

# MOTHER SHOTS BABIES!

## DEPUTIES RAID CITY GAMBLING DENS

# COAL STRIKE IS STARTING

On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

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SEATTLE, WASH., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1919.

Weather Forecast. Tonight and Saturday, rain, gentle southerly wind.

Tides in Seattle	
<b>FRIDAY</b> OCT. 31	<b>SATURDAY</b> NOV. 1
First Low Tide 3:28 a. m., 1.4 ft.	First Low Tide 4:13 a. m., 1.2 ft.
First High Tide 10:53 a. m., 11.9 ft.	First High Tide 11:39 a. m., 11.1 ft.
Second Low Tide 5:14 p. m., 4.1 ft.	Second Low Tide 6:13 p. m., 3.9 ft.
Second High Tide 9:25 p. m., 7.9 ft.	Second High Tide 10:51 p. m., 7.9 ft.

**AS IT SEEMS TO ME**  
DANA SLEETH

**IF** THERE is one highway in this town to travel which tries out the juices of a Christian character like a hot skillet, it is the stretch of Lakeside avenue, alongside Lake Union, these slippery days.

No highway has more traffic, and it is one of the narrowest streets in the city. Just now they are starting to pave 20 feet or so more, and the piles of sand, gravel, plank, cement and equipment just out here and there to add hazard to the course.

A small boy, leading a cow for three blocks along this avenue, will hold up several dozen autos.

A gravel truck, dumping its load, will make a hundred folks late to dinner.

A sedate van, rumbling along at six knots an hour, will arrive at the canal bridge with a mile and a half of snorting autos behind it, for seldom is there a chance to pass, so heavy is the traffic.

And then, several times a day a wreck is spilled on the highway, and for hours the traffic boils and eddies and surges around this obstruction.

Somewhat lost two wheels off a light roadster on the avenue yesterday morning, the wreck was left crosswise of the narrow roadway, and for hours lines of damaged autos waited to get a chance to dodge around.

Seattle could use a traffic engineer who would see to it that arteries like this were kept improved a bit ahead of the public need.

A month blockade of thousands of freight, express, passenger and delivery cars on such a highway as this costs the city more than the pavement.

**AND** if there was a traffic engineer, he would watch some of these downtown streets, and see that they were repaired as soon as they show signs of wear, instead of waiting until the entire surface is ruined before an improvement is started.

Union street right now is being neglected, and is being torn to pieces by the yard every day.

A few loose bricks are being stuck back into place, but they are kicked out faster than they are replaced.

A repair gang, with some concrete, some new brick and a good roughneck boss, would save this street, save the billions of expense for auto and truck owners, and impose but a slight burden on the city funds.

Next to putting a pavement down right, there is nothing so important as keeping it up.

Most of the billions this country has spent for highways and streets have been wasted; not so much thru the graft of the paving trust and the greed of the political contractor as thru the desire to install a cheap pavement in the first place, and the gross neglect of these improvements, once they are made.

### LABOR SESSION TO END TONIGHT

Resolutions condemning the open shop and all who attempt to institute it were passed at the special conference called by the State Federation of Labor in the Labor Temple Friday.

Most of the resolutions reduce high living cost, steps urging nationalization of basic industries, and action to secure closer harmony between labor units in the state were discussed at length. Resolutions along these lines were passed. The conference was scheduled to adjourn Friday night.

### FIRE DAMAGE \$2,700

Fire damage resulting from a blaze in the Fremont Auto and Repair shop early Thursday was estimated Friday at \$2,700 by Fire Marshal Harry W. Brighurst.

### 70 Mines to Close in State

Final orders commanding the 6,000 coal miners of the state of Washington to strike at midnight were issued from state headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America, District 10, here Friday morning.

Production thus will cease in the 70 mines of the state, and within a week, it was forecasted by Ernest Newsham, secretary of District 10, the supply of coal in the state will be exhausted.

