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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

ISOM WHITE REPRIVED!

Farewell Banquet for Movie Winner Butler Hotel Will Honor Film Queen



Four of the 12 girls over whom the judges of the Star-Universal Film company contest are deadlocked in their efforts to choose the winner. Left to right, they are: Ruth Listman, Pearl Vassar, Nina Louderbach and Jessie Fox. Miss Fox almost lost her life just before the contest opened. She is one of the survivors of the steamship Governor disaster. (Photos by Price & Carter, Star staff photographers.)

LOWER LEVY IF CALIFORNIA LAW IS PASSED HERE

Local Officials Can Reduce but Nine Mills; This Is Not Enough! State Can Aid by Changing Tax System

County Commissioner Ramsay promises an effort to reduce taxes in King county by about three mills. The school board will try to cut taxes by four mills. The city of Seattle will cut another two mills, is Councilman Fitzgerald's promise.

Count it up. If their performances are as good as their intentions, the total will be a reduction of nine mills. THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.

The tax levy in Seattle is 71 mills. The man who owns a \$4,000 home, the average little home, today pays approximately \$160 taxes on it, counting also his personal tax on household furniture. If nine mills were cut off the levy it would reduce his taxes \$20 a year. And that would be mighty welcome. But it would still keep his taxes at \$140 a year—which would still be outrageously high!

What is Seattle going to do about it? Perhaps our officials can cut even more than nine mills. Perhaps they can go as high as 10 or 12 mills. Still the tax would be too high. Is there no substantial relief in sight? THERE IS.

Oregon and California, and New York, and Wisconsin, and Massachusetts, and a score of other states point the way. In those states, real estate and household effects do not bear the WHOLE burden of taxation.

In those states, stocks and bonds, and bank deposits, mortgage loan investments, and all other forms of "intangibles" are taxed!

In Washington a billion dollars of such property escapes all taxes.

Why? Because the governor and the legislature of this state have been too spineless to act.

There is a crying demand for tax revision in this state. Can we get it? An aroused community will see to it that our tax-levying officials are going to cut expenses to the bone. But even after they have reached the bone, taxes will remain too high on real and personal property until such time as the legislature changes the tax system.

To get the legislature to do this, means a battle royal. To get the governor to call a special session of the legislature will mean an even greater battle.

But if the tax burden is to be lifted in the proportion and in the amount that it should be, the present taxpayers may enjoy substantial benefits NEXT YEAR, if the legislature must act THIS YEAR.

There's the nub of the thing. There's no use knocking Seattle because of the tax rate. Seattle is probably no more extravagant and wasteful than other cities of its size. But Seattle is suffering because its tax burden is NOT distributed fairly among those who should pay.

Seattle gets the worst end of the tax game in every respect. It not only gets hit the same way as the other parts of the state get hit, because intangibles are not taxed, but it gets hit further in unequal distribution of taxes by the state itself.

Washington is the goat of the Pacific coast in tax systems. And Seattle is the goat of the state in the distribution of taxes. There are the cold, naked facts in the tax question.

What will Seattle do about it? What will the governor do about it? The governor doesn't dare call the legislature together in special session to tackle the real tax problem. He doesn't dare recommend the same laws here as in California, which would give this state, beyond any doubt, the same rate of taxation as our Southern brothers boast.

He doesn't dare. And the legislature never DID dare—they have had the opportunity to give Seattle and the rest of the state proper tax relief, and they didn't do it. Too many powerful interests have prevented that.

And they will continue to prevent it—if we, the public, continue to think in small terms of "saving taxes" by the elimination of a janitor here and a clerk there. Such savings are dribbles. They help. But significant help must come from a revision of our ancient and outworn tax system.

The governor must be MADE to dare call a special session of the legislature. And the legislature must be MADE to dare to pass remedial tax legislation.

Whenever the public demands it loud enough, it will get relief. GET BUSY—ON THE MAIN TRACK. Don't get sidetracked. Don't be content with reducing expenses to the bone. Don't let that mollify you. "Expenses" are only part of the tax problem. Demand real legislative action! Demand a special session of the legislature! Make the governor earn his salary!

(Tomorrow The Star will bare a few more truths on the tax problem.)



Home Brew

Greetings, folks. Be optimistic. The tax confab is about to meet. Be DARN optimistic.

