

# MURDER?—Body in Bay—SUICIDE?

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

**Weather**  
Tonight and Friday, fair; moderate southerly winds.  
Temperature Last 24 Hours  
Maximum, 53. Minimum, 39.  
Today noon, 51.

### Act on Jap Menace! Rep. Bob Grass Demands Legislative Program

Japanese invasion of the Northwest will be laid bare, and state action considered, if plans made public today are carried out at Olympia next week, when the legislature convenes in special session.

Gov. Hart has been asked by the Anti-Japanese league to present complete findings of a secret investigation conducted by the state before the lawmakers.

Representative Robert Grass today forwarded to every member of the legislature a tentative program to cope with Japanese penetration.

All state departments were instructed, months ago, to assemble data on Japanese penetration in Washington. Edward Clifford, president of the Anti-Japanese league, war veteran, has addressed a letter to Gov. Hart, urging that the results of the survey be placed before the lawmakers for immediate consideration.

Representative Grass, in his appeal for action, declares that "the most serious thing confronting this state and the Pacific coast is the

### POLICE FIND BLOODY CAR ABANDONED

Melville Forrester, Liveryman, Dies of Knife Cuts; Neck and Wrist Slashed

When the tide ebbed from under the railway trestles at the foot of Blanchard st., opposite the Bell st. wharf, about 9:30 o'clock this morning, the body of Melville C. Forrester, junior member of the firm of John Forrester & Son, liverymen and horse dealers, was found lying in the mud.

There was a deep knife wound in the right side of the neck. Three other slughter cuts were found on the left wrist. It may have been suicide or ghastly murder.

Blanchard st. ends at the top of a precipitous bluff, 100 feet high, overlooking the harbor. At the foot of this bluff are the several parallel railway trestles under which Forrester's body lay. High up on the side of the declivity, 20 feet from the top, the dead man's automobile was lodged against some heavy pieces of junk, perilously near toppling over.

BLOOD STAINS ON BRAKE GRIP

The emergency brake bore the imprint of a bloody hand. There was more blood on the steering wheel where the driver's right hand had clutched it. A great splash of blood had dried on the windshield.

Another bloody handprint on the rear door mystifies the police. It might have been made by a murderer climbing out, or by Forrester staggering from his seat at the wheel.

Other splashes of blood and Forrester's footprints on the down-hill side of the car gave evidence that he had fled down the face of the steep bluff with wounds gushing and keeping his feet only by a miracle.

The trail led from the foot of the bluff onto the first trestle. Here there was a pool of blood, as if Forrester had either fallen there, or halted, unable to proceed further. It was beneath this that his body was discovered.

Indications were that the tragedy occurred before midnight, and probably about 9 o'clock Wednesday night. The auto, with Forrester, and possibly other occupants, had been driven down Blanchard st., headed directly for the bluff, had gone over the curb and sidewalk, and had it not struck the junkpile, must have been hurled to demolition at the foot of the precipice.

A pearl stickpin in the cravat, the watch and chain, and papers in pockets of the coat indicated, according to the police, that if murder had been committed the motive was not robbery. A small amount of change, less than \$1, was found in the trousers.

The police theory of suicide hinges on Forrester's knife, found covered with blood in his right-hand coat pocket. The knife is of the sort worn on the watch chain, and, according to Forrester's friends who view the body where it lay, is much too small to have cut the deep gash in the dead man's neck.

### A Treat for the Youngsters!

**Star Seattle Story Book**  
By Mabel Cleland

My Dear Children of THE STAR Family:  
WHAT DO YOU THINK! We are going to make a storybook—you and I.

I am going to write the stories specially for you. The Star will print them so that you can cut them out and paste them very carefully in a book.

And after a while we shall have a whole book of stories about children who lived in this Puget Sound country in the days of Indians and bears and things.

Some of them will be make-believe stories which might have happened to children living here at that time, and some of them (now this is our very own secret) are really, truly, true-as-true stories, and when it is one of the really true ones you look for a mark like this (\*) at the end.

Then the next time you go down town and see a handsome lawyer walking along the street looking so grown up and serious, you can say to yourself: "Maybe that's the man who got lost in the forest when he was a little boy." Or, it may be a woman all dressed up and stylish, and you can think: "I wonder if she could be the one who cut the branches off the fir tree and—"

But I mustn't tell my stories too fast. You just be sure and read every one, and by the time Memorial Day comes you will know a whole lot of things about Seattle and its beginnings that you didn't know before, and we'll try to find out just what they did the very first time Memorial Day was kept.

