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### SEATTLE MAY BAR ARBUCKLE FILMS



THERE'S A GOOD TIME COMING

Howdy, folks! After all, it's the intrinsic value of the present and not the sentiment that counts!

Wise married men about this time of year will swear off smoking.

Today's candidate for the Poison Ivy club is the wife who intends to give her bald-headed husband a hairbrush for Christmas.

Santa Claus is running a grave risk this year. Flappers may mistake him for the Sheikh.

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL AS SWEET. It now develops that Matt Starwich was born with the name of Mateo Starovich. He probably changed it when the boys called him Tomateo.

If Matt had become a prizefighter he would have called himself Mike O'Shannon, the Fighting Harp.

Matt, Mateo or Mike. What matters the name? Who pipes a whoop in games, so long as the guy is honest?

Blimbo named West says Starwich is not a citizen. Maybe so, maybe not. But he's given a darn good imitation of one for the last 39 years.

COGNOMEN Names count for little. Take Doc Brown. His name is Edwin J. Brown, but a lot of people think it is Mud.

The Rev. Hawkins says Mayor Brown has shifted his position in the vice controversy. Impossible! Doc has always been as consistent as a weather vane!

If Seattle is not careful the bureau of internal revenue is going to make it pay an amusement tax on Mayor Brown.

William Philip Simms in the Star writes a series called "Around the World in Five Minutes." We gotta faster plan. Take two raisins—

#### SOCIETY ITEM

Count George Hay du Barry says he doesn't like our city jail. There is no pleasing some men.

The only answer we can give the court is that the Seattle jail is a darn sight better than some of those in France we were in.

Manchuria wants America's worst street cars. Sorry, Manchuria, but we're using most of 'em in Seattle.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS If some of these Seattle street cars could talk they would spend a pleasant evening conversing about times back in the '90's.

"I can remember," says car 709, "when I used to be pulled out to Lake Union by a couple of horses." "That's nothing," replies car 514, "I used to run up and down the old Denny Hill on a counter-balance!"

He once loved a pretty widow, And was sweet but never true; And you think he loves her still? You can tell the world he do.

The Christmas season lasts six weeks for shoppers. It lasts all the year round for Dad. Everybody else has a good time.

LIL' GEE GEE, TH' OFFICE VAMP, SEZ: Some of the flappers are afraid to let their bobbed hair grow for fear somebody will yell "Beaver!"

One Christmas present we're not going to give to Little Homer Drew, Jr., is a pocketknife. He does enough damage the way it is.

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES, BUT THIS WAS A WOMAN "Prosecution Base Case on Post-mortem Statements of Woman He Killed."—Headline in the Scranton Republican.

Will Hays has "pardoned" Fatty Arbuckle. Now it's up to the American Legion to forgive Bergdoll.

We note in the society columns that many of our prominent people are going to celebrate Christmas with "family" dinners. Nothing like getting the family together once a year!

My coat, boy!

WEATHER  
Tonight and Friday, rain; strong southerly wind.  
Temperature Last 24 Hours  
Maximum, 52. Minimum, 40.  
Today noon, 51.

### Comedian Is Pardoned by Hays, but How About Public?

#### Censors to Meet Soon

#### Seattle Committee to Act on Films Next Week

Showing of Arbuckle films in Seattle may be barred, in spite of Will Hays' action in removing the ban from the fat comedian, according to George Bouckaert, chairman of the local board of theater censors.

"There seems to be a good deal of popular prejudice against the films and we would not sanction their display without holding a public hearing on the matter," Bouckaert said. "All the members of the board are so busy now that it wouldn't be practicable to hold a meeting for the present, but we will certainly take some action next week. I think we will have a public hearing about Wednesday, at which everyone will be given an opportunity to express his views on the subject."

Bouckaert said he did not care to make any statement on his personal feelings in the matter, but declared the board's action would be decided by public opinion.

Mayor E. J. Brown said he would make no move to forbid the films, but would leave the entire matter to the theater censors.

