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WEATHER

Tonight and Thursday, rain; increasing southerly wind.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 49. Minimum, 40.
Today noon, 48.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE.

VON ALVENSLEBEN BACK IN SEATTLE

One-Time German Millionaire Now Here Selling Dolls in Tiny Store



HOME BREW I

THERE'S A GOOD TIME COMING
Howdy, folks! This is the one week in the year when Dad can imagine he is of some importance in the family.

After Christmas, pickpockets will have little terror for Dad.

The Society for the Exchange of Christmas Gifts will hold its first regular business session next Tuesday morning. Bring your hand-painted soap dishes and accordeon-pleated handkerchiefs.

Mayor Brown is thinking of giving the Rev. Chauncey Hawkins a nice Christmas present—a season's pass to the Liberty dance hall.

BUT WHERE ARE THE CATS PAJAMAS?

Hurray! Hurray! We've just received our first Christmas present! It's a Christmas calendar! It was sent by Frank McDer-mott of the Hon. Marchet. It's reproduced above! Who says there ain't no Santa Claus?

It will be noted by the observant that the girls gave up wearing half-hose a few weeks before Christmas.

There will be little "peace on earth and good-will to men" for the married sink who fails to guess what his wife wants for Christmas.

The Rev. Chauncey Hawkins might give Doc Brown a silk wall motto embroidered with the words, "Pro Bunco Publico."

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST
I, too, once gazed toward the birds, Longed for a big black bottle Filled with brown made to order For a dry and thirsty throat.

But I gaze that way no longer. I've a list that tells me where to Get it in Seattle, strong.

And much cheaper—when I care to. And I think you, too, had better Stop your 'ain and wear spawkin's. Go to church like me and getta Nice long list from Chauncey 'Akins.

The game of "Beaver," no doubt, was invented by the manufacturers of safety razors.

Alas! if we could only say of near-beer: "Day by day, in every way, it is getting nearer and nearer!"

News Item: Street car fares in Seattle will be reduced on March 1 to 5 cents or 15,149 roubles.

New Yorkers are raising a great howl because the city water has a cucumber flavor. What do they expect? Raspberry?

ODDS
1 to 10 on a white Christmas.
5 to 1 on a sloppy Christmas.
50 to 1 on cold street cars.

Seattle parent asked for a phone number to announce the birth of twins and didn't get the connection until after the darlings had graduated from Lincoln high school.

Seattle folks are going to be so darn glad to see the firemen go into effect on March 1 that we wouldn't be a bit surprised if they petitioned our congressmen to support a bill making the day a national holiday.

If the mountain snows continue to melt it will not be long before collars down in the valley will be full of something besides home brew.

WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS

Warmer cold cars.

The annual run-off has begun at the city dams, and the annual skid-off has begun on all unpaved county roads.

It takes all sorts of cooks to make a world, including those who put sage in turkey dressing.

Appropriate remark when the "commercial" gets in on the radio program: "But off the air! The wind's busy!"

What to give your wife? A non-skid lipstic.
What to give your husband? An asbestos smoking-jacket.

Prohibition officials say this is going to be a "dry" Christmas.
Well, it doesn't matter much if Christmas is dry, so long as New Year's is wet.
Heaven help the shoppers on a day like this!

Member of Ancient Noble Family Suffers Another Financial Reverse

STILL UNDAUNTED

By Bob Bermann

ALVO VON ALVENSLEBEN, who, before the war, was reputed to be the kaiser's personal representative in the Northwest and whose spectacular financial and social career attracted international attention, is back in Seattle. But it is not the Alvo von Alvensleben of yesterday. Gone are the millions which he once wielded; gone are his retinue of servants and attaches, his fleet of expensive automobiles and his private car; gone are all the glories.

As an humble vendor of dolls, he is occupying a modest little store at 114 Pike st.

