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WEATHER
Tonight and Saturday, fair and continued cold; moderate easterly wind.
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France May Block Naval Cut!

Death of Congressman Cloaked With Mystery

Home Brew

Howdy, folks! Have you noticed the flappers' flapping goloshes?

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County commissioners say salaries of county employes will be lowered after the first of the year. Do they mean on April 1?

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The Sun Dodger, University of Washington humorous magazine, burlesques the Literary Digest this month. The best burlesque of the Literary Digest is the Literary Digest.

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A SCRAPPY GUY

We often wonder why Mayor Caldwell doesn't put himself under the management of Tex Rickard.

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Earl Grey, so the cables say, regained his sight thru love. And so often it takes marriage to enable a man to see.

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Wives of Kansas miners say they will march on the state militia with butcher knives. We suggest that the militia let loose a swarm of mice.

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Here lies what's left
Of William Tell;
He told his wife
To go to h——.

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"The Skagit river has fallen six feet." Here's hoping it didn't break its bed.

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Mayor Caldwell is expected to visit Japan next month. No wonder the mikado abdicated.

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Dear Home Brew: I read your fool stuff regularly and get a kick out of it. Honest, I deserve a lot of credit, because my wife says I deserve all the kicks I can get.—I. Cheatem.

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General McArthur, superintendent of West Point, recommends an increase of 1,200 in the number of cadets. Guess the Gen. hasn't heard about the disarmament conference.

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Better girls are what we need, says Gene Stratton-Porter, authoress.

What we want is pretty girls, and we want 'em bad!

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A cat, Hortense, is a savage animal. It licks itself every time it eats.

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CANNOT BE TOO EXPLICIT

Bachelor will share apartment; steam heat, electric lights; men only. Chelsea 849.—Advertisement in the New York Times.

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A Portland girl of 18 is suing for divorce. Says she married at 13 to avoid going to school. She certainly went to a lot of trouble.

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Now is the season for picking All-American teams. Many a Seattle girl has already chosen the fullback for her second team.

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He was laying on the cobbles,
A brick had put him there;
A copper asked for his address,
And got a stony stare.

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Why will a sport writer pick an All-Western football team and then go ahead and explain it?

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Mayor Caldwell has been elected illustrious potentate of Nile temple but the city council will say that he is not the illustrious potentate of the city government.

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GREAT MYSTERIES OF SEATTLE

Did, or did not, Peter Witt say that the municipal railway could be operated on a five-cent fare?

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There used to be a Rolls-Royce in Seattle but so many Fords showed it the dust that its owner got disgusted and sold it.

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DIGGS—Billson has a very wide acquaintance.

BIGGS—Yes, I know. I saw him walking down the street with her the other day.

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Los Angeles police have been forbidden to appear in moving pictures. There are some things that even a cop can't do.

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Gen. Fries says gas will prevent future wars. It doesn't seem to stop any of the battles in the city council.

LIQUOR COMES HIGH TO HIM

Frank Monahan paid $62.50 a quart for liquor Friday. Justice of the Peace C. C. Dalton fined him $250 for keeping four quarts of it with intent to sell.

MARSHAL FOCH GIVES CITY HIS PORTRAIT

"To the City of Seattle, From Marshal Foch."

This was the signed legend beneath a handsome engraved portrait of the famous French general received here Friday by Mayor Caldwell from the French embassy at Washington.

FIND BODY OF WOMAN IN DEBRIS

Slide Victim Carried 200 Feet by Avalanche of Mud

The body of Mrs. Samuel C. Andrews, 37, who, with her two stepsons, John, 7, and Thomas, 5, was killed when a landslide crushed their home at 1910 Fairmount ave., Sunday night, was found Friday by street department employes under Superintendent Charles R. Case.

Workers found the body buried in the mud near the surface. It had apparently been carried 200 feet by the mud.

Members of the fire department under Battalion Chief Robert B. Roger, and police from the West Seattle precinct, together with a crew of street department men, have worked unceasingly since Sunday night in an effort to recover the bodies.

