

STONE & WEBSTER NOT TO FIGHT 5-CENT FARE

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WEATHER
Tonight and Sunday, fair, continued cold, moderate to fresh easterly wind.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 35. Minimum, 26.
Today noon, 31.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

President of Poland Is ASSASSINATED!



Tragedy Shocks Parents
Little girl is slain as bundles of gifts arrive.

YUBA CITY, Cal., Dec. 16.—Christmas cheer was gone today from the home of Sherman Gardner and wife.

Last night they returned to their home near here, their arms loaded with Christmas gifts for their little daughter Olive, aged 10.

At the door of their home they were greeted by Hershel Clement, aged 18, crying and unable to speak.

They stepped inside and there, on the floor, lay Olive's dead body.

Later Hershel told the story of the "unloaded shotgun."

"I pointed it at her thru the screen door and said, 'I'm going to shoot you,'" he was quoted as saying.

Then the old story—he pulled the trigger, the "unloaded" gun contained a full charge.

Home Brew

Howdy, folks! Have you been called by the Grand Jury yet?

The Harding administration is thinking about helping Europe. The doughboys tried that once and all they got was left.

Lending money to Europe is like making a loan to a man whose check has just come back marked "N. S. F."

America's only message to Europe should be U. O. U. S.

AUTOSUGGESTION
Day by day, in every way, they're driving slower and slower.

Prof. William Dehn, of the University of Washington, has invented a new kind of dynamite made out of sawdust.

Think of the high explosives that could be made from shredded wheat!

If dynamite can be made from sawdust, perhaps we may yet find some use for party platforms and lead political timber.

*Little drops of water,
Little grains of rice,
Make me feel this morning
Like I want to die.*

Now that Senator Newberry is going to live in Paris, why can't we reciprocate and cancel the French debt?

WHY THE POOR FISH
The brain capacity of the average fish is practically negligible and it has, therefore, no need for relaxation in sleep.—Prof. Trevor Klomend.

The brain capacity of fish may be practically negligible, but we know one angler they don't have much trouble fooling.

You have to pack sardines in a can, but people climb into one-man cars voluntarily.

*'Tis easy enough to be pleasant
While burning the boulevard;
But to smile all the while
While plodding a mile
When others are RIDING—that's hard.*

Federal officials are thinking about arresting Mayor Brown for his connection with the Hartford case. Please pass the laughing gas!

OH, SHUCKS!
Just when we get ready to sympathize with Doc Brown in his troubles, he comes out with a statement showing that he is having a heck of a lot of fun out of it all!

How times have changed! Years ago the fair maiden would sit in a high, secluded tower and pray to the Lord to send her a lover. Now she goes out to the corner and picks one out herself.

One reformer said he would change the name of Hollywood to Follywood. The Hollywood!

EUROPE WILL WELCOME AID
American Intervention Hailed as Great Event

LONDON, Dec. 16.—President Harding has sent a warning to France that occupation of the Ruhr would greatly endanger negotiations concerning an international loan to Germany, according to the Daily Sketch.

Other London papers today did not carry dispatches to this effect.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—All Europe today hailed the possibility of American intervention as the only means of solving the tangled reparations problem.

The British press was especially enthusiastic over impending action by the United States.

The Evening News understands a financial conference at Washington has been proposed and welcomes the suggestion, pointing out such a conference "would be a welcome recognition of the fact that Europe's financial crisis is not a European, but a world problem, deeply affecting American interests."

Typical of newspaper criticism everywhere is the editorial of the Manchester Guardian, which declared:

"It is the biggest and best thing that has happened since the armistice."

Tremendous curiosity has been aroused here and on the continent as to the form American aid for Europe will take. It was stated here that even Ambassador Harvey was entirely ignorant as to what the White House intended to do.

The enthusiastic reception given announcement of the step proposed by President Harding by the British press was echoed somewhat less warmly across the channel. The French conservative press has reports of determined opposition to France's Ruhr occupation plans to offset the news that the United States may come to Europe's assistance financially.

In London it is felt that France can prevent intervention by adopting a recalcitrant attitude toward Germany. For that reason the strong vote of confidence won by Premier Poincaré is considered significant of danger to the whole scheme.