"Taxes are high." They all did this.

"But," said the first, "You can't cut this."

"Taxes are high." They all did this.

"But," said the third, "You can't cut that."

"Taxes are high." They all did about;

"But," said the third, "This can't come out."

Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc.

G. H. B. sends this from Houghton, Wash.

A henpecked man from Nebraska, quietly stole off to Alaska;

She got a divorce, As a matter of course,

And went back to her home in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The author sends this note: "I could have sent this lady to Kaska, which would have made a better jingle and where there is more grass for grass widows, but I stuck to the truth."

"Bullet Strikes Girl's Knee With- out Fracturing Skirt—Police Baf- fled," says a headline in the Phila- delphia Record. The police are so stupid.—Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press.

"STONE WALLS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE"

(From the Spencer, Ia., Reporter) The mayor's report revealed that the city made \$14 by renting the jail for a garage. It is too loose for prisoners, but will hold an automobile if the engine is not running.

"Flock of Bills in Congress Proposed for Ex-Soldiers," says head- line. As the vets didn't already have a bunch of bills.

Circus is coming to town. And so is "Uncle Tom's Cabin." It has been so long since "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has shown in this neck of the woods that we'd begun to think the play was off the boards because Little Eva must have grown up.

Lots of bogus notes in circulation in Seattle, say secret service men. Be careful about those \$1,000 bills. Don't change 'em too suddenly.

The man who shouts: "I'll tell the world" is seldom bur- dened with a message that will startle the universe.

A man I hate Is Henry Poe. He always says: "What d'you know?"

A REFERENDUM (Detroit Free Press) My advertisement of February 24 was an error. I will be responsible for my wife's debts. Leo Tyo.

HOW FAR BACK CAN YOU REMEMBER? We can remember when the nickel- edons used to grind out "Bedelia" in front of the movie houses.

We can even remember the old fashioned girl who wore so many pins in her waist line that you took chances with lockjaw every time you hugged her.

THE "MOVIE" ORCHESTRA High diddle, diddle, He played on the fiddle, While wife played the snare drum; When along came a film with bath- ing girls in,

And put the whole band on the bum.

THIS SHOWS THE ADVANTAGE OF CARRYING A DICTIONARY Notice—Susan Chickowski and Wilma Kurtz wish to apologize thru the Press to the slander and insult they committed against Miss Goldie Russell. They were ignorant of what the word hemorrhage was. Signed by Wilma Kurtz and Susan Chickowski—Sheboygan (Wis.) Press.

WEE COYLE GRANTS 30-DAY STAY

Halt Execution Set for May 20; Boy's Fate Up to Hart

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 17.—Acting Governor William J. ("Wee") Coyle today granted to Isom White, sentenced to hang on May 20, a 30-day reprieve.

White's fate is now held in abeyance pending the return of Governor Hart.

Seattle Will Keep War Risk Offices

District headquarters of the war risk insurance bureau will not be moved from Seattle to Tacoma.

This was definitely assured Tuesday when owners of the Arcade building lowered their rental offer from \$237 to \$2 a square foot.

This is the figure at which Col. Charles E. Forbes, director of the federal bureau, had announced he would keep the office in its present location.

The agreement follows a week's work on the part of Arthur R. Priest, agent in Washington, D. C., of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Finds Diamond Pin; Gets Term in Jail

Accused of having found a \$200 diamond pin and kept it for himself, Nick Nicossio, charged with grand larceny, was allowed to plead guilty to petit larceny before Judge King Dykeman Tuesday. He was sentenced to 25 days in jail.

KILLS SELF BECAUSE HE CAN'T GET FALSE TEETH THAT'LL FIT!

OMAHA, May 17.—Because he could not obtain false teeth to fit, Jacob L. Rothschild, former saloonkeeper, killed himself by shooting. He had purchased 25 sets of false teeth, none of which gave satisfaction, his wife said.

Clubman Is Killed in Auto Smashup

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 17.—Klaus A. Bergenthal, aviator with Pancho Villa in Mexico in 1915 and well known Milwaukee clubman, was killed here today when his automobile crashed into a street car.

Chief Justice White Is Resting Easily

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The condition of Chief Justice White today was described by his physician as "satisfactory." He rested comfortably during the night. White underwent a minor operation.

