

WEATHER
 Tonight and Tuesday, rain; not so cold tonight. Moderate to fresh southeasterly gales.
 Temperature Last 24 Hours
 Maximum, 39. Minimum, 30.
 Today noon, 39.

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MINUTE ROBBERY

Home Brew

Howdy, folks! Don't you just love this Puget sound sunshine?
 Styles 300 years old are now the vogue with Paris society, says a news dispatch.
 That's nothing—some of our recent styles went back to the Garden of Eden.
 The United States is thinking of making a gigantic loan to Germany. Of course, if Germany had won the war, she'd lend us money. Lykell! Lykell!
 L.I.L. GEE GEE, TH' OFFICE VAMP, SEZ:
 There are just two kinds of bathing suits; those suitable for women over 60, and those suitable for denunciation from the pulpit.
 German frau accuses ex-husband of jilting her. Well, boys will be boys.
 It is reported that Henry Ford was fined for speeding thru a town in New York. He was riding in an automobile.
 "At the annual College club dinner this year the ancient custom will be revived of bringing in the bear's head."—Society item.
 We bet we know that guy.
 Henry Ford forgot two million dollars he had deposited in a Canadian bank until his private secretary called his attention to it. What we need is a private secretary.

ON TRIAL

OLGA FARLEY ANSWERS FOR MAN'S DEATH
 Mother Weeps in Court and Says She Knows Girl Innocent

Mrs. Olga Farley Monday morning in the superior court faced the jurors who will decide whether she is innocent or guilty of killing Wesley J. Howarth in the room of a downtown hotel on May 20. Howarth died the next day in the Providence hospital, after having made, it is said, two dying statements; one to J. J. Sullivan, attorney for the defense, in which he declared that he accidentally shot himself, and another to Miss Ruth Callahan, his nurse, in which he accused Mrs. Farley of shooting him.

Mrs. Hilda Fiedell, 7037 E.H. ave., the gray-haired mother of the accused woman, stood in court Monday, and with tears running down her cheeks, cried: "Olga is innocent. I know it. I know it."

Mrs. Farley sat pale and broken beside her lawyer.

According to Adam Beeler, attorney for Mrs. Farley, the defense will offer proof that Howarth was a degenerate and a panderer and his death was the result of a bullet fired by his own hand.

BROKEN RAIL WRECKS TRAIN
 VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 18.—Canadian Pacific train No. 4 struck a broken rail at 6 o'clock this morning near Palmer, B. C. The engine was derailed, as well as mail, baggage and consist cars. The engine turned on its side.

Fireman J. A. Field was instantly killed and W. Melville, the engine driver, died three hours later. No passengers were injured. Traffic will be resumed this evening. It is expected.

\$200,000 Is Stolen, Two Guards Shot in Denver Battle

Seven Masked Bandits Stage Sensational Robbery on Street Before Mint; Windows and Door Shattered by Bullet Hail

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—Charles Linton, 60, federal reserve bank guard, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded today in a gun battle staged in front of the United States mint by seven masked bandits, who escaped with \$200,000 in currency.

The money was being transferred from the mint to the bank automobile when the bandits drew up to the curb in an automobile and seized the packages of currency.

Guards at the mint opened fire with shotguns, which was returned by the bandits. Linton fell at the first volley. One of the bandits was believed to have been wounded. Employees of the mint shot at the bandits from windows and doors, while the robbers stood on the curb and fired volleys at the building. The door of the mint was riddled with bullets and windows in the building were broken by the hail of lead.

The bandits drew up in front of the mint in a closed car just as the bank automobile, which had been loaded with currency, started away. One of the bandits commanded the driver of the car to stop. The others, covering the driver and the guard with shotguns, transferred the money to their own car.

Scores of pedestrians and motorists, attracted by the shooting, watched the bandits as they leaped in their car and sped away. The license number of the car was obtained and police immediately started a city-wide search for the automobile.

Police reserves were rushed to the scene and kept all persons away from the street.

The robbery was the most daring in Denver's history. The bandits apparently had planned the holdup carefully and their action was timed so that when the bank car started away, the bandit automobile crowded it into the curb and the robbery staged.

The money was in \$5 bills and was being taken to the federal reserve bank. As soon as the gun battle started guards on duty at the mint rushed to the front door and opened fire.

When the bandits drove up the packages of currency were stacked on the curb as the driver and guard of the bank loaded the money into the automobile.

The leader of the bandits leaped from the car and while he was covering the two men with a revolver the others seized the currency and began placing it in their own automobile.

A waitress in a restaurant across the street from the mint saw the holdup and made frantic efforts to call the police. Before she was able to get headquarters, mint employees rushed to the door of the building and began shooting with sawed-off shotguns and repeating rifles.

Guards at the mint fired from every point of vantage, but the bandits stood their ground until the money had been transferred to their automobile. Then they sped away.

Bundles of money had been broken up and coins were scattered along the sidewalk in front of the mint.

The government building is only about three blocks from the downtown district.

The loot consisted of newly coined silver and gold \$5 bills.

