICTMENTS IN BOOZE RING PROBE HELD UP

Indictments involving higher-ups in the Seattle whisky ring were not expected to be returned by the federal grand jury Saturday, another witness or two still being scheduled to appear before final action is taken.

H. E. McLaughlin, a Billingsley truck driver, whose testimony was expected to clear up some of the minor details of the Billingsley confessions, was before the grand jury Saturday morning.

Glen G. Evans, stenographer for Chief Beckingham, was summoned to the federal building Friday morning, and was before the grand jurors in the afternoon.

It was generally expected Friday that indictments would be returned any minute. A small crowd waited in the corridors until about 5 p. m., and left only when convinced that the grand jurors themselves had gone from the building.

C. J. Mullen, the former police patrolman who went to the Billingsleys, and according to the government, tried to get them to leave town, was dismissed from the police department by Chief Beckingham Friday.

Lieut. Joe Mason and Patrolmen Newton and McCafferty served formal papers on him at the federal building Friday afternoon.

MISS LARKIN WILL RECOVER FROM INJURIES

Miss Mollie Larkin, 22-year-old Seattle girl who was injured when a Nickel Plate passenger train crashed thru an open switch into freight cars Wednesday, in a Cleveland, O., suburb, is gradually improving from internal injuries and nervous shock, according to a United Press message received by The Star today. Friday, for a time, it was feared she would die.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Larkin, 1922 Jackson st. "My daughter will be confined in Wright hospital, East Cleveland, for at least 10 days, according to telegrams that have been sent me," Mrs. Larkin said Saturday.

The injured girl was on her way home from a visit in Maine, where she went in September.

She has two brothers, John and Harry, and two sisters, Monica and Agnes Larkin. The injured girl was for three years employed by the telephone company here.

GERMANS REPULSED

PETROGRAD, Jan. 27.—Beating back of German attacks was reported in today's war office statement from the Riga front.

"After a heavy bombardment east of Kalncem road toward Chok, the Germans attacked and were beaten back with great losses," the statement said. "Around Mitau, one mass attacks created panic among the Germans."

NEW PLANT TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE

A noteworthy addition to Seattle's manufacturing community will be made shortly when the Rogers company, baking powder manufacturers, will establish a plant in this city.

The first unit of the new factory is expected to be operating in about 10 days, according to J. E. Rogers, who will have charge of the Seattle office.

FIRST WOMAN IN U. S. GIVEN ENGLISH DOSE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A woman, fighting for a principle and hunger striking in protest following imprisonment, was forcibly fed for the first time in the history of this country today.

Mrs. Ethel Byrne, birth control advocate, was so fed at Blackwell's island after she had become practically unconscious as a result of abstaining from food and water for a period of 103 hours.

Mrs. Byrne, who is the mother of two children, was rolled in a blanket, a rubber tube inserted in her mouth and a pint of milk, two eggs and a stimulant administered.

An official statement from the department of corrections this morning stated that Mrs. Byrne's condition was "slightly improved."

Mrs. Sanger Fearful Mrs. Margaret Sanger, her sister, and leader in the birth control movement, declared, however, that she had received confidential information that Mrs. Byrne's condition is serious.

She said she understood her sister was in a state of coma. Both Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. Byrne are trained nurses.

The former expressed the greatest concern owing to the fact that her sister had drunk no water. After the fifth day, in such cases, she said, patients fall into a uraemic coma, from which they sometimes do not revive.

Doctors Deny Visitors Commissioner of Corrections Lewis is announced that four physicians and two nurses are in constant attendance on Mrs. Byrne. The minute it was decided Mrs. Byrne's condition was such that she should be fed, Dr. James P. Hunt was called and arrangements made for the feeding. In addition, Dr. Irma Howard, Dr. Howe and Dr. Wm. Travis Gibb were consulted.

While no schedule had been planned, Lewis said Mrs. Byrne will be fed henceforth when it is necessary.

Refuse Feeding Details Although details of the feeding were refused by Blackwell's island officials today, it was known that the "tube" method adopted by English physicians in forcibly feeding militant suffragettes had been planned. By this plan a long tube is inserted in the oesophagus and liquid food placed in a bottle or bag, held aloft, so that its contents will be forced by gravity down the tube and into the stomach, or, if the patient resists, the tube is inserted in the nostrils.

