

# GRAND JURY MAY PROBE BANK

## Waterhouse & Co. Victory Is Likely to Result in Criminal Charges Against Seattle National

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**WEATHER**  
Tonight and Saturday, continued cold; moderate easterly wind.  
Temperature Last 24 Hours  
Maximum, 33, Minimum, 25.  
Today noon, 33.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE



### Home Brew

Ladies and Gents! The next bout on the program will be a four-round battle between Chauncey Hawkins, the fighting sky pilot, and Laughing Gas Brown, the terror of Third Avenue!

When Doc goes to the grand jury how he cleaned up Seattle, he might also inform them how he cut taxes \$1,500,000, reduced car-fare to a nickel and fired 575 political incurables.

At that, we could use a lot of Mayor Brown's hot air on his street cars.

**THE ULTIMATE ZERO**  
The man who wrote, "Blow, blow, then winter wind, thou art not as cold as man's ingratitude," never rode on a Seattle street car.

The street car men will hold their annual ball tomorrow night at the Masonic temple.

When they asked Dave Henderson how he wanted the hall decorated, he suggested a little frieze.

The most popular dance will be the Green Lake shimmy; the most popular fox-trot, the West Seattle Blues.

If the hall is heated like the street cars, everybody is sure to feel at home.

An Alaskan reader requests Henderson to name two of his cars "Klondike" and "Amundsen."

**OH, THAT FELLA!**  
The Seattle Musical society will present a Bach program next Wednesday at the Fine Arts gallery.—Society item.

We didn't know that Bach wrote music—we thought he made beer.

Judging from the speed they showed last summer, what Seattle really needs is more moving pitchers.

There was a young man named Samuel Jones,  
Who said he didn't need an education.

From each week he earns eight boxes  
Sleeping out a railroad station.

It's a canny married man who gives his wife an electric foot warmer for Christmas so that she can keep her feet warm.

Booting whisky has made the world safe for the undertaker.

**HARD LUCK**  
There is a possibility of Washington having one more representative in congress.

Mayor Brown is acting as attorney for Nellie Bradford.

"Wait till the clouds roll by, Nellie."

**POME OF PASHUN**  
I kissed her in the parlor,  
I felt myself grow faint;  
I breathed a lot of cheap perfume  
I tasted too much paint.

Down in Olympia they're now calling  
"EM" COU-DE-UCKS.

## AMERICA MAY SAVE EUROPE FROM WRECK!

### U. S. Intervention Now Imminent in Crisis; Harvey Is Coming Home

BY A. L. McADFORD  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—American intervention in the European crisis is imminent. The United States shortly will take a major step of far-reaching importance in the serious situation abroad, the United Press was informed in a highly authoritative quarter today.

George Harvey, American ambassador to London, has been directly instructed by President Harding and Secretary Hughes to return to Washington for consultation on the European crisis.

Another international conference in Washington, this one designed to bring about relief from the desperate economic situation in France, is a probability.

Talk of a big loan to Germany by private interests, Andrew Bonar Law's dark picture of the European situation, and his statement that Great Britain cannot pay her debt to the United States unless she receives (Turn to Page 11, Column 3)

## COLLINS WILL RESIGN OFFICE

Joshua Collins, pioneer capitalist, will tender his resignation as head of the county department of public welfare as soon as the new commissioners take office next year.

He made this announcement Friday, following publication in The Star of an editorial announcing that the new commissioners contemplated returning the welfare department to its former status as a political office.

"I have intended right along," Collins said, "to resign as soon as the administrations change, to give the new commissioners a chance to fill the office as they see best. If they later tendered me the office—on the same conditions under which I took it before; that I be given an absolutely free rein, with no political meddling prosecution for grand larceny. They and attorneys for the bank filed briefs with Douglas.

The matter was then submitted to the attorney general's office for an opinion. He ruled that the bank could be punished, in case of conviction, under a saving clause of the law which leaves it to the discretion of the judge to fix a fine up to \$5,000 where a specific penalty is not provided. However, no action along this line was taken.