The rain of bullets struck several buildings in the neighborhood of the mint. All the bandits were well dressed and wore overcoats, according to witnesses.

When the robbers appeared, Joe Leyken, a mint employe, pressed an alarm button, which sent 30 heavily armed guards rushing to windows and doors. Rifles and shotguns roared as the government men endeavored to drive off the bandits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—United States secret service operatives will be assigned immediately to the rigorous robbery of federal reserve currency in front of the United States mint at Denver, the secret service office here stated today.

A complete investigation of the robbery will be made by the secret service as soon as possible, it was stated.

IN CUSTODY

Charles Miller, 38, held by the police on suspicion of having carried on wholesale robberies in Seattle hotels.

Traced by his own backhanded style of writing, Charles Miller, 38, four times convicted of burglary, forgery and grand larceny, was arrested at the point of a pistol on the 10th floor of the New Washington hotel early Sunday morning by Detectives Charles J. Waechter and P. C. Christensen, in the act of looting a room that had been "planted" for his benefit.

Miller, parading under a flock of aliases, operated in Seattle for two months, looting the apartments of millionaires and other wealthy out-of-town visitors in Seattle's most pretentious hosteries, the police say, securing many thousands of dollars in cash and jewelry.

Detailled to watch the Frye hotel and the New Washington as the result of dozens of burglaries there, Waechter and Christensen were at first unable to find the identity of the cunning thief. At length they obtained a clue from a stolen watch that had been taken from the Frye and pawned in Tacoma. The signature on the pawnbroker's ledger was one of Miller's many aliases, and written in a backhand scrawl.

The hotel clerks of the two hotels, along with the clerk at the River Richmond, were notified to watch for a man who signed the ledger with a backhand twist, and when Miller registered again Friday night at the New Washington as C. L. Payne he was assigned to room 1019.

Waechter and Christensen "planted" two men in room 1009 and 611, and prepared to wait thru the night. Miller did not venture forth, however, and it was only after a long vigil that he was observed at 3:30 a. m. Sunday morning, cautiously opening his door.

Miller, creeping quietly down the hallway with all the dramatic instinct of a movie actor, tried the door of a local millionaire, but finding it locked, passed to room 1009, one of the "plants." Finding the door unlocked, he entered and rifled the bureau, taking \$10 in marionette money, while the occupant of the room peered forth from his pillow, watching him.

The two detectives skirted the stairway and approached, revolvers drawn and ready. They stood against the wall as Miller crept forth and then leaped at him, pressing their revolvers against his stomach.

Miller gasped, then, recovering his composure, smiled and held out his hands for the handcuffs. He was taken to the city jail and searched, the police finding a wallet that had been stolen from a prominent Portland physician at the Frye hotel, and a quantity of jewels, also stolen property.

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NAB FORGER IN SEATTLE HOTEL RAID
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SAYS POLICE DEMORALIZED

P.-T. A. President Tells Council of Vice

Creating a sensation with the declaration that the unhampered vice of certain districts in Seattle is demoralizing the Seattle police force, Mrs. O. I. Hall, president of the Franklin P.-T. A., told the council license committee Monday that she had seen a patrolman who at one time covered a beat including the 12th ave. and Jackson district so intoxicated that he could hardly walk to a police box at midnight to phone in his report.

Mrs. Hall's statement was made during a discussion of Councilwoman Mrs. Henry Landes' proposed dance hall ordinance at an open meeting. The ordinance contains a clause that would automatically close the Liberty and Dreamland dance halls, thru prohibiting halls that cater to men patrons only.

The remark came as an interruption to a battle of words between Councilman A. Lou Cohen and Herbert W. Myers, an attorney.

Cohen's statement that he was "sick of listening to charges by calumny howling citizens that are giving Seattle the name of the blackest city from a moral standpoint in the United States, when it is, in reality, one of the cleanest," brought a personal attack from Myers.

"You, Mr. Cohen, have consistently fought every attempt to legislate cleanliness into the vice districts of this city," Myers said. "You attempt to cover up the rotten conditions that exist in certain places by such generalities as you have just said."

Cohen retorted that he had lived in Seattle for more than 30 years, has children and grandchildren, and has never been solicited in his life. Then, after one woman in the crowd that thronged the council chamber stated that one man of her acquaintance was solicited five times in one day recently, Mrs. Hall took the floor.

The advisability of including in the ordinance a provision for compelling operators of prospective dance halls to post a notice on the site for 10 days previous to the granting of a license, in order to have possible objectors appear before the council to voice their complaints, was the principal issue before the committee.

Attorney Meagher of the corporation counsel's office was called to the council chamber and he gave his opinion that the clause would be legal.

GRAND JURY CALLS MAYOR

Executive Summoned to Go Before Body Today

Mayor Brown was summoned before the King county grand jury Monday morning to tell what he knows of alleged vice conditions in Seattle. The jury is investigating charges of bootlegging, gambling and other forms of vice in the city and alleged corruption in the police department.

