

PHONE METERS FACE DEFEAT!

EVERETT CO. HAS NO FRANCHISE, IS ADMISSION

WEATHER
Tonight and Friday, showers; moderate southerly winds.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 58. Minimum, 44.
Today noon, 54.

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Home Brew

Howdy, folks! Didya ever go to one of the Friday night dances given by the American Legion at Leechi pavilion? Try it.

Ho, ho! says the man from Slaw, For these soft drinks I don't give a...

TRIP shots of schlie mule And I'm gay as a fool— They call me a drunkard—I am.

MAKE IT A DAY! National Hospital day will be celebrated here tomorrow.

What has become of all those big buildings they were going to erect just as soon as the Erickson three-cent carfare bill was defeated?

Phinney Ridge wonders say that the city parks are not adequately lighted.

POEMS OF PASSION Kiss me by radio? (Gosh, that is tough, Lady, Oh, Lady, Oh, 'Tain't close enough.)

"The only reason we can sell goods for less than cost is because we sell so many."—Card in Pike st. store window.

"Innocent Man Held in Prison Six Years."—Star headline. Well, he didn't miss much.

SPEED GETS 'EM Rodolph Valentino is engaged. With this obstacle out of the way, look out for us, girls!

Prominent city officials of Vancouver, B. C., were in Seattle yesterday. They probably came down here to get a drink.

American Legion men of Kirkland have converted one of the Lake Union hulis into a clubhouse.

What a lovely clubhouse it will make—if they tow it outside the three-mile limit.

300 ARRESTED IN CHICAGO'S DEATH PROBE

Policemen Slayers and Bombers Are Sought in Herd of Riot Suspects

CHICAGO, May 11.—Three hundred men, packing the city jails, were in custody today in connection with the labor war killing of two policemen.

High union officials under arrest will be prosecuted on charges of inciting the riot and with having fostered a reign of terror that resulted in loss of life, under statutes similar to those instigators of the Haymarket riot were convicted of anarchy.

Authorities are convinced that the men who did the actual killing were merely hirelings of higher ups who are trying to defeat the Landis award.

Rewards totalling \$40,000 for the arrest of the slayers spurred all Chicago to a gigantic manhunt.

The three men partially identified as the slayers were: Isadore Braverman, 23, named by two park policemen as one of the men responsible for the attack which killed Lieutenant Terrance Lyons. Braverman's family advanced an alibi.

Max Glass, 22, member of the Glaziers' union and suspected of having driven an auto from which Policeman Thomas Clark was killed.

John Rafferty, notorious police character, was partly identified as the third man in the car by an eye-witness.

The policemen were killed when they tried to intercept an auto in which men who tried to bomb buildings were riding.

Efforts were made today to obtain release of the "big three" in Chicago's building trades union who were taken into custody following the murder—Fred Madra, president of the building trades council; Big Tim Murphy, the "power" behind Madra, and Cornelius Shea, union official.

JURY MAY PROBE LIQUOR BONUSES U. S. Judge Expected to Send Charges to Douglas

That he will place before the county grand jury all evidence that may be brought to him in connection with charges against police dry-squad officers and others, which were made in federal court Tuesday by A. Franzen, an informer, was declared Thursday by Prosecuting Attorney Malcolm Douglas.

"I have received nothing official in this connection yet," said Douglas, "but I understand that I am to receive a transcript of the charges made by Franzen in open court. Until they are received there is nothing I can do. Whether the matter should be investigated is up to the grand jury itself. I shall place before the jury any evidence that may be submitted to me, and if the grand jury wishes to conduct their probe, I shall help in every way I can."

Franzen, who was a witness Tuesday before Federal Judge Jeremiah Neterer in the case of James Wood on a liquor charge, declared that he was paid a bonus to get a conviction on Wood. He alleged further that police dry squad officers substituted grain alcohol for denatured alcohol which he purchased from Wood, in an effort to get evidence upon which to convict.

Telechronometer a Step Backward

The telechronometer is a step backward. That fact is at the bottom of the dissatisfaction which reports show has been growing in Everett since the installation a month ago of the speech-measuring device on all telephones.