\$120 Paper Bags Are Sold for \$7

Jake Papin was held in city jail on a grand larceny charge Tuesday, alleged to have stolen paper bags worth \$120 from a fruit stand at 561 Pine st., owned by J. Wise, and sold them to S. Morita of the Tokyo grocery, 130 Westlake public market for \$7.

Don't Miss the Ads

Make your dollars do full duty. Read the advertising columns of The Star. They're full of opportunities to save on things you have to buy.

The best offerings of Seattle's best stores appear regularly in The Star.

U. S. SUES LEADERS OF SHIP STRIKE

Action Is Started Against Unions and Individuals by Saunders

Seeking an injunction against the strike activities of marine workers, whose walkout May 1 resulted in tying up shipping board vessels thruout the country, United States District Attorney Robert C. Saunders filed in federal court Tuesday a complaint in equity against six local unions and nine of their executive officers.

The defendants named in the bill are:

Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association No. 24 and W. E. Jackson, business manager; D. W. Miller, president; W. M. Coombs, recording secretary, and C. S. Fallett, treasurer.

Masters, Mates and Pilots of the Pacific, Seattle branch, and P. Muller, business agent.

The Firemen, Oilers and Water Tenders' Union of the Pacific, Seattle branch, and John Carney, business agent.

Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Seattle branch, and P. Gill, secretary.

Marine Cooks and Stewards' association of the Pacific, Seattle agency, and John Morikauer, secretary.

Neptune Association of Licensed Masters, Mates of Oceanic and Coastwise Steam Vessels, Inc., Seattle branch, and Albert Barron, secretary.

ASKS FOR JUDGMENT OF \$10,000 A DAY

The government asks for judgment against the defendants of \$10,000 a day since May 1, the date of the walkout, and until such date as the final judgment is rendered, and for a permanent injunction restraining the unions named, or any of their members, from trespassing upon or shipping board vessels or other property, or from defacing or destroying the same, and from interfering in any way with the strikebreakers who are sent to man the idle ships.

The government charges, in the bill of complaint, that the strike is a "deliberate and purposeful attempt to destroy the American merchant marine." Violence, intimidation and threats have been resorted to by members of the union in carrying on the strike. It is declared, and government property to the value of \$15,000 has been damaged.

"The defendants," the complaint recites, "have deliberately and purposefully intimidated and assaulted citizens of the United States who were willing to work" on shipping board vessels.

ALLEGES UNION FRIGHTENS ALIENS The shipping board gives preference to natural born Americans or citizens of the United States, it is stated, but the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, it is charged, has in effect a so-called "list system," by which the plaintiff "is prevented from giving employment to natural born American citizens until after the aliens who precede them on the list have been employed."

It is further declared that patrons are driven away from the shipping board vessels by the strike, and that irreparable damage is being done to the government. The work of building up the merchant marine during the last five years is being totally destroyed, it is claimed, with a cost of billions of dollars to the taxpayers of the United States.

District Attorney Saunders and R. M. Sommes, district director of the shipping board, who formulated the court action during a conference Monday, declare that officers of the union have openly declared that the unions are no longer in control of

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Seattle's new screen queen, the winner of The Star-Universal Film company contest, will be served her farewell banquet, before she leaves for Universal City, at the Hotel Butler grill room Wednesday evening, May 25.

Dwan Andrews, of The Star staff, in charge of the winner's farewell arrangements, went to the Butler yesterday to make reservations for the winner and her party.

"You can't buy any banquet here," said John E. Savage, definitely. "Just tell me how many couples you want served. The banquet will be on me and Mrs. Savage."

The contest judges battled until 3 o'clock this morning in another vain effort to decide the winner. They adjourned to think it over until Wednesday morning, when they will convene again.

Merchants began lively bidding today in the matter of furnishing the winner's wardrobe, which includes: A sport suit from the Florence Upstairs store.

An afternoon dress from the Sweet Sixteen shop.

House from the Market Blouse shop.

Evening hat from Maxime's.

Bathing suit from Piper & Taft's.

Photographs from Hartson's.

Silk for sport skirt from Saling's Silks.

Street hat from.....

Street shoes from Buck Shoe Co.

Two pairs of gloves from.....

Sport shoes from Brown-White Shoe Co.

Evening gown from.....? Traveling cape from Octonek Knitting Co.

Pumps from Baxter & Baxter.