Stusser as a witness denied premises. (Turn to Page 11, Column 2)

## ROOFER KILLED IN PIER FALL

While working on the roof of pier 1, Thursday afternoon, John Washel, 25, roofer, slipped on the icy boards, and before the horror-filled eyes of his companions, skidded to the edge, hesitated for a moment and then plunged over the eaves, dropping 50 feet.

Washel was immediately picked up and rushed to the city hospital, but effort to save his life failed. He died within a few minutes from a fractured skull. Washel lived at the O. K. hotel and had no relatives so far as the coroner's office can determine.

It was true that he had chanced. His face was more deeply lined, his eyes more bright and nervous; there was a long, dark scar just under the short hair at his temple that Mel-

## OLD BOSS TRIES TO GET BACK

### Lafe Hamilton, Widely Known in Stormy Days of Yore, to Be Made Supervisor of Roads by New Man on County Board

By Robert Bastien Bermann  
Lafe Hamilton, former chairman of the board of county commissioners and often referred to as "King county boss," is going to try to "come back."

In spite of bitter protests from the men who fought him while he was in office 10 years ago, and who almost succeeded in having him recalled, Hamilton is virtually sure of being appointed road supervisor for the South district.

This was admitted Friday by Frank H. Paul, county commissioner-elect from the South district, who has this position in his bestowal. He said that he was considering another man—Robert Sparger, old-time contractor—for the position, but that he was inclined to doubt whether Sparger had the necessary experience in road work.

"Of course," he added, "Hamilton won't be commissioner. He won't decide where the work is to be done and will have nothing to do with the administration." He'll simply carry out my orders if he's appointed.

Paul complained bitterly over what he declared to be the inadequate sum which has been apportioned to his district for road work in the 1923 commissioner we've ever had. (Turn to Page 11, Column 4)



## THE SKY LINE OF SPRUCE

WILD KINNEY, daring crook, is caught in the act of robbing a Seattle bank and is sent to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla. Spigley, a guard, believes that Kinney is a victim of amnesia—that he drifted into the criminal life because of his malady and that he suddenly recovered at the time of his capture. He is unable to do anything, however. One day, while Kinney is at work with a gang of convicts on the road, an aged pedestrian accuses him as BEN DARY, and "Kinney" admits his identity.

YOU GO ON WITH THE STORY  
ville had never seen before. And the finality of despair seemed to settle over the droil features as he walked nearer and took Dary's hand.

"Ben, Ben!" he said, evidently straggling with deep emotion. "What are you doing here?"

The younger man gave him his hand, but continued to stare at him in growing bewilderment. "Five years—for burglary," he answered simply. "Guilty, too! I don't know anything more, and I can't remember—who you are."

"You don't know me?" Some of Ben's own bewilderment seemed to pass to him. "You know Ezra Melville."

Spigley, whose beliefs in regard to Ben had been strengthened by the little episode, dropped quickly to Melville's side. "He's suffering loss of memory," he explained swiftly. "At least, he's either lost his memory or he's doing a powerful lot of faking. This is the first time he ever recalled his own name."

"I'm not faking," Ben told them quietly. "I honestly don't remember you—I feel that I ought to, but I don't. I honestly didn't remember your name was Dary until a minute ago—then just as soon as you spoke it, I knew the truth. Nothing can surprise me, any more. I suppose you're kin of mine."

Melville gazed at him in incredulous astonishment, then turned to Spigley. "May I talk to you about this case?" he asked quietly. "If not to you, who can I talk to? There are (Turn to Page 11, Column 3)

## USE SAWDUST TO BLOW BIG FIR STUMPS!

### U. of W. Chemist Perfects Powder That Will Save Many Thousands

A discovery that it is estimated, will mean the saving of tens of thousands of dollars a year to the farmers of this region and will greatly speed up the clearing of logged-off lands was announced at the University of Washington Thursday afternoon on the occasion of a visit of a Chamber of Commerce committee.

Prof. Wm. M. Dehn of the chemistry department is the originator of the new compound—a high explosive very cheap to manufacture and especially effective for stump blasting.