"I don't care to discuss my opinion of the case," the mayor explained, "because it is for the censors, and not for me, to pass upon it. As far as I know, the Arbuckle films have always been clean, whatever the man's personal character may be, so I do not feel that I am called upon to do anything in the matter."

#### FORMER AUBURN MAYOR GUILTY

#### C. E. West Convicted of Malicious Prosecution

Convicted of malicious prosecution, as an aftermath of the recent election, C. E. West, former mayor of Auburn, was preparing to seek a new trial Thursday. If the verdict returned by a superior court jury Wednesday is sustained, West will face a prison sentence of from six months to five years.

The case grew out of the arrest of Sheriff Matt Starwich just before election. West having sworn out two warrants charging Starwich with illegal registration, Starwich was immediately acquitted when he went before a justice court at Renton, and he immediately started action against West, who, he said, had been inspired entirely by a desire to discredit his candidacy for re-election.

L. C. Stevenson, attorney for West, was so surprised by the verdict, which was returned after only half an hour's deliberation, that he insisted on canvassing every member of the jury individually. He said he would appeal to the state supreme court if not granted a new trial.

A second altercation seems likely to arise over the affair, as the result of Stevenson's action in attempting to use in court what purported to be a copy of Starwich's application for membership in the Elks. Immediately after the trial was over a committee of three Elks called on Judge Calvin S. Hall to examine the document. They said the copy was not authorized.

#### SEIZE GUNS ON WAY TO CHINA

#### Effort to Smuggle Arms to Rebels Foiled

Federal officials are investigating the operations of a Chinese revolutionary junta, with headquarters in Seattle, following the seizure here Wednesday of a quantity of arms and ammunition which the revolutionists were plotting to smuggle into the Orient.

The contraband—comprising 50 Mauser revolvers and more than 10,000 rounds of ammunition—was concealed in a trunk which was destined for China. The trunk was seized by Treasury Agents A. A. Osborn and E. J. Reese at Pier 14, just as it was about to be loaded aboard the steamer Proteus.

All efforts to locate the owner of the shipment have failed.

Shipment of arms to China is forbidden under an international agreement.

A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held Sunday evening at 5 o'clock in the Bethany Baptist church, with Rev. Austrin H. Nickell presiding. A special Christmas message will be given at 11 a. m.



Mrs. Othelia G. C. Beals, former justice of the peace, attorney and popular Seattle clubwoman, who feels that the American public should not accept Roscoe Arbuckle's pictures in the future because of the demoralizing effect it would produce on the younger generations.

#### Hollywood Is Delighted With Santa Claus Visit

BY ROBERT A. DONALDSON  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—Hollywood believes in Santa Claus, but the big boys and beautiful girls of filmland think they see behind the white whiskers the benign, shrewd features of Will H. Hays.

Hollywood's Christmas stocking was pretty full today, as its own particular Santa Claus was whirled eastward aboard a transcontinental limited.

Hays' brief visit to the picture city had resulted in the following Christmas joys:

1—Wally Reid winning his battle against serious illness, with Hays' blessing so that the star's lapse does not affect the integrity of filmdom.

2—Fatty Arbuckle restored to grace and the camera.

3—Ed Roberts, author of the "Sins of Hollywood," tales of petting parties, supposedly based on the film colony's life, under indictment for improper use of the mails.

4—Investigation of the narcotic traffic urged upon state and federal officials.

5—One hundred million dollars' worth of equipment was Hays' Christmas present to a special motion picture committee of the National Educational association; same to be used in developing the film as an educational factor.

"In one week Will Hays, with terrific, dynamic energy and his intense humanness, has advanced the movie industry more than it has advanced in the past five years," one producer told the United Press.

"We producers thought we knew all about the manner in which this industry ought to be handled. We found we didn't know anything about it. Hays turned the industry upside down in a week, swept us off our feet, then sold his big idea to the public and motion picture people alike.

"Hays set out to clean up and to restore confidence in the industry. He did it in just one week thru being human."