The body of the oldest son, John, was found by firemen Wednesday, under the floor of the house. The body of Thomas, the younger son, has not yet been found.

With the high water gradually receding, new evidence of damage to property in the flooded areas are being revealed, and County Engineer Thomas R. Beeman estimated Friday that the total damage in King county may reach the value of $400,000.

This Beeman apportioned as follows: Damage to county roads and bridges, $100,000; to railroad property, $100,000; to private property, $200,000. This estimate may be further revised, Beeman stated, upon additional reports from his field men.

In addition to numerous small washouts and slides, it is found as the water lowers that the majority of drainage ditches in the inundated regions have been filled with silt. The expense of opening these will be considerable.

Among the latest havoc reported is the washing out of two temporary piers under the Black River bridge, which closed the structure to traffic. Logs piling up caused the piers to go.

Steps were being taken Friday to break up a log jam that had accumulated against the bridge across the White river at Buckley.

DISMASTED SHIP IS SAVED AT SEA

Barkentine Hesperian Being Towed Into Port

Dismasted and helpless, the barkentine Hesperian is being towed into port by the tug Tyee, which picked her up 25 miles off Cape Flattery early Friday. She was brought thru the capes at 4:15 a. m., according to advices received by the merchants' exchange.

The Hesperian's plight was discovered Thursday by the Standard Oil tanker Charley Watson, which stood by and wirelessed for assistance. The coast guard cutter Snohomish and the Tyee both responded to the call, but the barkentine refused assistance from the Snohomish.

The Hesperian, owned by Hind, Ross & Co., left San Francisco, December 3, for Tacoma, where she was to load lumber and then proceed to Portland. She was caught in the heavy gales which have been whipping the coast for weeks and narrowly escaped sinking.

British government has paid out more than $500,000,000 for unemployment relief since the armistice.

Let People Say as to Five-Cent Fares

The city council should not be stampeded into a hurried adoption of a 5-cent fare.

There is a lot of thoughtless yelling for a return to the nickel basis. It is a popular cry. We'd all like to see the old fare back, of course. Also, we'd like to see the old tax levies back. And the old 5-cent shoe shine. And the old 10-cent movies.

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We can have the nickel fare—if we want to take it along with its inevitable consequences. The first consequence is that we'd have the street railway on a warrant basis in a few months (the warrants being hawked about town below par) and the general rund paying the deficit, a heavy deficit. In other words, we'd just be blundering into a worse financial quagmire than we now are in.

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Frankly, if the 5-cent fare is a wise step, then the 3-cent fare is a wiser step. If we are going to decide that it is sensible business to load some of the cost of the railway system off onto the non-car-riding property owners, resident and non-resident—and maybe it is—then Councilman Erickson's plan for a 3-cent fare is the right method of doing it. For Councilman Erickson has mapped out a consistent program, which calls both for rebuilding and paying for the system.

This 5-cent ordinance is merely a political dodge, hastily drawn and designed to bemuddle the 3-cent issue, on which the people are going to vote in the spring, and also to advance the interests of certain politicians who are planning to run for office.

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The Star has not yet convinced itself that the 3-cent measure is for the best interests of all Seattle; that is a question which must be met after the first of the year. However, it is clear that it would be more sensible than to rush thoughtlessly into a half-way situation now.

Furthermore, the nickel fare plan entails such a revolutionary change in public policy that certainly the city council has no license to pass on it in any off-hand manner.

It is a question second in importance only to the purchase of the car system itself—and the people ought to pass on the question at the polls. The 3-cent initiative is already certain to be on the spring ballot.

If anything at all is to be done along the 5-cent idea, it should be to submit it also to popular referendum. LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.

Jitneys Routed in Michigan Election

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 16.—Residents of Battle Creek voted 8 to 1 in favor of street cars at a special election here. Jitneys will be eliminated on all streets with car lines. The election was financed by the street car company, which planned to stop operation if voters favored jitneys.

SHOPLIFTERS DO SHOPPING EARLY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—"Do your Christmas shopping early" is the slogan echoed by Portland's light-fingered population. Such a wave of shoplifting as is surging thru downtown department stores has never been experienced before in the history of the city, detectives declare. Scores of arrests have been made.