The new powder is made of ammonium nitrate, a low price chemical, and SAWDUST. It can be manufactured, university authorities informed The Star, for 5 to 6 cents a pound, as compared with 15 cents for the present commercial dynamite.

The new explosive has virtually the power of TNT, it won't burn, it is harmless when thawing, it doesn't produce headaches on the part of people working with it and it can only be exploded by detonation.

Professor Dehn obtained the "hunch" for his discovery when doing war research in high explosives. He now has patents covering his processes.

Because he worked out the formula while in the service of the public he is going to offer the benefits of his discovery, practically at cost price, to the people of the state, thru the next legislature, university authorities say.

This is expected to result in a great impetus to land clearing.

Incidentally, in the manufacture of the powder, a new series of dyes, not heretofore known, will be by-products.

The Chamber of Commerce committee was given a demonstration of the explosive under a 13-foot-circumference stump. Twenty-five pounds of the powder tore the great fir root from the earth, hurled its parts high in the air and left a no-man's-land crater instead.

## AGED WOMAN SHOTS SELF

Mrs. Ethel Brew, 50, committed suicide in her room at the St. Regis apartments, 1417 13th ave., at noon Friday, by shooting herself thru the heart.

She fired four shots from her husband's revolver, a .38-caliber Colt. One of the shots struck her in the leg, another pierced the wall, while the third bullet penetrated a door. The fourth shot struck her heart, killing her almost instantly and setting fire to her clothing. The shooting was heard by Mrs. John L. Matson, who roomed nearby. Mrs. Matson called her husband and they extinguished the flames.

Harry Brew, husband of the dead woman, was about to start on his run to Spokane as a railway mail clerk for the American Express Co. when he was notified that his wife had killed herself.

Detectives who investigated the suicide declared that Mrs. Brew had been suffering from melancholia and had been ill with nervous trouble for some time. The Brews had no children. They came here from Spokane two months ago. (Turn to Page 11, Column 2)

## Bright Remarks of Great Men



George F. Russell HIS REMARK

"I will assure the people of Seattle that every street car operated by the municipal railway will be fully and completely heated—on the 12th day of next July, at noon."—Superintendent of Public Utilities George F. Russell.

Rev. W. G. Murphy Goes Before Grand Jury

To reveal what he learned of vice conditions in the district south of Vester way, W. G. Murphy, missionary among the Japanese, entered the sanctum of the King county jury at 1030 Friday morning. Murphy, widely known because he was instrumental in securing evidence that resulted in the general clean-up during the administration of H. G. H. followed Rev. John W. Hannum, pastor of the Olympic Court Presbyterian church, who testified after Rev. H. I. Chatterton on the stand Thursday afternoon, and continued his testimony Friday morning.

When Murphy left the room, shortly after 11 o'clock, R. T. Whiting, of the Park Auto Transportation Co., 754 Stuart building, was summoned. Whiting was called from his office and evidently was surprised. He said he knew nothing about vice conditions in Seattle. He added, however, that he might be able to furnish evidence about the operation of a slot machine in one cigar store.

Recent pupil charges that Seattle is the most "wide open" city in America are not expected to result in grand jury indictments.

This admission was made by Rev. Hannum, after he and Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, and Rev. I. Chatterton, had gone before the grand jury Thursday to tell of the results of their investigations.

"We don't look for indictments," Hannum asserted. "The investigation is in another direction. However, the grand jury may make recommendations. We hope it will."

While the ministers of the grand jury, Mayor E. J. Brown was adding to the list of persons whom he wants subpoenaed in the vice probe. After hearing United States Attorney Thomas P. Hevelle denounce the city administration before the Young Men's Republican club, he declared that he would have Hevelle subpoenaed before the grand jury, and he also declared he would subpoena all members of The Star staff to explain (Turn to Page 11, Column 2)

## DECISION OF JUDGE DRASTIC!

### Bench Declares Conduct of Bank Officers "Reprehensible"; Suit Concerns \$18,500 Shipping Man Charges Was Wrongfully Taken

**What Judge Decided**  
"I am well convinced that a fraud was perpetrated by the officers of the bank quite glaringly. To call it a reprehensible instance of high finance, I think is putting it mildly."