Hollywood's head was in a whirl thru all the blessings showered down by its little "czar," but the colony was "soiled" for Hays. On the occasion of Hays' first visit, the impression was abroad that he was a mere figurehead. Today filmland was convinced he meant business.

The Hollywood Citizen, the daily paper of the movieland town, expressed the editorial opinion that Hays has lost his usefulness as head of the motion picture industry as a result of the Arbuckle pardon.

"The work of Will Hays in improving conditions in the motion picture industry came to an end yesterday in his announcement that Fatty Arbuckle would be put back on the screen," the editorial declared.

#### Women Say He's Thru

#### Many Object to Bringing Films Here Again

By Cynthia Grey  
Can Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle come back?

"Yes," says filmdom, which already has welcomed him back into the inner circle of the inner circle.

But what of the public? Will they swallow the lurid details of the exiled comedy film star's role in the Virginia Kapp case of one short year ago?

Will H. Hays, motion picture mentor, who banished Arbuckle from the silver sheet thinks they will. The same Christmas spirit which moved him to pardon the corpulent filmmaker will prevail upon the movie fans, thinks Hays.

The teachings of Jesus, who was charitable even to the sinner who wished to atone, will serve as a guide both to Arbuckle and the public attitude toward him, the mentor says.

Is Hays a competent judge of human nature, or is he viewing the great mass of humanity thru smoked glasses? Will the great American public ever permit Roscoe Arbuckle to write the final chapter of his career as "The Man Who Came Back?"

"No," chorus a number of prominent Seattle women. Here are some of the opinions expressed when I interviewed them this morning:

"I think Arbuckle has a nerve even to expect to come back before the public—at least in such a short period of time," said Mrs. Othelia G. C. Beals, prominent club woman and former justice of the peace.

"I would not go to see his pictures that anyone else do so. The greatest good for the greatest number is an old rule, and if Arbuckle, the man, is sincere and really wishes to come back, he should sacrifice his public career for the good of Young America, who have followed closely the published details of his scandalous conduct. What will the moral effect be on our young boys and girls if we now welcome him back with open arms?"

"PUBLIC DOESN'T WANT FILMS"  
Mrs. Frank Ballaine, chairman of the motion picture department of the Seattle Federation of Women's clubs, said:

"I certainly do not think the public want or will accept the Arbuckle pictures. We have taken no action on the case as yet. Personally I would not kick any man down who conscientiously wishes to do right; but I do not feel that Arbuckle would do right to force himself upon the public after his unbecoming conduct—let him come back as a private citizen—that is his only salvation.

We would not recognize any man on the street who had acted as he has, why should we make any exception just because Arbuckle happens to be a prominent motion picture star?"

"There are two sides to every story," said Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, of the woman's protective division of the Seattle police department. "Looking at it from Arbuckle's side, it is cruel; but looking at it from the standpoint of our young boys and girls"

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#### COUNCIL MAY REDUCE FARES

#### Lowering of Bus Rates Is Proposed

Fares on all city bus lines will be reduced to parallel the new street car rates, if an ordinance proposed by the council public utilities committee is acted upon favorably by the council.

After hearing protests from residents of the various districts fed by bus lines Thursday shortly before noon, a motion to direct the corporation counsel to prepare such an ordinance was offered by Councilman John E. Carroll. It was immediately seconded and passed.

Bus line fares are at present 10 cents. The proposed ordinance will include the street car fare bill's specifications as to children's fares and transfers, according to Carroll's motion.

#### Premier Bonar Law Loses Use of Voice

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Bonar Law of Great Britain was reported to have almost entirely lost the use of his voice as a result of a severe cold. The prime minister's condition, however, is said to be "not alarming."

#### Finds Auto Speeders CRAZY

Three "Incompetent." This in Detroit. Judge on Warpath. Ten Examined.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—Three persons, two men and a woman, found guilty of speeding, have been declared mentally incompetent to drive automobiles, according to a report made to Judge Charles L. Bartlett today.

The report was made by Dr. A. L. Jacoby, city psychiatrist, who was called upon yesterday to examine 10 persons guilty of speeding, under a new plan of the court that all guilty speeders be given a mental test.