All local unions, Newsham said, had been notified that they must participate in the strike to the last member, with these exceptions:

Pumpmen employed in keeping the mines clear of water, engineers and firemen and men necessary to keep the mines in repair, such as timbermen. These men will not be affected by the strike. A sufficient force to protect the property of the mining companies will also remain on the job, Newsham said.

**Strike in Canada, Too**

Owing to a strike in Canadian mines at Crow's Nest Pass, it was likely, Newsham said, that the Dominion government would forbid shipment of Canadian coal here to relieve the shortage certain to be caused by the strike.

"The people of Canada are themselves clamoring for coal," said Newsham. "Even if we can draw on the output of Vancouver Island mines it will be a mere drop in the bucket."

This is the first time in this district the miners and mine operators have failed to settle their grievances by negotiations, Newsham said. There is no complaint against the operators in this district, he said, except for the present break, which is laid to the operators' refusal to negotiate as previously. Business relations heretofore, he said, have been "very cordial."

Newsham outlined the demands of the miners as follows:

A six-hour day, a 50 per cent advance in wages and a five-day week. Miners are now averaging 9 hours and 45 minutes from the time they enter the mine till they come out, Newsham said, and the six-hour basis would make the day practically eight hours.

Miners' wages, he pointed out, are now \$5.89 a day for highly skilled men entrusted with the most dangerous and difficult work. Highly skilled men in the city are getting, on the average, \$8 a day and are demanding \$10, and the miners feel entitled to \$12.

The five-day week, he said, would not interfere with production, because the mines of the country do not average more than four days' operation a week now. Some mines, he said, operate only one day a week, while others operate six. The miners desire to make operation uniform, he said. Neither would the short work day interfere with 75 per cent of the miners in the United States, who, he said, are working on a tonnage basis and are paid only for what they dig.

Thousands of Seattle homes, according to dealers, are pretty well supplied with coal and will be able to withstand a long siege.

The Northern Pacific is said to have a 60 days' supply of coal on hand, the Great Northern a 40 days' supply. The latter road obtains much of its coal from Canada, which is undisturbed by the strike.

### 80-Year-Old Rancher Victim of Drowning

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### TROOPS ON WAY TO FUEL FIELDS

The Mine Workers' Chiefs Defy Court Order Restraining Strike; Coal in Transit Will Be Seized

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 31.—The coal strike is under way in Eastern Ohio. Early today 1,300 miners laid down their tools in various mines throughout this section. Union workers in the remainder of the section were reported steadily joining the list of idle, and before 4 p. m., which the executives here designated as the "zero hour," all mines were expected to be closed down. Union leaders claimed 15,000 men would be out before night.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 31.—(United Press.)—One thousand coal miners are already on strike in Utah today and the rest are expected to go out tonight at midnight.

Tents and portable houses have been sent from the East, so that when the miners are ejected from mine property they can be housed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today issued an order instructing the director of railroads to take all coal in transit and divert it according to a priority list. This function was formerly exercised by the fuel administration.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 31.—Nearly 1,000 First division veterans from Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., were due in Huntington this afternoon for duty in the West Virginia coal fields during the miners' strike, local officials said today. Troops are coming on two special trains, the first due here at 2 p. m.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(United Press.)—Approach of the zero hour in the threatened strike of 500,000 coal miners—midnight tonight—found the government secretly moving troops to strategic points in the affected area, while steps were taken to enjoin union leaders from directing the proposed walkout.

The troop movements were carefully guarded as during the war. Government officials believed that nothing can stop thousands of miners from quitting work at 12:01 a. m. tomorrow and every precaution was being taken to prevent the mining regions from being the scenes of civil strife.

President Wilson issued an executive order re-establishing maximum prices for coal as they existed when the fuel administration ceased to function. This order was the administration's first direct act in carrying out its policy of protecting the public in the strike. The immediate effect of the presidential order will be in forcing a reduction in coal prices in many sections of the country, officials stated.