The mayor is the second city official to be called before the jury, the first being Police Lieut. George Oimstead, who was called Saturday, showing the location of police boxes from which the police report to the station every hour.

Very little information of a startling nature has been presented to the jury so far. The prediction is being freely made that no indictments will result from the present investigation.

Since the investigation started last week 10 witnesses have testified before the grand jury. The first to be called was Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, who made accusations against Mayor Brown and the police department from his pulpit. Hawkins in one sermon accused the mayor of lying when he said he or the police knew of no place in the city where booze was being sold.

Following Rev. Mr. Hawkins came Rev. H. I. Chatterton, who presented a list of 48 places which were, it is alleged, houses of ill repute, in some of which liquor could be purchased. He also presented a list of places where he said gambling was allowed.

Many of those called to testify professed to have no knowledge of vice conditions in Seattle.

LONDON.—Prince George, 20, young son of King George, to be operated on immediately for appendicitis.

SYNAGOGUE IN ROW OVER WINE

Secretary Charged With Illegal Profit

Trouble between opposing Jewish factions of the Bikur Cholim synagogue over the issuing of permits for the use and importation of 1,000 gallons of sacramental wine threatens to involve the county auditor's office in a court action.

A petition for a restraining order to prevent the county auditor issuing a permit to S. Levinson, secretary of the synagogue, was filed in King county superior court Saturday.

The petition was filed by Allen & Griffiths, attorneys for 16 members of the congregation, who claim that they take a respectful attitude toward the Volstead act, and that they will be held up to ridicule and scorn if Levinson is permitted to import wine on the claim that it is for sacramental use. They assert Levinson is acting as an agent for 30 members of the congregation, and that he will receive a profit for handling the wine.

D. E. Ferguson, county auditor, declared that the "drys" moved too late. The permit was requested some time ago, and the "drys" had plenty of time to make their complaint before it was issued, according to Ferguson.

The facts are, said Ferguson, that the "drys" have no desire to stop the importation of sacramental wine. Rather, the move is an attempt to bring his office into disrepute, Ferguson declares. It is not a question of respect to the Volstead act, but a question of which faction shall be allowed to get the wine, he charges. Further litigation over the wine is threatened.

WALLACE REID IS IMPROVING

Actor's Breakdown Laid to Dope and Whisky

BY ROBERT A. DONALDSON
 LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, film idol, suffering a mysterious relapse which has threatened his life, after, according to Dorothy Davenport, his wife, he had won a fight against the drug habit, today was reported "a little improved."

He was still at a sanitarium in Hollywood, under the care of physicians, who said that his present illness had nothing whatever to do with his alleged use of narcotics or liquor.

He has made his fight against the enslaving drugs, his wife and his friends declared, and has won. Physicians, including the best available, have been unable to diagnose accurately, it was announced, his present condition. They believed, however, he is now suffering from a touch of influenza, rendered more serious and more than usually baffling in its effects, due to a weakened

\$32,000,000 Asked for Building Roads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Increased appropriations of \$32,000,000 for new road building were recommended in the annual agriculture department supply bill reported to the house today by the appropriations committee. The appropriation for new road work in the agricultural bill for the current year was \$10,000,000, as compared with \$42,000,000 for next year.

AMERICAN BANKS HAVE 40 PER CENT OF WORLD'S GOLD

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Forty per cent of the world's gold is in American banks and one-third of the diamonds in existence on the fingers and bosoms of American women, Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, of New York, declared here today.

Boynton has just completed a 30,000-mile trip to all parts of the world.

He warned Americans to guard their property.

"America needs a tighter grip on religion," he said.

PACIFIC GALE SWEEPING IN

Icy Streets Halt Traffic, Storm Signals Up

A gale sweeping toward Vancouver island from the North Pacific ocean, a 36-mile wind tossing the waves off Cape Flattery, and a falling barometer brought storm signals to the peak of the weather bureau staff Monday. All North Pacific seaports were ordered to display the storm signals at 7:10 a. m.

A southeasterly gale, rain and a moderate temperature are predicted for Seattle Monday night and Tuesday. Early Sunday morning the temperature fell to 23 degrees above but rose to 35 degrees before nightfall.

Monday the mercury fell and driving rain coated the streets with slippery ice that is expected to swell the month's total of automobile and sled accidents.

Snow covering the city for more than a week was disappearing as a result of the rain.

Mariners are watching reports from the Tatoosh station on inbound vessels that will probably meet the scheduled gale.

Property owners were cautioned Monday by Police Chief Severyns to remove ice and snow coatings from their sidewalks. Persons injured by falling on the icy walks may obtain judgment from the property owners, Severyns warned. Police action will be taken, he said.

Find Dead Broker on Lonely Road

DENVER, Dec. 18.—John H. Porter, 48, wealthy Denver broker, was found dead with a bullet wound in his head, on a lonely road 35 miles south of Denver, yesterday. Friends believe he committed suicide in a fit of despondency over ill-health.

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THESE WINTER NIGHTS a good story is the best of companions; that's why "The Sky Line of Spruce" is making such a hit. For today's chapter, turn to page 11.