#### Lieut. Carr Favors Detroit Judge's Idea

BY BOB BERMANN  
Lieut. C. G. Carr, head of the traffic division of the police department and leader of the movement to stamp out automobile speeding in Seattle, is an enthusiastic advocate of the plan devised by Judge Charles L. Bartlett, of Detroit, to determine the sanity of speeding motorists.

"You bet your life I'm in favor of it," Carr said Thursday. "It's going pretty far—I'll admit that—but Judge Bartlett knows what he's doing. And I'd like to see the same plan adopted in Seattle."

"I don't think there's any question but what mental abnormality is responsible for many cases of speeding. All of us know of the speed 'bug'—the man who is apparently normal in every other respect, but who can't resist the temptation to 'step on'er' when he gets at the wheel of an automobile.

"Some people might say that this was just a harmless Moseynery—but they wouldn't if they stopped to consider the fact that the automobile is actually the most deadly weapon in the hands of man. We wouldn't think that a man who ran amuck with a gun or an axe would be 'wound up' yet far more people are killed every day with automobiles than with both guns and axes put together. And, in my opinion, the inveterate speeder is an even more dangerous maniac than the ordinary paranoiac.

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"Judge Bartlett," he asserted, "is the only man in the country who has been able to make a real showing against the speeders. His remarkable success is demonstrated by the fact that, although his policy is the most drastic that has been adopted in this matter, he was recently re-elected by an overwhelming vote."

#### MAY ASK NEW ARMS PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The naval appropriations bill, carrying a suggestion to President Harding to call a new disarmament conference, was favorably reported to the senate by the appropriations committee today.

The senate committee added \$1,787,840 to the amount appropriated under the house bill, which brings the total to \$295,625,573.

The chief additional expenditures authorized by the senate committee include \$550,000 for the manufacture of torpedoes and \$1,000,000 for the naval reserve force.

#### RADIO WEDDINGS DECLARED LEGAL

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Marriages can be sent broadcast by radio without interfering with their legality, but the married couple must be in the room with the minister, Attorney General Newton ruled.

#### Omigosh!

#### Mayor Brown Going to Run Again!

"I will be a candidate for the office of mayor of Seattle at the election in the spring of 1924," said Mayor Edwin J. Brown Thursday.

"During the last campaign I promised to keep politics out of my administration, but the hounding of myself and the administration by petty politicians and publicity seekers has caused me to change my mind.

"I will show these trouble makers that they cannot attack the name of our city with impunity. I'm for Seattle first, last and all the time, and these seekers after publicity and notoriety will find that they have harked up the wrong tree."

#### JUDGE UNDER KNIFE!

Chief Justice Now Is Recuperating From Operation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court is recuperating at his home here today from a serious operation performed several days ago.

Taft was removed to his home yesterday from Garfield hospital, physicians stated.

The operation was for gall stones. Secrecy surrounded Taft's illness.

#### GIRL MURDERED, WOMAN CHARGES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—Portland police today were probing a mystery which they say may either develop into a startling murder case or a story of slander.

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Stabbed in the stomach during what the police say was a drunken fight in the Indiana bar, a soft drink resort at 625 Weller st., Wednesday night, Frank Aho, 42, a logger, of 112 Broadway, was believed to be dying in the Nippon hospital Thursday, while the police were holding John Hendrickson, 44, as his assailant.

Upon hearing a scuffle in the barroom at 10:30 p. m., Sergt. W. H. Steen and Patrolmen C. R. Packard and C. E. Tedford rushed in and found Aho lying on the floor bleeding profusely from a deep gash in his abdomen.

Two witnesses, John Hill, 409 Fifth ave., and Walter Gittner, of the New York hotel, told the officers that Aho and Hendrickson had been drinking heavily and after a short argument got into a fight, in which Hendrickson drew a knife and stabbed Aho.

Charges of assault were expected to be filed against Hendrickson if his victim recovers, although Aho's condition is said to be critical.