Now these stories are going to be about Peggy and David, because Peggy and David are the hungriest children for stories I ever saw or heard of, and they keep Grandmother busy telling them stories all the living time. And not only Grandmother, but Father, who used to be her little boy, and Mother-dear, and old Aunt Ellen—everybody in the family tells them stories, and I don't see why you shouldn't hear them, too. Do you?

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### COLBY APPEARS IN OWN DEFENSE

Hitchcock Says He "Scores a Knockout"

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Bainbridge Colby testified in his own behalf today before the senate foreign relations committee, which is considering objections to his confirmation as secretary of state.

Senator Hitchcock said after Colby's statement that he "scored a knockout" against those opposing confirmation.

Colby said he would not think of committing the impropriety of making any public statement while his nomination was pending.

### GASOLINE SHIP IS FIRE VICTIM

Steamer Oloekson Beached in Canal Zone

NEW YORK, March 18.—Radio dispatches received by United States naval radio station here today reported the United States shipping board steamer Oloekson off in the roads at Balboa, Canal Zone, with 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline aboard.

The vessel took fire late yesterday afternoon, according to the wireless reports, while at anchor in the roads. A Panama canal tug managed to get a line aboard, however, and beached the vessel, which continued to burn this morning. The crew was saved. Tom Oloekson left Philadelphia March 2, for Vladivostok via the Panama canal.

### Antill, Jap Agent, Loses Court Case

C. W. Antill, agent for Japanese rent speculators, and Mrs. Josephine North were ordered to pay Daniel O. Boyd and Josefine Boyd, \$5,300 damages by Judge Boyd J. Tallman Thursday. The Boyds leased the St. Florence apartments, Summit ave. and E. Denny way, to Mrs. North for five years, at \$875 per month. The apartment was not to be released. Mrs. North is alleged to have sublet the apartment to Antill. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was taken.

### Ruler of Elks Is Improved Today

A slight improvement in condition of Homer Myers, recently elected exalted ruler of Seattle lodge, No. 92, B. P. O. E., was reported at Minor hospital Thursday noon. Myers was in grave condition Wednesday, after an internal operation.

### Lax Safety Rules Blamed for Death

Death of Edward Gibbins, 47, of 1517 17th ave. S. W., crushed by a freight car at the Pacific Coast Steel Co. plant in Georgetown, March 12, was attributed to "improper application of safety rules" by a coroner's jury Thursday. Chief Deputy Coroner Willis H. Corson conducted the inquest.

### "Such Is Life in the West," Says Chaplin of Divorce Rumor

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Charming Charles Chaplin, screen comedian, has not lived with her for several months, and that he has failed to support her, Mrs. Mildred Harris Chaplin today confirmed the report, that she has placed her affairs in the hands of an attorney, and, unless her marital conditions are soon remedied, she will seek a divorce.

"I have not seen Mr. Chaplin in two weeks and he has not been living with me for several months," declared Mrs. Chaplin. "I am forced to conclude that he does not want to live with me. I do not want a divorce, nor do I want Mr. Chaplin's money, but I must have support."

When asked for a statement, Mrs. Chaplin declared: "Such is life in the great West."

### Car Extension Is Being Postponed

Plans looking toward an extension of the Klinnear Park car line were held over at the meeting of the public utilities committee, Thursday morning, until reorganization of the municipal street railway department is completed. Fourteen petitions for extensions are now awaiting a hearing.

### Ask a Viaduct to Replace "Antique"

A fill or complete viaduct, to replace present antique Madison st. bridge, was recommended by civic bureau, Chamber of Commerce, in session with Charles R. Case, superintendent of streets and sewers Wednesday. The old bridge is being replanked.

### Got Your Kite for Next Saturday Yet?

Kids, got your kites ready? Saturday will be Kite day for all the youngsters in town at the playfields. The park board will give prizes for the best kites entered.

### YO-HO! KIDDIES!

Here's a treat for you! You can get your scissors and paste and make your own story-book! And it'll be all about Seattle—all about the city you know and love—all about real little boys and girls who lived in Seattle when all around it was a wilderness. Maybe—who knows?—it will tell about adventures your very own fathers and mothers, or aunts or grand-dads, had before you were born. Anyway, The Star is sure you'll enjoy reading these stories, or having them read to you. The Star is sure you'll want to cut them out and keep them in your scrapbook, or make up your very own edition of THE STAR Seattle STORY BOOK.