Hose (street, evening, sport) from.....? Corset from Knitless Corset Co.

Two outfits of lingerie from.....? Stationery from.....?

Boudoir necessities from Ye Oide Curiosity Shop.

Perfumes from.....? Toilet articles from.....?

Traveling bag from.....? Suitcase from Western Trunk factory.

Trunk from.....? Camera from.....?

Stationery from.....? Flowers from Pinehurst Floral Co.

Merchants who desire to add to the wardrobe or offer further suggestions should communicate with Dean Andrews, of The Star, Main 600, Local 15.

Three men and a girl were brought to city hospital Tuesday, after their auto had struck a large brindle dog and overturned at Duwamish ave. and Lucile st. The injured were:

Roy Ives, 33, of Tukwila.

John Anderson, of Foster.

Andy Dunbar, of Foster.

Miss Kate Paritt, 18, of Tukwila.

The three men were badly bruised, while Miss Paritt received facial lacerations and bruises. All four of the injured were on their way to work in Seattle in Ives' auto.

Ives said that the dog trotted slowly in front of the auto. The dog suddenly stopped, and Ives was unable to avoid him. The right front wheel of the auto hit the dog, the auto slewed around to the left and completely overturned, pinning the party of four underneath.

Witnesses righted the auto and the four victims were brought to city hospital in the auto of M. V. Lemon, of Tukwila. The auto was wrecked. The dog received a broken back and was shot by police officers from Georgetown precinct.

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BOY KIDNAPED AND MURDERED

DETROIT, May 17.—Standing calmly over the body of the child she was accused of kidnaping and murdering, Mrs. Evelyn Elizabeth Lewin today denied she had anything to do with the case.

Mrs. Lewin, known as "Madame Le Grande," was arrested when playmates of little 6-year-old Max Ernest identified her as the woman who stole the child while he was playing in the street last week.

The boy's body was found in a ditch near the outskirts of the city last night, after a search of five days.

Mr. Tom Cadillac left Detroit, Mich., at an unknown date, a stow-away in an automobile crate destined for Australia.

"When we opened the crate at Sidney, Pools, who is a Sidney automobile man, said today, "Tom was so emaciated we thought he was dead. When he came to life, however, the government ordered him either chloroformed or deported."

Pools wired the automobile factory he was bringing the cat home. He ordered 40 calves' hearts placed on ice for Tom, engaged passage on the liner Sonoma, and started for the United States.

Today with eight of his nine lives still intact and insured for \$5,000, Tom reached his native land and will leave immediately for Detroit.

Expense Estimates Rudely Slashed WASHINGTON, May 17.—A deficiency appropriation bill, slashing more than 50 per cent from the departmental estimates was reported by the house appropriations committee today.

It carries \$100,650,427.25, or \$119,406,338.08 less than the department's estimates.

Like Tennis? Get in Meet!

Do you like to play tennis? The Star is staging a big tennis meet at Woodland park and it's open to everybody and it costs nothing to enter.

There are events for men and women, both singles and doubles, and mixed doubles, and a special boys' meet.

Entries for the tournament close on Wednesday at 6 p. m. Full details of the meet and the entry blank will be found on today's sport page.

Tom Cadillac, Globe-Trotter Cat, Back Home

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Tom Cadillac, globe-trotting cat, was back in the United States today.

He rode thru the Golden Gate perched on the shoulder of C. G. Pools when the liner Sonoma arrived from Australia this morning. At the wharf he was met by a battery of movie cameras and a corps of newspaper correspondents.

Tom refused to talk but kindly permitted the reception committee to stroke his nose. Then he retired to a fashionable hotel to partake of additional calves' hearts—his favorite food.

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Two Sisters in "Miracle"

Eat Tablets From Lambs' Thyroid Glands

Tiny Tots Grow Like Weeds

COLUMBUS, O., May 17.—Science has fed 10 inches to the height of a 10-year-old Ohio girl in the last six months.

The 9-year-old sister of the girl has eaten almost as much height.

That which adds inches to a person's size is tablets of thyroid glands of cattle and lambs, and today has grown a total of 10 inches," Dr. Goddard said.

Dr. Goddard declared this is the fastest physical growth of which science has record.

Physically, the two girls were the size of 18-month-old babies, and neither could walk or talk when brought to the attention of the bureau last November.