The nostril method is intensely irritating to the membrane of the nose and throat, but the feeding by the introduction of the tube thru the oesophagus is merely unpleasant. If Mrs. Byrne did not resist, as reported—probably too weak—she was undoubtedly fed by the latter method.

MRS. BYRNE IS ON HUNGER STRIKE TO FREE MOTHERHOOD

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Ethel Byrne faces "death or insanity" in her hunger strike at Blackwell island prison, "as a protest against state laws against birth control that cause the death annually of 8,000 working mothers in New York and a quarter of a million in the nation."

She is hunger-striking because she has been "denied the inherent right to test the constitutionality of that law," Mrs. Margaret Sanger, her sister and co-defendant in the case, declared today in a statement written for the United Press.

The statement follows: BY MRS. MARGARET SANGER To the people in the U. S. who would like to know why my sister was convicted and why she has gone on a hunger strike:

She has gone on strike, refusing all food, drink and work because she was thrust into prison by a court which denied her the inherent right to test the constitutionality of a law which is the most outrageous on the statute books today.

Kills 250,000 Mothers Yearly I mean the law forbidding the dissemination of birth control information.

This archaic law, which has been untested on the statute books since 1878, causes the death of more than 8,000 working mothers in New York every year.

Similar laws in other states bring the annual total to the terrible figure of mothers dead thru law imposed ignorance of nearly a quarter of a million. These unfortunate women go to their graves unnoticed and their agonies and deaths unknown.

Hopes to Free Motherhood Mrs. Byrne feels that one more death laid at the door of the government of this state is of little consequence as a life.

But if such has been her lot, and if her strike should end in her death, as well it may, it shall at least be known that she died because of this same law.

Women of the state of New York and of the nation: To let Mrs. Byrne die will be the beginning of the end of your freedom for any generation.

Already the hand of tyranny has throttled our every effort to obtain justice. With you rests the power to voice your feelings.

Birth Control Is New Birth control is practically a new subject.

Birth control is not an attack on the birth rate as such. It is a scientifically just and humane effort to prevent the birth of more children than parents can endow with strong bodies, sound minds and a fair chance in the battle of life.

Nothing more. Birth control is a social principle with a message to woman-kind, especially to working women already entrapped as she is in the meshes of ignorance.

This does not apply to working women alone. It is the working man, his wife and family who present the problems of this generation.

The women of wealth can and have obtained this knowledge and put it into practice, having been relieved of overburdened maternity and are free to experience the joy of life, which only welcome childhood and voluntary motherhood can bring.

FOREIGN TRADERS O. K. WEBB BILL

PITTSBURG, Jan. 27.—Resolutions strongly indorsing the Webb bill, authorizing closer co-operation between American commercial interests, now pending in the senate, were adopted by the National Foreign Trade council, in the closing session of its fourth annual convention here today.

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MUNY MEAT AT COST MAY WIN
The people may yet have a chance to vote for a \$450,000 municipal cold storage plant.
The bill to submit the bond issue to the people at the spring election, defeated last week by a five to four vote, will be reintroduced Monday, following the decision of Councilman Fitzgerald to change his vote in favor of it.
Mayor Gill announced he would sign the resolution if it was passed.

MRS. MYERS IS NOT AT FAULT
Mrs. Irene Myers, charged by her husband, P. H. Myers, with infidelity, was granted a divorce on a cross-complaint Friday by Superior Judge Tallman. She also got alimony and the custody of her child.
The court, in granting the divorce, said that Myers had utterly failed to prove his charges of his wife's infidelity.

COAST WILL HAVE SHIPPING CHAIRMAN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Because the administration wanted the chairmanship of the federal shipping board to go to the Pacific coast, Bernard Baker of Baltimore resigned from the board, it was learned today.

WILSON SENDS HIS GREETING TO KAISER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President Wilson today sent birthday greeting to Kaiser Wilhelm.
FRANK ROGERS was convicted in J. Prater's court Saturday of robbing E. C. Slater of a watch and money on October 24 last, near Lincoln park. He was sentenced from five to ten years at Walla Walla.