This scion of one of the proudest of Prussia's junker families, who was once the friend and confidante of the former kaiser, is now a merchant. And the graces which he once displayed at court are being showered upon Seattle housewives who chance into his store in search of inexpensive toys.

Von Alvensleben was recognized in his shop Wednesday. He admitted his identity without hesitation. "Yes," he said, in the not unpleasantly clipped voice which he affects, "yes, I'm Von Alvensleben. I'm trying to 'come back.' This particular game is new to me—but there has to be a start to everything. I—pardon me a moment, please. How can I serve you, madam? This doll? A dollar forty-nine. A beautiful little thing, isn't it? Perceive the eyes, the lips—Or possibly madame would be interested in this whistle? A delightful contrivance. Hear—too! too! And only a dime!"

EXPLAINS CHANGE IN FORTUNES OF CAREER
When he had a moment of leisure, he agreed, willingly enough, to go into the back of his shop and explain the change in his fortunes.

"Why not?" he remarked. "I had so much publicity during the war that I feel immune by now. And, if the people understand, they may be inclined to give me a sporting chance—you ARE sporting, you know, you Americans." The story which he unfolded might have been taken straight from the pages of a best seller—except that no modern author would dare to test his readers' credulity to such an extent.

The Von Alvenslebens are, of course, one of the oldest families in Europe. In Prussia they date back to the year 756—there has always been a Count Von Alvensleben since that time—and their estate is so huge that it might almost be called a principality. They own an entire vil-

SAYS FIREMAN CAUSED DEATH
Jury Returns Manslaughter Verdict

John L. Mountain, 35, city fireman, 1616 Union st., was held guilty of manslaughter Wednesday by a coroner's jury in connection with the death of C. R. Kyle, janitor, of 619 1/2 Sixth ave. S., who was killed Sunday afternoon by Mountain's automobile, at Fifth ave. S. and Dearborn st. Mountain was partly intoxicated, the jury held, and besides driving at an excessive rate of speed had neglected to take any precautions for the safe operation of his auto, and recklessly ran down Kyle and killed him. Mountain was taking a young lady to her home when the accident happened, he told police. Following the verdict Mountain was arrested and held by Sheriff Matt Starwich in the King county jail, in default of bail of \$1,000.

Need Trucks and Cars to Give Shut-Ins Joy
Upon the generosity of Seattle motorists will depend the pleasure of hundreds of invalid shut-ins, orphans and old people Saturday afternoon. Two hundred singers from the West Seattle high school have been selected to go about the city from 2:30 to 6 p. m. Saturday afternoon to sing Christmas carols before the city's hospitals, orphanages and old people's homes. At least seven trucks will be needed to carry the youngsters on their rounds and later in the evening 30 machines must be available to carry shut-ins to the special performance for them at the Cosmopolitan Players' theater. Motorists whose hearts are warm with Christmas cheer are asked to offer their cars by calling The Star, at Main 0300, or Dr. Frank R. Loope, at Capitol 2267 or Capitol 4626.

WONDERFUL VIEW IMMEDIATE POSSESSION
1-room bungalow; 2 bedrooms with closets, bath, living room and nice kitchen, laundry trays and basement; house in fine condition; lot 40x100. Price \$2,200; \$300 cash, balance monthly.

The Want Ad section will tell you where this little home can be found.

Will You Start the New Year With Your Own Home?
The holidays and busy shopping hours are here, and everyone is hustling about finding this or that. Yet there are still a few that will want a HOME by the New Year. Here is a cosy little one.

ARREST 22 FOR MILLION LOSS
Hold Navy Yard Employees as Theft Suspects

Orders Mental Tests for Automobile Speed Fiends
DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Mental tests for automobile speeders to determine their degree of sanity were inaugurated by Judge Charles L. Bartlett in recorder's court here today.

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Here's Alvo Von Alvensleben, German nobleman, former millionaire plunger of the Pacific Coast and reputed representative of the kaiser. Now, his millions gone, he is keeping a little doll shop at 114 Pike st. and living in a simple cottage at Laurelhurst. View shows interior of Von Alvensleben's shop.