#### TWO AIRMEN FOUND DEAD

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 21.—The bodies of Col. Francis Marshall and Lieut. Charles Webber, army aviators, were found today at Indian Springs, a hamlet on the Papago Indian reservation.

The bodies were burned and the airplane was a mass of charred wreckage.

#### EX-DEPUTY IS GRAFT SUSPECT

Accused of accepting protection money from a Japanese hotelkeeper, Grant Sonaywall, former deputy sheriff, was held at the city jail Thursday without bail, following his arrest Wednesday night.

Sonaywall was discharged by Sheriff Matt Starwich a few weeks ago. He is said to have entered the Yourhouse hotel Wednesday night and displayed a deputy sheriff badge, threatening to arrest A. Okai.

Sonaywall was given \$5, police say, and claim the five-dollar bill was found in his shoe when searched.

#### Flashes

#### CO-ED PREFERRED JAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Miss Martha Blattner, University of California student from Sojima, Cal., completed 24 hours in jail today for speeding. She was fined \$15 with the alternative of serving the jail sentence.

"If I pay the fine my allowance is such that I will not be able to finish my Christmas shopping," she told the court and elected to go to jail.

#### COLLEGE GETS MILLION

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—Williamette university's drive for an endowment fund of \$1,250,000 has ended successfully. It was announced here last night.

#### BEACH FERRY IN FOG

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Fog today hampered bay ferry traffic—for the second time this week. The Southern Pacific ferry steamer Garden City ran aground in the Oakland estuary at 7:30 a. m. Fifteen minutes later she was floated, without damage, by the tug Ajax.

#### MAN ROBS BENEFACTOR

Albert Beachman, 2223 1/2 Western ave., took pity upon a lonesome-looking wretch who stood shivering in a wintry gale on First ave. Wednesday night. The stranger picked Beachman's pocket of \$60.

#### THEFT ANGERS POLICE

Insnail was added to injury in the latest outrage of a thief who has been working near police headquarters recently.

Wednesday night a thief stripped a spare tire from an auto operated by the police dry squad, as it stood parked before the police station entrance, on Yester way.

#### FIND MONEY IN FIRE

Frank Kane, 604 E. Denny way, smoked in bed Wednesday. He awoke, dressed and left for work. A few minutes after his departure, a glowing cigarette butt set fire to his mattress.

Firemen arrived in short order, and in putting out the blaze, shook Kane's mattress. Out rolled a wad of green-backed currency. Phillip Crawford, schoolboy, saw the roll and handed it to the firemen, who in turn gave it to Fire Marshal Mantor.

Kane has not yet been located. The wad of money contained close to \$250, Mantor said.

#### STREET CARS CRASH

Dozens of passengers were slightly injured, one, a boy, being severely cut, when a Phinney ave. street car crashed into a Meridian car, on Westlake ave., near Denny way, Thursday.

Virgil A. Tidwell, 15, of 307 W. 56th st., a student at Broadway high school, was thrown, head-first, thru a glass door of the Phinney ave. car by the impact, receiving cuts about the head, eyes and wrists. He was taken to the city hospital for treatment.

Several other passengers on both cars also were hurt. The crash occurred when the Meridian car stopped suddenly, the Phinney car striking it from behind before it could be halted.

#### VICE PROBE MAY DRAG ON WEEKS

Not Expected to End Until Next Month

That the present grand jury investigation into vice conditions in Seattle, which is now in its 13th day, will not be completed until Jan. 6 or 7, was the general opinion expressed at the county-city building Thursday. Many witnesses are yet to be called, and as the jury only disposes of about three witnesses each day it is estimated that the first week of the new year will see the investigation still under way.

Mayor Edwin J. Brown went before the grand jury Thursday to ask for a copy of a list he had presented as evidence when he testified before (Turn to Page 7, Column 1)

#### Many People Are Watching

the miscellaneous Want Ad Columns, to find bargains of many descriptions.

Perhaps YOU can sell that odd piece of furniture, that old mirror, that rug, or what not, by calling MAIN 0600.

STAR WANT ADS are bringing active returns, at a small cost.