The president restores the following order:

"Fixing the prices of bituminous and lignite coal at the mines.

"Fixing or regulating commissions of persons or agencies performing the functions of middlemen dealing in bituminous and lignite coal.

"Fixing or regulating gross margins or prices of wholesale and retail dealers in bituminous and lignite coal."

Appended to the president's statement was a list of maximum coal prices, f. o. b. cars at the mines.

**Wilson's Orders**

The text of the executive order was as follows:

"Whereas, The United States fuel

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### MAYOR C. B. FITZGERALD ADMITS HE DESERVED ARREST

SO DO OTHER PROMINENT MEN—PLAYED HALLOWEEN PRANKS

Mayor Cecil B. Fitzgerald made the startling admission Friday that at one time in his career he should have been arrested for a Halloween prank he played in Ballard.

"De gang," said the mayor, "included Dr. David Livingston, formerly head doctor for the Northern Pacific, who was then a kid like the rest of us.

"The Livingston family had a gate. The day before Halloween Dave went out and wired it fast to the fence. We decided this was un-sportsmanlike and after Dave had gone home Halloween night the rest of us swiped a pair of nippers from a hardware store and cut the gate loose.

"We hung it from the telephone

### Sheriff's Men Smash Up Game

Armed with axes, seven deputy sheriffs raided a number of gambling dens in the vicinity of Seventh ave. and King st. Friday afternoon. Smashing down barred doors, the deputies made a surprise attack, destroying a large amount of paraphernalia and arresting Chinamen engaged in running the games.

Gambling resorts at 655 1/2 Jackson st., 655 1/2 King st., and six other places were raided by the officers. Those who conducted the raid included Deputy Sheriffs J. C. Connor, C. H. Heise, C. H. Jarrett, C. H. Kearney, Asa Lee, N. L. Lovell and Stewart Campbell.

### CITY MAY ORDER 6-CENT CARFARE

Unless the city council recedes from its proposal to assess the municipal street railway for paying costs estimated at \$40,000 a month, the city will be compelled to inaugurate a 6-cent fare or so regulate jitney bus traffic so as to bring the city a revenue of \$1,000 a day.

This was the gist of a statement made Friday by Thomas F. Murphine, superintendent of public utilities, which accompanied his report to Mayor Fitzgerald and the city council of the earnings of the municipal railway for the six months ended September 30.

According to Murphine's report, the revenue of the municipal railway from all sources for the last six months was \$2,703,824.29, an increase of \$276,279.14 over the corresponding period for the previous year.

The total operating expenses are shown to be \$2,311,735.85, as compared with a total of \$1,629,509.16 for the corresponding six months in 1918.

The net revenue for the last six months from the municipal railway is shown to be \$315,101.11, after deducting \$391,723.18 interest on outstanding utility bonds, damage claims, industrial insurance and other items.

### POLITE BANDIT GETS NO CASH

Leaves Office After Attempting Holdup

"Throw up your hands, and throw them up quick!" was the order snarled at Harry Kroutz, in the office of the Washington Loan and Trust company, 111 Stewart st., Friday noon by a masked bandit who brandished a heavy revolver.

Kroutz, who is president of the loan company, answered that he did not have any money and that there was none in the office. The trustful burglar walked out of the door and disappeared.

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### BOY DEAD; WOMAN AND GIRL WOUNDED

Obsessed with a passion to end her earthly troubles and exterminate herself and children, Mrs. Winifred M. Graham, 24, shot her little boy, Billie, age 6, who died almost instantly; fired two bullets into the body of her baby daughter, Betty, age 4, and then turned the gun on herself at her home, 1053 Thistle st., shortly before 10 a. m. Friday.

The little girl and the mother were taken to the Providence hospital. Both were wounded in the stomach. Operations were performed this afternoon and physicians stated that the little girl has small chance for recovery. The mother may recover. The stricken father waited at the hospital for word of the operation.