### NO-NEW CLUES IN MURDER CASE

Fail to Establish Identity of Killer

Continued investigation by detectives has failed to reveal the identity of the man who murdered L. Smell, 53, a logger, found with a bullet hole thru his head in a room in the Russell house, Sixth ave. S. and Jackson st., Tuesday.

Police discovered that Smell had borrowed a small amount of money recently to go to a logging camp. He returned to Seattle eight days later, which was two days before the murder.

### Uncle Joe Cannon Can Do the Shimmy

WASHINGTON, March 18.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon maintains he is as active as ever. When some persons scoffed at him when he made an address the other evening he offered to prove his statement. "I can do the old-fashioned dances as well as any one in this room," he said. "Furthermore, I can do the 'shimmy' and all the modern dances."

### PORTLAND REDS AWAITING FATE

Communist Case Will Soon Go to Jury

PORTLAND, March 18.—The trial of three admitted leaders of the communist labor party being prosecuted for alleged violation of the state criminal syndicalism act, is expected to go to the jury in Circuit Judge Morrow's court some time late today.

Defense attorney W. A. Uren has admitted that Karl W. Oster, state secretary of the communist labor party; Claude Hurst, local financial secretary, and Fred W. Fry, defendants, helped to organize the local branch of the party.

With this admission, the principal issue remaining is that of the teachings of the party. The jury will be required to decide whether the change of government advocated by the party is by "lawful procedure" or by means of "blood and steel."

The prosecution is counting heavily on the admissions of Victor J. Saulit, defense witness, and former Oregon representative at the organization of the communist party, that the convention decided the capitalist class would succeed in ousting communists who might be elected, by action thru the courts.

This, the prosecution contends, is an indirect advocacy of the use of violence.

### Smallpox Failed to Stop Indian's Wedding Ceremony

YAKIMA, March 18.—Health officers here invaded an Indian wedding. Ceremonies were being conducted in a tepee decorated with a quarantine sign. The bride was well broken out with smallpox. "Tut! Tut!" said the health officer.

"That's all right," said the bridegroom. "If um wantum smallpox um getum. No wantum, no getum."

Several hundred Indians are nursing sore arms today.

### First Straw Hat of Season Sold

Straw hats won't be higher this year, says G. S. Morrison, hat manager of Cheasty's, who reported the season's first sale of a feather-weight topper Thursday.

"A chap named Grands, on the way to China for the American-Chinese Importing Co., made the purchase," says Morrison.

### Chinese Hide Dope in Boots and Cap

Wa Shing was arrested the other day when found with "dope" concealed in his cap, and now Wong Wah, nabbed by Inspector A. E. Hamar Wednesday afternoon, is charged with having hidden narcotics in a rubber boot.

### Fair Weather on Thursday's Menu

More fair weather, with moderate southerly winds—that's the menu for Thursday, says Observer Salisbury.

### EBERT RETURNS TO BERLIN; WILL ARREST REBELS

### Allies and Dutch Plan to Exile Ex-Kaiser; Reds Battle for Control of Germany

AMSTERDAM, March 18.—President Ebert, who has returned to Berlin, has ordered the imperial court at Leipzig to start action against Dr. Von Kapp, General Von Luettwitz, Gottlieb Von Jagow, Admiral Von Throta and Commander Ehrhardt—the leaders of the revolution, according to telephone messages from Berlin.

BY CARL D. GROAT  
BERLIN, March 17.—(Night.)—The Von Kapp counter-revolutionary dictatorship ended tonight.

Following resignation of Chancellor Von Kapp and Gen. Von Luettwitz, Eugen Schiffer, vice-chancellor under President Ebert, took over the government at 6 P. M.

Simultaneously, the red, white and black flag was hoisted over the government buildings as a symbol of the defeat of the monarchist movement.

The central committee of railway workers at the same time decided to end the strike immediately.

The Ebert government, restored to power, has ordered the arrest of Von Kapp, Von Luettwitz, Police Chief Von Jagow Trotha, Dr. Brederick, Col. Beyer and Capt. Gerhardt.

The text of Von Kapp's parting communique was as follows:

"The Bauer government, having decided to fulfill our most essential demands, rejection of which caused the establishment of the Von Kapp government, Dr. Von Kapp regards his mission fulfilled.

"He retired, giving up his power to the military commander-in-chief, moved by the conviction for the necessity of avoiding the establishment of a soviet republic."