However deep may be the sincerity of those who are sponsoring the experiment and who hope to convince the public service commission, June 6, that it should be made a part of the permanent equipment of all telephones, they have, nevertheless, forgotten the chief ideal which should actuate a public corporation—service.

The telechronometer is also expensive. Each instrument is rented to the telephone company at a rate of \$3 a year. An additional \$3, then, is obviously added to the overhead expense of the telephone company, and, under this head, may be collected from subscribers, by ruling of the public service commission.

To this objection the telephone company answers: "By installing the telechronometer we will so reduce the use of the telephone that 10 parties may be put on a single line and all may have service for the calls that are necessary."

On that word "necessary" hangs all the fallacy. The telephone in modern life is as much a convenience as it is a necessity. It is to the credit of civilization that this is so.

True it may be, that many subscribers now hold unduly long conversations. But the great step forward in telephonic invention would be to make long conversations possible without annoyance to others. That would be real service. That would be in line with the ideal which is the only true gauge of a public service corporation's usefulness.

That step would give real meaning to the words of President Winter of the Everett Telephone Company: "My only aim is to serve the people."

For what is the telephone company saying when it backs the telechronometer? It is saying: "We can save big money if we serve you less." It is saying, in effect, that the city of Seattle would be justified in solving its financial problem in connection with its railway by reducing the number of street cars until "ends meet."

Any corporation would like to solve its financial problems by curtailing its service and at the same time keeping its income. But it has long been recognized that big, worth-while solutions cannot be attained in this way. That is why the telechronometer is a step backward and should not be tolerated.

MEASURING OF SPEECH IS FLAWED!

Everett Citizens Strongly Oppose New Device; Few Are Favorable

By S. B. Groff
EVERETT, May 11.—That the Puget Sound Telephone Co. may lose its fight to force acceptance of the telechronometer on phone users of this city because the company lacks a franchise, was admitted today by William Neal Winter, president.

"I understand that City Attorney H. J. Faussett will use that point heavily against me at the hearing before the state board of public works, June 6," Winter said. "However, I believe we shall be able to convince the board that the telechronometer is not only popular but just."

Winter, who volunteered the statement that he "was heavily interested financially" in the invention and its proposed adoption by Seattle, Tacoma and other coast cities, said the Puget Sound Telephone Co. had never owned a franchise.

TELECHRONOMETER DOWNFALL SEEN This, according to Faussett, is expected to mean the downfall of the telechronometer, inasmuch as the company has not a legal right to change phone rates, unless an amendment is made to the franchise, which does not exist.

When Winter engineered a deal between the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., popularly known as the Sunset Telephone Co., and the Farmers' Independent Exchange, in 1916, whereby both were merged into the present company, with an alleged bonus of \$50,000 to Winter, both franchises became the property of the Puget Sound Telephone Co.

The old franchise of the Farmers' Exchange is still in effect, according to Faussett. The other expired about a year ago.

That Winter is seeking to mislead Everett citizens of approximately \$100,000 additional yearly, thru "rentals" of the telechronometers, is the charge made by Attorney Faussett, who also declared that Seattle citizens would be forced to pay the enormous sum of \$150,000 per annum if the device is installed here.

There are billions in the invention for its controllers, if it is installed in the big cities. It is no wonder that Winter and his crowd are trying so desperately to make the Everett experiment a success," said Faussett.

Coming to Everett with the determination to write impartially both sides of the phone controversy, I was literally swamped with bitter denunciations of the telechronometer, from all sides.

Business men and housewives are taking sides against the device which they declare has both increased their phone bills and (Turn to Page 7, Column 2)

HURST



S. B. H. HURST, of Seattle, author of "THE COLOR OF HER SOUL" which is to appear in The Star in four installments, beginning tomorrow. Mr. Hurst has come into national prominence in recent months thru the phenomenal success of his novel, "Coomer Ali," which is rated among the six most popular books of the year at the public library. He selected "THE COLOR OF HER SOUL" for publication in The Star because he considers it one of his best early short stories, a number of which are soon to be published in book form.