After the tragedy, Mrs. Graham struggled to a phone and called up her husband, Neil B. Graham, 25, salesman at the Florsheim shoe store, 915 Second ave.

"I've shot the children," she sobbed.

Graham hurried home and found his wife sitting by the bedside of her boy. The mother had placed him in his bed and carried the little girl to the bedroom.

"How Cold He Is!"

With her hand on the forehead of her dead boy the mother was moaning "Oh, how cold he is!" when the father and police entered the home.

Seeing her husband she cried, "My boy is gone!" and then collapsed in Graham's arms.

Billie was shot three times—once thru the heart.

Bloodstains in the kitchen revealed that the shooting had occurred there. The mother had used a .22-caliber revolver.

The police were unable to get a statement from the mother, who lapsed into unconsciousness.

"Lost Her Love"

But they found a letter, addressed to the husband, which revealed that Mrs. Graham was suffering from bitter sorrow and remorse.

Neighbors were grief-stricken when they learned of the tragedy. Graham was stunned.

The home was a neat, attractive little place. Colored pictures, which children delight in, were mounted in the attractive bedroom.

Billie was a bright, lovable little fellow and his sister was sweet and loved by the whole neighborhood.

He played almost every morning with the big, good-natured policeman on the beat.

**Suffered Headaches**

Women who knew Mrs. Graham recalled that she has been suffering from intense headaches and that recent letters from her parents in Missoula, Mont., told of troubles they were suffering.

The neighborhood believes that Mrs. Graham became temporarily insane.

Yet the farewell note, which was retained by Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant, was the basis of the police assumption that the shooting was premeditated.

Little Betty was unconscious when the father arrived. With her mother, she was taken in an ambulance to Providence hospital.

"They are both in dangerous condition," medical attendants announced at noon.

The two tots had evidently been playing before their mother opened fire. Both were dressed in blue denim overalls.

In her letter she says she must take Billy with her, because otherwise he would be too lonely, and that Betty must also go with her because her pretty face will some day cause her sorrow.

### "I Must Take My Babies," Wrote Mother

The following is the letter written by Mrs. Graham to her husband, in which she attempts to explain the motive for the shooting of her two babies and herself today:

"My Dear Beloved Neil: I can't go on like this. I am slipping out of your life, just for your own good. It is almost five years since I lost your love, tho. You have tried to make up to me those three awful years. I can't seem to forget.

"Give my love to your folks and to mine. Ask them to forgive me. Oh, my poor mother and father. They have been so brave.

"Take the little black book (Science and Health) and learn what life really is. If I had read mine more, I would not be doing this awful thing.

"I punished Billy. His poor little body is all red. I will burn the whip before we go on our journey. I must take my babies with me. Billy would be lonesome without me, and Betty's pretty face would only mean sorrow to her, like mine did.

"Give Dot any little thing she might want. Send Betty's new coat to Paul's little girl and give Billy's coat to Piny Finch.

"And, darling boy, whatever you want of mine is yours. I must go now, for the task ahead of me is hard. The children are asking me why I am crying so hard. Bless them, they will never know.

"Good-bye, good-bye, my darling. W.

"Oh, the house seems so still."

### Youngsters Get an Early Start for Halloween

Several Seattle youngsters fooled the police and advanced Halloween a night.

Several reports were received Friday at the station from indignant citizens concerning the pranks of gangs of small boys throughout the city.

Motorcycle Officer N. P. Anderson, responding to a call from the conductors of the Mercer st. carline, broke up a gang of lads who were pulling the trolleys from the cars.

Guests at the Imperial apartments, 14th and E. Pike st., complained of the soaping of windows.

The police are preparing for a busy night Friday.

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Tragic Victims of Shooting in Seattle Home



The upper photograph shows Mrs. Winifred Graham, who killed her 6-year-old boy, Billie, and then shot her baby daughter, Betty, age 4, and tried to end her own life Friday. The middle picture shows Billie, and the lower picture is Betty, who is in Providence hospital with her mother.