Earlier in the day the Von Kapp forces had announced that the ultimatum of the independent socialists, demanding withdrawal of the revolutionary government and disarmament of troops, had been flatly refused.

It was evident, however, that the dictator was greatly worried because of the rising influence of the Spartacists. A report was received that Bolshevist groups were in control of Wilhelmshaven.

"All conditions now prevailing in Russia threaten us," one official declared with anxiety.

Ernest Daumig issued a statement calling upon the proletariat to "hold firm" until his dictatorship could be established thru an election.

Herr Heine and other leaders of the old government left for Stuttgart this afternoon.

Military reinforcements arrived in Berlin to assist in maintaining order. Troops took advantage of a meeting of striking workmen of the electrical plants at Charlottenburg to surround the workers and force them to return to their posts, so the plant could be operated to supply Berlin with electricity.

The Bavarian diet, the dispatch said, has elected Dr. Von Kopen, former governor of Upper Silesia, as Bavarian premier.

SOLDIERS ARE DISARMED BY WORKINGMEN

Bloody fighting also was reported from Hagen, Westphalia, where workmen and troops clashed when the soldiers attempted to occupy the city. The troops, according to a dispatch from Hagen, were disarmed after they had surrendered and were held as prisoners by the workmen. Thirty soldiers were killed and 70 wounded in the fighting that preceded the troops' surrender. Two working men were killed and several wounded.

Reports of the resignation of Von Luettwitz were contained in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin, which said the military leader stepped out after futile negotiations with Herr Daumig, leader of the combination of radical parties.

Von Luettwitz, the dispatch said, was promised that he would be granted military protection by the radicals. The communists, the dispatch added, would not tolerate the return of Gustav Noske, defense minister of President Ebert, and that his resignation will be demanded.

Dispatches continued to report extensive radical uprisings in Bavaria, Saxony, the Ruhr industrial district of Westphalia, Chemnitz, Frankfurt and Kiel. Advice to the British foreign office late yesterday said 40 Spartacists had been killed in clashes between troops and radicals at Hagen.

The allies, it was learned yesterday, instructed their representatives in Germany to go to Stuttgart and maintain touch with the Ebert government.

### RADICALS NOW OPPOSE EBERT

### New Threat Comes as Von Kapp Rule Falls

BY ED L. KEENE  
LONDON, March 18.—Complete collapse of the Von Kapp-Von Luettwitz revolt in Germany was confirmed by dispatches here today.

Both the revolutionary dictator and his war minister have resigned, dispatches said. A Copenhagen dispatch, quoting the Frankfurt Zeitung, said that Gen. Von Guelsen had taken over command of troops in Berlin in the name of Gustav Bauer, chancellor under President Ebert.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch early today said the Ebert government was expected to return to Berlin today. An earlier dispatch said the coalition of independent socialists and communists intended to form a soviet republic.

Meantime, dispatches indicated that the Spartacists continue to press their advantage toward organization of a soviet government. A soviet republic was proclaimed at Eisenberg, a Berlin dispatch asserted.

A Stuttgart dispatch, by way of Copenhagen, said Von Kapp troops have been wounded and disarmed after bloody fighting at Gera, an important railway city 130 miles north and west of Berlin.

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### REVOLT TROOPS LEAVE BERLIN

Report of Von Kapp and Von Luettwitz Depart

PARIS, March 18.—The German delegation here is said to have received information that Von Kapp and Gen. Luettwitz have left Berlin.

Luettwitz, it was learned, was head of the revolution for a few hours after Von Kapp resigned. Luettwitz's resignation was accepted at 5:40 yesterday afternoon.

Gen. von Seeckt, said a Berlin dispatch, assumed the ministry of war pending the arrival of Noske. He also assumed command of the Reichswehr troops.

Gen. von Oven took command of the regular army soldiers now in Berlin. These will be removed from the city as soon as possible, he said.

The Ehrhardt naval brigade, which furnished the military power of the revolution, has evacuated Berlin, but before leaving burned all the records showing its part in the movement.

Troops which remained faithful to the constitution were posted as guards over all public buildings.

### Use Marked Money to Nab Sam Chin

Marked money was used by the police in purchasing narcotics from Sam Chin, 37, 918 Fifth ave. S., and Jim Law, 62, 1117 Third ave., both Chinese, Wednesday night. "Dope" valued at \$100 was confiscated.

### Report Noske Will Quit German Post

LONDON, March 18.—Gustav Noske, President Ebert's minister of defense, will retire from the cabinet, a news agency dispatch from Berlin said today.