"LINDA LEE, INC.," by Louis Joseph Vance, which rivals "Coomer Ali" for popularity, is to be published in serial form by The Star, beginning Monday.

WATCH FOR BOTH STORIES. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS EITHER.

10,000 SLAIN BY CHINESE REBELS

Leader of the Massacre is Executed

SHANGHAI, May 11.—Ten thousand inhabitants of Cheng Chow, city in the Honan province, were slaughtered by troops of Chao Chieh in two days' fighting before the insurrection against Wu Pei Fu was crushed, according to advices from Kai Feng Fu.

A Christian general, Feng Yuh Siang, commanding the Seventh division of Wu's great central China army, quelled the uprising and executed Chao Chieh because of his ruthless cruelty.

The rebellion of the Honan province had its foundation in the superstitious beliefs of the Chinese. Gen. Chao Chieh was told by a necromancer that stars of destiny pointed to him sitting on the throne of China. He was to assist the stars by aiding Chang Tso Lin defeat Wu Pei Fu. It developed that Chang, the Manchurian war lord, had bribed the necromancer.

Chao Chieh was slow in starting the insurrection in Honan province and Wu Pei Fu defeated Chang and sent his Seventh division, made up largely of Christians, to restore order at Cheng Chow, where Chao Chieh had begun his rebellion characteristically by murdering the inhabitants by thousands.

Detroit Will Take Over Car System
DETROIT, May 11.—Street railway officials here believe that municipal ownership will have a fair chance for the first time in history when Detroit takes over its entire system Monday, May 15.

Two Mothers of Baby Weep Over Casket

Tiny Tot Dies of Pneumonia After Poverty-Stricken Parent Placed It in Home of Child-Hungry Woman

By Wanda von Kettler
Two mothers shed tears of sorrow over the casket of one little baby in a Seattle funeral chapel this morning. The two women stood together—holding to each other's arms.

One was frail and plainly dressed. A dark veil hung from her hat and hid her face. One was youthful of face and manner. Her clothes were fashion's best.

One was the baby's own mother. One was the mother who had taken the baby for her own two weeks ago. She wanted a baby, she said, because her life lacked something—she wanted something to love. The baby's own mother, a widow with more than one babe to support, had placed her tiny child in the arms of the other woman—had given her something to love. That was two weeks ago when the lonely young woman first appealed to The Star to find her a baby child.

Two days ago tiny Rolanda, as the baby girl was called, died in Providence hospital from bronchial pneumonia at the age of one year and 22 days.

One year and 22 days—yet such a little thing it seemed, as it lay there in its tiny white casket this morning. Little it seemed even for one year and 22 days. So tiny, yet so much in the lives of two people.

The mothers, seated side by side in the small chapel, wept while the words of the baby prayer were read. "Now I lay me down to sleep—"

One rose at the close of the service, walked arm in arm toward the tiny white casket on the altar. The two women stooped low and kissed the lips of her baby, then turned to leave the chapel, the babe's own mother leaning a little on the arm of the foster parent.

The service was so short, so still. No music, no crowd. Just a baby prayer.

Yet the love buried today with the tiny child in the Mt. Pleasant grave is surely two-fold.

One mother has lost her very own child. One has lost a child—and something to love.

GIRL OF SIXTEEN TAKES OWN LIFE Elizabeth Whitman Killed by Poison Sandwich

Elizabeth Whitman, 16-year-old Broadway high school girl, and daughter of the late Rev. B. L. Whitman, died in the home of her mother, 704 19th ave., early Thursday, after eating bread and jam on which had been sprinkled crystals of strychnine. The body of the girl was taken to the county morgue, where relatives gave out a statement that her act was probably due to grief over the death of her close friend, Miss Berntha Brackett, who shot herself to death while singing in the choir of the First Baptist church, Sunday, April 9.

TORNADO KILLS FIVE, HURTS 20

Whole Family Wiped Out by Storm in Nebraska

LEXINGTON, Neb., May 11.—Five persons are believed dead and 20 injured in a tornado which struck half a mile east of here last night. Ben Berman, his wife and three children are missing and believed dead.