FOUR DEAD IN STREET CLASH
PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Dec. 20.—Four persons were killed and two others seriously injured here today when a street car struck a Gulf company truck loaded with workers. The street car turned over on striking the truck, pinning occupants beneath it. Rescue workers labored for an hour before the bodies could be extricated.

DESERTER ARRESTED
Alleged to have confessed that he is a deserter from the Honolulu naval station, James Sullivan, 31, sailor, was arrested at Maynard ave. and Dearborn st. Tuesday, by Lieut. G. H. Comstock and Sgt. W. E. Boman.

CLÉMENCEAU NOW HOME
HAVRE, Dec. 20.—Georges Clémenceau arrived here today on the liner Paris, returning from his week-long tour in America. He declared that he was well satisfied with the results of his trip. "After what I have told the Americans, it's up to them to decide what to do," he said.

PORTLAND STEEL PLANT
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The Columbia Steel corporation, capitalized at \$20,000,000, to produce steel at plants at Portland, Ore., and Pittsburg, Cal., has been organized here. It was formally announced today. In the new company the present Columbia steel plants at Portland and Pittsburg, Cal., will be united with iron and coal holdings in Utah, now the property of the Utah Coal & Coke company, it was stated.

BERNHARDT IS WEAK
PARIS, Dec. 20.—Sarah Bernhardt, seized with illness at a theater here, was ordered to remain in bed a week by her physicians today. Although the "divine Sarah" was not in pain, she was very weak, according to the doctors. Friends and relatives watched closely at her bedside day and night, different persons keeping the vigil in two-hour relays.

2 FIRES IN ONE DAY
Fire which may have been set by an incendiary attacked the home of E. E. Luther, 845 18th ave. S. W., for the second time in 15 hours, early Wednesday morning, completing the destruction of the building. Fire Marshal Robert L. Laing was completing an intensive probe of the origin of the fire, late Wednesday. Luther and his family have been absent from the home for some time, fire department officials said. Tuesday afternoon at 1:45 fire was discovered in the basement and was extinguished. At 1:40 a. m. Wednesday, another fire was noticed, but it had gained such headway that all efforts to save the building failed. The loss was estimated at \$2,000, fully covered by insurance.

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HAYS FREES 'FATTY' FOR MOVIE WORK!

Banished Actor Is Returned to Film Lots as Present From "Big Chief"

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle today was given a Christmas "pardon" by Will H. Hays, movie censor, who banished him from filmdom almost a year ago. In announcing the "pardon" Hays declared that he believed the spirit of Christmas and of Christ's teachings would serve as a guide, both for Arbuckle in his future conduct, and for the public in its attitude toward him. No attempt will be made, however, to release Arbuckle's films for a number of months, and, although the comedian may go back to work on the Hollywood "lots," none of his new pictures, if he makes any, will be released before the fall of 1923. Hays' action ends for Arbuckle more than a year during which time he might as well have been an exile. He devoted his time, since final acquittal on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, film actress, to miscellaneous work around the studios. He wrote and sold one or two comedies and, it was understood, he acted in an advisory capacity to other comedians at times. He started a trip around the world but was injured on the first leg of the journey and returned home after spending a week in a hospital at Tokyo. Arbuckle had been tried three times for manslaughter. Two juries disagreed and the third acquitted. (Turn to Page 5, Column 2)

NEW POLISH PRESIDENT
BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Stanislaus Wojciechowski, candidate of the left, has been elected president of Poland by the national assembly, according to a dispatch from Warsaw. He succeeds President Narutowicz, who was assassinated.

BALL CASH TO CHARITY
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—"Christmas gifts" of \$121,056.30, the receipts of the October 5 tie game of the 1922 world series, to charitable and veteran organizations were announced today by Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis. The following were given \$20,352.10 each: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Disabled Veterans of the World War. The remainder was distributed to New York charities.