British circles understand that much depends upon the outcome of the premiers' conference, which is to be resumed at Paris next month.

Bonar Law's hand at that meeting will be greatly strengthened by the American move, it is believed here, where the tendency is to describe the prospective intervention as indicative of a "united Anglo-American front with a view of obtaining restraint in treatment of Germany."

The intervention of the United States is not expected suddenly. Conferences between Ambassador Harvey and President Harding will take place at Washington and notes will be dispatched to European governments, according to the view of

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CONFESSES TO 11 ROBBERIES
Man, Held in Custody, Tells of Big "Jobs"

Arrested late Friday night on a charge of having robbed a Bellevue, Wash., hardware store earlier in the day, Charles Williams, alias Albert Cook, 35, confessed to burglarizing 11 King county stores and homes during the past few months, according to a confession said to be held by the police.

The Kirkland ferry slip, pool hall in Snohomish, Duval and Bellevue and a hardware store in the latter place were among the places robbed, according to Williams' alleged confession.

Williams was arrested by Deputy Sheriff C. S. Campbell and George Bundy, and Police Detectives L. C. Harris and A. A. Brown, who have been trailing him since December 6.

Apprehending Williams resulted in the arrest of Harry Harrington, who, the police claim, sold the loot stolen by Williams. Harrington is an old offender, having served three terms in Walla Walla, once for murder and twice for statutory offenses, police say.

Officers claim Harrington had on his person knives and watches stolen by Williams from the Bellevue store, and other articles were said to have been found in his room.

SLAYER HELD UNDER GUARD
Slain Executive Was Object of Bitter Enmity

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—President Narutowicz, of Poland, was assassinated today by a young painter, Niewadzynski, who fired three shots at him, it was reported in a dispatch from Warsaw. The assassin was arrested, the dispatch said.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—President Gabriel Narutowicz, of Poland, was assassinated this morning, according to advices from Warsaw.

The report, which was unconfirmed, said the president was killed while he was visiting an art exhibition.

Narutowicz took office December 11.

Rioting marked his inauguration. Twenty thousand nationalists who opposed his election threw missiles at him as he went to the inaugural ceremony.

When he took the oath, the nationalist members of the assembly absented themselves from the ceremony.

Narutowicz formerly was minister of foreign affairs. He succeeded Marshal Pilsudski as president. In politics he was a strong radical. Before becoming chief executive of the state he was Poland's representative at a number of important international conferences, including the Baltic disarmament conference and the Genoa meeting of allied statesmen.

He was elected president by the national assembly on the fifth ballot December 9, with 219 votes, this constituting a majority. Two days later the house of deputies ratified the election. Then the nationalists manifested their displeasure at his selection with riots and disturbances.

He was heavily guarded by troops when he went to the government building to be sworn and after this ceremony he was delayed in the diet building while soldiers fought with the mob demonstrating at the gate. Street meetings to denounce the new president were held on the corners, high officers of the army addressing, some of them.

Christmas Rush Reaches Its Crest

Six More Days—That's All!

City Plans for Biggest Christmas



Everybody said it would be a big Christmas, and Seattle shopkeepers are sure of it now. Holiday shopping reached its crest Saturday. Every street car, every incoming train and boat was crowded with hurrying shoppers. Beginning earlier than usual, the trade has continued brisk since late in November and by the time the last-minute folks complete their purchases a week from today, Seattle will have experienced the biggest Christmas in years, according to present indications. The Star camera clicked as Mrs. Ruby Ball, 1421 Seventh ave., emerged from the Standard Furniture Co.'s store laden with Christmas bundles.

—Photo by Price & Carter, Star Staff Photographers

STREET CAR BONDHOLDERS DEFER ACTION

No Move Against 5-Cent Fare if It Should Prove to Be Successful

By Robert B. Bermann

Passage of an ordinance restoring the 5-cent fare on the municipal street car lines—as assured by Friday's action of the finance and utilities committees of the city council, sitting in joint session—will not be opposed by the holders of the \$15,000,000 worth of bonds with which the city paid for the system.