Maybe He Hit What He Was Looking At

Enter the cross-eyed bludgeon bandit.

At 10 o'clock Thursday night he stepped into the Cowen Park drug store, Ravenna blvd. and Brooklyn ave., and asked Frank W. Bosworth, proprietor, for cigarets.

Bosworth turned his back. The cross-eyed bandit raised his bludgeon, took deliberate aim at the back of Bosworth's head and missed.

Bosworth ran for his gun. The bandit ran for the front doors, both of them, and disappeared.

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE SOLON'S END

Suicide Note Is Subject to Two Different Interpretations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Deep mystery today surrounds the reasons which caused Representative J. A. Elston, California, to end his life here last night by leaping into the Potomac river. Detectives today admitted they were baffled at the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

A complete investigation made by the police has convinced them that Elston was not the victim of foul play and it is probable that a verdict of suicide will be issued this afternoon.

Friends of Elston were divided as to the cause of his act. Some believe he was temporarily unbalanced, due to a general nervous condition and overwork. Others thought that the suicide was due to a brooding over the failure of congress to authorize the great Alameda naval project, for which he had fought.

All his friends professed to know nothing in his past which would lead him to self-destruction.

Representative Barbour, of California, close friend of Elston, who believes worry over his failure to put over the Alameda project caused the suicide, said today that the farewell note found in the congressman's overcoat pocket was badly scrawled and susceptible of two readings.

He said the words first thought to be "offense innocently made" might be "offer unconditionally made" and the concluding five words be "worthy project, clean and generous" so that it would read:

"I am in a chain of circumstances that spell ruin, altho my offer was unconditionally made in the beginning. I hope all the facts will come out. My staying means embarrassment to my district and to a worthy project, clean and generous."

The house adjourned shortly after it met today out of respect to Elston's memory.

As the chaplain referred to the congressman's death several of his associates broke into tears. Congressman Julius Kahn, California, cried openly. He said he would ask the house to set a day for memorial exercises. A committee of 18 will be appointed to attend the funeral services.

Elston's body will be taken to California for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Miss Helen Ellwod, secretary to the congressman, said he complained of weariness Monday night. Elston called his physician Tuesday and his case was diagnosed as "slight nervousness."

Elston was 48 years old, a lawyer by profession and was serving his fourth term in congress. He leaves a widow and three children.

Elston's body was found in the Potomac river here last night after the discovery of his overcoat and hat on the bank. In the coat was a note stating that he was "in a chain of circumstances that spelt ruin."

Elston had led a strenuous but vain fight in the house for the Alameda base. He deemed the project of paramount importance to his district.

The note found in his overcoat follows:

"I am in a chain of circumstances that spell ruin. Altho my offense was innocently made in the beginning, I hope all the facts will come out. My staying means embarrassment to my district and to a worthy people, clean and generous."

Elston was last seen alive at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday. His wrist watch was stopped at 6:01 and police believe he leaped into the river a few moments before that time.

She Shoots Like a Veteran
Also, She's a Housekeeper

Mrs. C. E. Douglas, one of Seattle's best sportswomen, Photo by Price & Carter, Star staff photographers.

By Wanda von Kettler

What about a little lady who is recognized as both an excellent sportswoman and an excellent housekeeper?

Mrs. C. E. Douglas of 105th st. and Woodland Park ave, is recognized as such.

She's an expert shot—

A successful fisherman—

A fancier of prize-winning dogs—

And the housekeeper of a spick and span house.

GOT 30 DUCKS IN THREE DAYS

Eleven years ago Mrs. Douglas was taught by her husband, a member of the Seattle Sportsmen's association, to use a shotgun. Since that time, garbed in hunter's jacket and hat and khaki "trou," she has visited the 'flats" each season, bringing down as many as 30 ducks in three days.