FIND LIGHTNER GUILTY
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Dave Lightner, former newsboy, today was found guilty of conspiracy to violate the Harrison narcotic act. He had previously been found guilty of conspiring to violate the federal prohibition law. The two counts upon which Lightner has been found guilty carry a maximum penalty of eight years in a federal penitentiary and a total fine of \$25,000. Sentence will be passed Saturday. It was announced.

PREMIER LAW IS ILL
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Premier Bonar Law is ill. It was announced he was confined to his room with a cold.

CAR HANGS OVER BANK
While driving her car on Jackson st. Wednesday, Mrs. Catherine Henderson, of 3215 Irving st., failed to notice that the steel abruptly turned at 21st ave. until she was nearly to the edge of a high embankment. Heavily applying the brakes, Mrs. Henderson tried to stop the car before it plunged over the crest of the hill. The car came to a jarring stop as the front wheels rolled over the edge, leaving the car suspended half hanging in mid-air, with a drop of 100 feet below. Mrs. Henderson managed to extricate herself without injury.

SWALLOWS MERCURY
Jack Lehman, Hotel Lee, awoke Wednesday morning with a splitting headache. He groped his way in the dark room to a small medicine chest and found what he thought was a box of aspirin. He swallowed two tablets of bicarbide of mercury by mistake. A few minutes later, Lehman's stomach pains him, and he called the city hospital. Dr. Charles Firestone gave him first aid, pumping out the poison. Lehman is expected to recover.

LIBERTY DANCE HALL TO CLOSE
Chief Takes Action and Vice Probe Continues

Before he entered the grand jury room Wednesday morning to defend charges of vice and police corruption brought by Seattle ministers, Chief of Police William B. Severyns announced that the Liberty dance hall, storm center of controversy, would close its doors the latter part of this week.

The corridor outside the grand jury room was crowded during the morning with other police officers waiting to be called.

Mayor Brown announced Tuesday afternoon, after leaving the inquiry, where he spent several hours as a witness, that he would demand of Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins and other ministers who have assailed him the right to appear in their pulpits and defend himself against their charges.

"I have not forced the Liberty dance hall to close," said Chief Severyns, "and I do not expect to. I have, however, expressed my desire to the manager that the place close as soon as possible."

Whether or not the Dreamland dance hall will follow suit is not known at present, Severyns said. "Undesirable characters are being harder pressed now than they have ever been before," Severyns said, before he entered the jury room. "More arrests are being made, more uniform penalties are being imposed, and the town is cleaner now than it has been in years."

SAYS MAYOR HAS CHANGED
In connection with the grand jury's vice probe, Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, who led the attack on Mayor Brown and the police department, in a statement Wednesday morning, declaring the mayor had shifted his position. The statement followed: "In one week what a marvelous change!" (Turn to Page 5, Column 5)

GANG STEALS COPPER DUST
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Two men armed with revolvers covered H. B. Williams, manager of the Montana assay office here, late Tuesday night, and with Williams' hands high in the air, scooped up several dollars in loose change and the gleaming contents of a box they thought contained gold.

The large sum of money in the safe was disregarded, as the leader of the two filled a canvas bag with the contents of the box. Then they backed out. But "all is not gold that glitters." The box contained copper and the amount taken by the thieves should bring 60 cents in any market, according to current quotations on that metal.

WORSHAM IS REINSTATED
Former City Detective William E. Worsham has been reinstated in the police department and completely exonerated on charges made by Frank Davis, dope addict, that Worsham had been implicated in the sale of narcotics and whisky. This announcement was made Wednesday by the city civil service commission following a rehearing of the case from December 11.

Worsham, one of the chief witnesses in the Legate murder, was dismissed from the department by ex-Chief of Police W. H. Searing on April 6, after Davis charged that Worsham had given him a quantity of the drug.

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