"There is strong equity in favor of the defendant in this case. It is an action brought to recover money which in good conscience should not be retained by another party."—From opinion of Judge Hewen, who presided in the civil case which resulted in a decision in Waterhouse's favor.

An \$18,500 transaction in which the Seattle National bank has been found guilty in a civil action of "trickery and fraud" will likely be submitted to the present grand jury for criminal investigation, Attorney Clarence L. Reames told The Star Friday.

The case already has been laid before both the King county prosecutor and the attorney general of Washington.

It concerns one of a series of controversies between the bank and Frank Waterhouse. In it, as also in the Taxicab Co. case, Waterhouse has emerged victor. The way is now cleared for the hearing of the heavy damage suit brought by the Chamber of Commerce head against the bank.

Frank Waterhouse & Co., whose affairs are now in the bankruptcy court, owed the Seattle National bank the \$18,500 in question on a promissory note due in August, 1921. As collateral there had been deposited auto contracts of an agreed valuation of \$30,000. When the break between the bank and the shipping firm came about and before the note was due, the latter sent its cashier, Robert H. Rodolf, to have a talk with A. S. Stusser, manager of the contract department of the bank.

An agreement was reached between these two, it was testified in superior court here last week, that if the company paid off the \$18,500 note the bank would return the collateral. This agreement was desired by the company because of the fact it also owed a \$100,000 note at the same bank, and under the terms of the notes all the collateral would be held until both were paid.

When Stusser returned, it was testified, Truax abruptly turned to Rodolf and said: "It is my painful duty to inform you now that I am not going to give you this collateral."

Attorneys for Waterhouse went at once to Prosecutor Douglas and (Turn to Page 11, Column 3)

## Bank Officials Refuse Comment

Officials of the Seattle National bank declined Friday to make any statement on the proposed grand jury investigation of the \$18,500 transaction between the bank and Frank Waterhouse & Co. The bank was found guilty in civil action brought in superior court. The grand jury probe was proposed by Clarence L. Reames, attorney for the Waterhouse interests.

"This matter was all thrashed out in the prosecuting attorney's office. Further than that I care to say nothing," said Robert Oldham, attorney for the Seattle National bank.

## Douglas Silent on Grand Jury Probe

Prosecuting Attorney Malcolm Douglas Friday refused to comment on the proposed grand jury probe of charges brought against the Seattle National bank by Clarence L. Reames, attorney for Frank Waterhouse & Co. The bank was convicted of fraud in civil court, and an opinion handed down by Superior Judge Hewen called the actions of the bank's officers "reprehensible." Douglas declined to state whether his office has looked into the case presented by Reames.

## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

HELEN ARE YOU IN THERE AGAIN? AREN'T YOU FEELING WELL?  
OH I'M ALLRIGHT. DON'T LET ME INTERFERE WITH YOUR GOING OUT!

HELLO, IS MR. DRAKE THERE? HELLO CHARLEY SAY, DID YOU GET THOSE FIGURES FOR ME? YOU DID, FINE. I'LL RUN OVER AND GET THEM—ID LIKE TO LOOK 'EM OVER TONIGHT—ALLRIGHT GOODBYE

DADDY IS GOING TO PUT YOU TO BED—HE HAS TO GO OUT ON A LITTLE ERRAND—IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I TUCKED YOU IN ISN'T IT?  
I SHOULD SAY.

HE'S GONE OUT AGAIN! STRANGE CONDUCT HERE LATELY!

AW GEE! I GUESS I AIN'T GOT NO DADDY OR NO MUZZER OR NOTHIN' ANY MORE!

## Tough on Danny

—BY ALLMAN

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## Medico Spirited Away From Bride

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—After being "kidnaped" from his bride of a month, Capt. Charles Pike, army medical corps, was held "somewhere in Indiana," charged with bigamy. Pike was taken into custody last night by three men who rushed him from the lobby of his apartment to a waiting automobile and spirited him across the Indiana line.