This was learned on the highest authority Saturday morning.

While A. W. Leonard, president of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., and chief representative in Seattle of the Stone & Webster interests, refused to issue any statement on the matter, it can be stated definitely that no legal action to block the 5-cent fare is contemplated by the bondholders at this time, and that no action will be taken unless the reduced fare results in so great a falling off of revenues that the city defaults in its bond payments.

The bondholders' attitude, in brief, is simply this:

They are entirely willing to permit the city to give the 5-cent fare a thorough trial and will not interfere in any way unless their own interests are menaced by a default of bond payments. As a matter of fact, they are actually in favor of a 5-cent fare—as long as it doesn't interfere with the bond payments.

In this respect, they take the position that—always provided it can be made to pay—the 5-cent fare would be helpful to their interests as it would tend to make the people less dissatisfied with the contract under which the system was sold to the city.

As the matters stand now, the bondholders feel that they have no ground for legal action. There is no default now—and until (and unless) there is a default there is nothing for them to do. Their position is one of watchful waiting.

Should the 5-cent fare result in a default, however, it seems assumed that steps will immediately be taken in an effort to force the city to pay for the bonds out of the general fund.

This, according to officials of the Puget Sound Co., can be done in spite of the recent decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the bondholders' suit against the city—under which decision it is held that the general fund cannot be touched for bond payments or for maintenance.

The bondholders are now preparing to file a petition for a rehearing before the court of appeals and if this is denied the United States supreme court will be asked for a writ of certiorari—meaning that they would attempt to prove they had sufficient ground to justify carrying the case before the highest tribunal in the country.

Even if these efforts should fail, the bondholders believe that they would still have recourse to legal action in case of a default, as they point out to prove the case. The supreme court recognized the ruling of the circuit court that the ordinance and contract under which the city purchased the lines are valid and that it reversed the decision of Judge Cushman without prejudice to the right of the company if any breach of contract were to occur in the future.

In other words, according to the bondholders' interpretation, the appellate court's decision said nothing more in effect than that the complainants were "hollering before they were hurt."

Summed up, the attitude of the bondholders may be said to be this:

"So far as the 5-cent fare ordinance is concerned, if its effect is to reduce the gross income to such an extent that the city would not have enough money to put into the fund the amount of gross revenues pledged to the fund, the city becomes liable. The ordinance is the city's gamble—"

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GRAND JURY'S PROBE DRAGS
Little Important Evidence Is Given Investigators

Little information of a startling nature was given by witnesses Saturday morning to the grand jury, which is investigating charges of bootlegging, gambling and other forms of vice in Seattle, and alleged corruption in the police department.

The first witness to be called into the jury room Saturday to testify as to what he knew of local vice conditions was N. J. Nicholson, well known contractor. He was followed to the stand by R. J. Schofield, of Schofield & Company. Both stated before entering the jury room that they had no knowledge of any nature that would help the grand jury in its investigation.

High police officials were expected to be called before the grand jury Saturday morning, but at noon none had yet been summoned. It was thought these officials would follow Police Lieut. George Olmstead, who appeared before the jury Friday with a sheaf of police patrol sheets, showing the location of police patrol boxes. Olmstead is the first

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CROWING ROOSTERS BANNED IN SOUTH
BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 16.—Owners of roosters in Berkeley will have to turn them off at night, just like electric lights.

The city council passed an ordinance forbidding roosters crowing between 9 p. m. and 7 a. m.

They also have under consideration another ordinance limiting each family in the city to two cows and two goats.

LANDON TO GET IMPORTANT JOB
Stated for Chairmanship of Appropriations

Dan Landon is slated for the chairmanship of the appropriations committee of the state senate and Fred Hastings and William Wray will represent King county on the rules committee.

These appointments—which are, of course, subject to confirmation by the senate itself—were decided upon at a meeting of King county senators at the home of Lieut. Gov. W. J. Coyle Friday night.

Six of King county's eight senators were present, and, in addition, Senator Rust, of Kitsap, the meeting being held for the express purpose of deciding on all the King county senate committee appointments.