A second twister struck in the vicinity of Overton, destroying five miles of telephone poles.

Tornado Sweeps Thru Nebraska KEARNEY, Neb., May 11.—A tornado swept the country east of Lexington, Neb., last night, shortly after 7 o'clock, laying to waste outbuildings, all lines of communication and resulting in injuring five persons in the storm center, a strip about 300 feet wide and possibly extending 15 miles north from the Platte river, according to meager reports reaching here this morning.

Only one person is reported to have been seriously injured, a section hand who sought refuge from the storm in a section house. The building was thrown 100 feet and wrecked. He suffered broken arms and legs and is said to be in a serious condition.

Colorado, Wyoming Swept by Blizzard DENVER, May 11.—Western Colorado and Wyoming today were recovering from the worst spring blizzard in years, according to reports to the local weather office. A heavy snowfall, accompanied by a high wind, swept southwestern Colorado, demoralizing transportation and wire communication.

FOUR DROWNED IN TEXAS FLOOD

Bodies Are Recovered From Swollen River

HOUSTON, Texas, May 11.—Four persons were drowned by flood waters in South Texas. Two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Noack were drowned at Winchester. Woody Hanks and Boss Patterson were drowned in the Brazos, near Somerville, while trying to give warning of weakened condition of a Santa Fe railroad bridge.

All bodies were recovered. Will Ask \$500,000 for Flood Victims WASHINGTON, May 11.—A nationwide appeal for \$500,000, to aid the homeless flood sufferers along the lower Mississippi river was issued today by John Burton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross.

The appeal was endorsed by President Harding.

CIRCUS MAN COMES TO TOWN HERALDING THE AL G. BARNES SHOW "Bigger and better than ever; Funke's, largest elephant on earth, right with us; new animal acts that'll thrill you; more people; new costumes; more than 100 dens in the street parade; Al G. Barnes is outdoing all previous efforts."

You're right, gentle reader; it's circus time again. Al G. Barnes will appear three days next week, and the remarks above are a few of the many chants of praise being sung by that true harbinger of springtime, "Rex" Rosalia, advance man for the Barnes circus. The circus will show in Seattle May 18, 19 and 20 at the Republican and Fourth ave. circus grounds.

COUPLE HELD UP IN OWN ROOMS

Two Men and Woman Held After Daylight Robbery

Mrs. J. W. Dean of the Britt apartment, Third ave. and Cedar st., telephoned police headquarters excitedly at 8 o'clock Thursday morning and said three men had held up her and her husband in their apartment and were still administering a beating to Dean.

Motorcycle Policemen George Reynolds and R. R. Moulton surrounded two of the alleged bandits at Fourth ave. and Lenora st. and after a sharp encounter with flats, arrested Frank Cole, 25, a cook, and Ray Wilson, 25, a barber. The third man, who is said to have had a revolver, escaped.

Cole had \$50 in his pockets and Wilson \$7. They told the officers they had been drinking Wednesday night and had gone back to "clean out the house joint," where they said they had been robbed.

Reynolds found the photos of both men in the police gallery. Both had been arrested previously suspected of being room prowlers.

The officers were unable, they said, to find Dean after the capture of his alleged attackers.

Ten minutes after the alleged bandits had been landed in jail Attorney Fred Dore telephoned the police from his office in the L. C. Smith building, saying a client wanted to know what charge was placed against the men.

Thinking the third man had gone to Dore's office, police hurried to the Smith building and found, not a man, but a woman, conversing with Dore. The woman proved to be Vera Roberts, 25, said to be a sweetheart of one of the prisoners. She was arrested and is held on an open charge.

Omaha Gets Seventh Corps Headquarters WASHINGTON, May 11.—Announcement was made by the war department today of transfer of the Seventh corps area headquarters from Fort Crook, Neb., to Omaha.

EARWIGS OUT AT LAST

After many delays and false starts, the 1922 crop of earwigs is at last making its bow to the public. It was announced today by F. S. Coyne, special deputy inspector in the state department of horticulture, who is in charge of Seattle's campaign against the pest.