"This season," says Mrs. Douglas, speaking of the present time, "is bad for duck hunting. I haven't bagged more than a dozen at a time. But I have acquired ONE thing very worth while. It's a pet mallard duck. Winged it up on the Stanwood flats about a month ago. It was only slightly injured, so I brought it home, doctored the wing, and now it's got a mud puddle all its own out in the yard."

Out in that yard are other things to be cared for, beside the pet mallard duck. Behind the seven-room house, which, Mrs. Douglas says, she "loves to take care of" herself, is a fenced-off section for 70 chickens and the kennels for the thorobred pointers, Judgeman and King. Judgeman is the winner of several silver trophies, presented in Seattle dog shows to the "best pointer owned by a lady."

Regarding other activities of Mrs. Douglas: Just at present she is in charge of the baseball section of the Y. W. C. A. athletic club. And about that fishing—well, one day last summer, at Lake Cushman, acquaintances of Mrs. Douglas say, she carried away a string of 60 salmon trout—and she caught them all herself.

$149,384 CITY'S GIFT TO JAPS

By Hal Armstrong

A few months ago Seattle people raised a cry against being taxed to pay for the free schooling here of Japs.

They had learned two things:

(1) That their pockets were being drained to educate the children of resident Japs who pay no taxes.

(2) That a continually increasing number of students was being sent here from Japan to be educated at our expense.

Taxpayers are now about to witness an impressive spectacle.

Shortly after Christmas they will see the Bailey Gatzert school, the city's newest, most modern and up-to-date building, auspiciously dedicated to the Japanese. Not entirely to Japs, but virtually so. A few Chinese attend, but the Japs greatly exceed them. No white children may go there.

The school is already occupied and

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DELAYS PARLEY PLANS!

Disturbs With Her Demand for Navy Rating Greater Than Japanese

BY A. L. BRADFORD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—France has definitely placed before the naval subcommittee of 15 her demand for the right to 350,000 tons of capital ships, making her the third naval power. This would give her a tonnage of 35,000 more than Japan has agreed to accept.

Adoption of a world-wide program of limitation [illegible] now rests on a fixing of [illegible] ration for France and Italy, Secretary of State Hughes has made clear in announcing the United States, Great Britain and Japan are agreed to their respective reductions.

ITALY OPPOSES FRENCH PLAN

Italy has countered with a statement opposing this idea, suggesting slashing instead of naval upbuilding and indicating her readiness to accept any reasonable figure assigned her, equal to that of France. She is quite content to take a figure of 1.7 or thereabouts in the 5-5-3 ratio for America, Great Britain and Japan. This became known positively today, along with the fact that British experts are tentatively proposing the figure two or slightly under as the ratio to be given France and Italy.

The American delegation favors assigning France about the figure two in the general naval ratio. This would leave her navy practically in its present state, but with the right of replacing ships when they became obsolete after the holiday.

The United States, Great Britain and Japan, Secretary of State Hughes, officially announced last night, have reached complete agreement on limitation of capital ships, which, however, is dependent on an agreement with France and Italy as

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ENGLAND OKEHS PEACE TREATY

Irish Parliament Expected to Approve Tomorrow

BY ED L. KEEN

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The British parliament today approved the peace treaty with Ireland. Both the house of lords and the house of commons adopted addresses to King George specifically promising to ratify the Irish settlement.

The commons, however, registered its approval of the treaty by overwhelmingly defeating the die hards' amendment to the address regretting that there had been a settlement.

The vote on this adverse amendment, which was introduced by Col. Gretton was 401 to 58.

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BY CHARLES McCANN

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—The dail eireann today concluded the secret debate on the Anglo-Irish theaty and probably will meet tomorrow to take final action on the pact.

The secret discussions were brought to a close at 2:30 p. m. after nearly two days' debate.

This was an indication that the major fight between Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith and Eamon De Valera had been terminated.

Followers of Collins and Griffith enthusiastically predicted an easy victory when the pact is brought up for a final vote.

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One Slain, 5 Hurt in Belfast Rioting

BELFAST, Dec. 16.—While South Ireland discussed the Anglo-Irish peace treaty, disorders in Ulster increased.

One man was killed and five wounded in bombings and shootings in various quarters of the city overnight.