It was decided that either Senator Lund or Paul Houser would be appointed to the roads and bridges committee. No other appointments of any particular importance were made, but it was said Saturday that "everybody got what he wanted."

Those present at the meeting, in addition to the senators already mentioned, were Robert Grass and William Connor.

CONFER OVER PHONE FIGHT
To formulate plans for the attack of the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane on the proposed rate increase asked by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, a secret conference was held Friday at the office of Thomas J. L. Kennedy, corporation counsel-elect.

The first hearing, that on valuation of the company's property in the cities involved in the proposed increase, will be held before the state department of public works at Olympia Monday morning.

J. Charles Dennis, city attorney for Tacoma; E. D. Ridley and W. W. Harbinger, Spokane engineers; George F. Russell and E. D. O'Brien of the city department of public utilities, Kennedy and F. E. Phipps were among the conferees.

Five Women Claim One Lost Purse
After four women had appeared at police headquarters Friday to claim a purse that had been found at the Pike Place market by Dan McEachern, 2202 Nob Hill ave., Mrs. Eric W. Brown, 921 12th ave., appeared and described the purse and money perfectly. She was given the money by police authorities.

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Army General to Be Married Soon
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JUSTICE PITNEY TO RETIRE JANUARY 1
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Poor health forced Pitney's resignation. No information was forthcoming today as to his successor.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

HELEN, I DON'T WANT TO BUTT IN, BUT I'D GO AND SEE A LAWYER ABOUT THE WAY TOM IS STAYING OUT! YOU KNOW MR. SANDSTONE, HE'S A LAWYER - HE'S A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS, HE'D ADVISE YOU!

I KNOW HIM VERY WELL SO DOES TOM.

HE MAY MAKE SOME SIMPLE LITTLE SUGGESTION THAT WILL STRAIGHTEN OUT THE WHOLE THING!

WELL, I'LL CALL HIM AND SEE IF I CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

HELLO! MR. SANDSTONE, PLEASE! HELLO, MR. SANDSTONE - THIS IS MRS. DUFF SPEAKING - I'D LIKE TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU ABOUT A LITTLE PRIVATE MATTER IN OUR HOUSEHOLD - AT TWO TOMORROW - ALL RIGHT - THANK YOU -

NICE WORK!

OH! WHAT HAVE I DONE? CALLED A LAWYER! I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! A LAWYER! MY HUSBAND! OH DEAR - WHAT WILL I DO? A LAWYER!

WELL WAIT UNTIL YOU'VE HEARD WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!

Every Day in Every Way STAR WANTED ADS
Bring Better Returns
Call Main 0600

Things Are Getting Serious

—BY ALLMAN

LIT GEE GEE, TH' OFFICE VAMP, SEZZ
Most any girl can catch a fella, but she has to know her stuff to keep him hooked.

We still think Dave Henderson has hired a lot of janitors. Without their help we don't see how he can keep the street cars so frigid.

If this fight between Doc Brown and the ministerial federation continues we may expect at any time to read: "The marines have landed and have the situation well in hand."

THE allied troops, composed of ministers, federal officials and members of the Young Men's Republican club, are marshaling their forces to march on the city hall.

THE allies are well supplied with eight-centimeter statistics, high-explosive vice reports and dum-dum counter-charges, but they cannot move against Mustapha Brown Pasha's army—

UNTIL equipped with gas masks.

Regents to Probe Varsity Shooting
Richard Holbrook, 20-year-old University of Washington sophomore, who was shot by Patrolman J. H. Karlberg, will be reinstated as a student until the board of regents takes action on his case. Neither Holbrook nor his companions have been in school since the escapade. Evidence on the case will be submitted by Holbrook himself and the police department. Such was the announcement at the university Saturday.

No date has been set for the meeting of the board.

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Governor Wants Dry Proclamation
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 16.—President Harding should issue a presidential proclamation calling upon the people to enforce the prohibition law, Governor Baxter, of Maine, declared in a message sent to the governors' conference here today on the eve of the executive conference with Harding at Washington Monday.

Baxter said that prohibition enforcement was the greatest question and issue before the country today. A presidential proclamation of prohibition enforcement would be ranked among the greatest of state documents, he said.