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Inexcusably Bad Sportsmanship

A disgraceful scene was witnessed by Seattle hockey fans at the Arena Wednesday night.

One of the players made a deliberate and wanton attack on one of the goal umpires and kept on fighting until he was pulled off by policemen, who were forced to invade the ice.

It was probably the most unsportsmanlike action in the history of local hockey—and it came as a climax to an evening of rough playing, the game being featured by inexcusable fouling from start to finish.

Hockey has been well supported by Seattle fans in the past—but interest will soon die out if the management continues to permit such tactics as the men displayed last evening.

Hockey fans expect clean playing—not free-for-all fights.

Senator "Jim" Watson, Harding leader in the senate, says his group will "graciously" to proposals that the ship subsidy bill be side-tracked for farm legislation. The fact that the farm bloc has side-tracking votes aplenty may have had something to do with the graceful yielding.

Oil men are telling congress that the price of gasoline depends upon the supply. We get the idea now—the more gasoline there is, the more we pay.

What we need is a coal wave.

Fear an Actual Killer

The execution of Breeckow, pianist and German spy, as described in "Queer People," new book by Sir Basil Thomson, former head detective of Scotland Yard:

"On the morning of his execution he was almost in a state of collapse. He was shivering with agitation, and just before the shots were fired there was a sudden spasm. It was believed afterward that he had actually died of heart failure before the bullets reached him."

Beware of fear, always a deadly poison, often a sure killer.

MATTER OF SOUND

I think the title "Undersecretary" is very much less dignified than "Assistant Secretary." The good old American "Assistant Secretary," which has been in vogue over a hundred years in our government, is a better title and a more honorable title than the title of "Undersecretary."—Senator McKellar (D.), Tenn.

The lighter electric irons do not damage the wall or knock a husband out like the heavy ones.

After calling a man a liar you occasionally find you missed your calling.

The boy will be disappointed if there is no sawdust in sister's doll.

When the Red Cross roll is called up yonder will you be there?

Is Your Hair Worth \$8,700?

Ladies, what value would you place on your hair? Annie Davies, working in an English sugar mill, is scalped when her hair catches in a machine. Now she has to wear a metal sheet on top of her skull, for life, and it's doubtful if she can ever wear a wig.

A jury awards her \$8,700. Would you sell your hair for less, despite its eternally bothering you with its business care?

AN UNWELCOME NEIGHBOR

We have had yellow fever within two days of us practically all summer long in Tampico, Mexico, and Port Lobo, Mexico.—Dr. Long, United States Public Health Service before appropriations committee.

Christmas is not over until the janitor quits being polite.

If you hear a noise it may be the loud Christmas ties.

Why Be Jealous of the Cat?

You have groped your way along the dark aisle of a Pullman sleeper, seeking your berth number. The Santa Fe railroad now makes the numbers on the green curtains of its California Limited shine forth brightly, by using radium paint.

Why be jealous of the cat, which sees in the dark? We artificially duplicate its power, by science. For genuine magic, consider radium paint, pocket flashlights and other forms of artificial illumination.

Chatterbox's farewell message to America was a kiss for a beautiful woman, and a reminder to her to write him a love letter. The "Tiger" may be old in looks, but he's a youngster in spirit.

Presidential work is ruining Harding's golf, which is an alibi very few golfers can give.

Some Christmas you will see smoking jackets listed as gifts for girls.

Printing Useless Symbols

French and English publishers could save \$40,000,000 a year by eliminating, in spelling, the alphabetic letters that are silent in pronunciation, it is estimated by printing experts abroad.

It would save America two or three times as much. At least an eighth of our printed letters and symbols are unnecessary. Costly and without effect is our practice of not adopting simplified spelling. For instance, using "through" instead of "thru."

LEGISLATIVE SUICIDE

The way to kill a law is to reduce the appropriation to so small a sum the object of the law cannot be carried out.—Representative Cable (R.), Ohio.

Dr. Howe, director general of the Pan-American Union, says that the whole world trusts the United States. We thought it was the other way around.

If the Nevada boy who shot three people ever grows up he can join our army as a platoon.

One may chop from sun to sun; but Christmas shopping's never done.

Better Day for Mothers

Seven mothers die in childbirth, for each 1,000 live babies that are born in America. This is the average for the last seven years, as shown by the census.

It is a terrible toll and should make all of us realize keenly and indelibly the vast debt we owe to our mothers, each of whom went down into the valley of the shadow to usher us into the world.

Better news is this: The mothers' death rate in childbirth is slowly declining. For which, thank medical science.

The age-old struggle between Ireland and England has ended, again.

If hell is paved with good intentions it will be repaved New Year's.

Chicago has a deaf and dumb barber college. Long may they shave.

Don't forget and give an Englishman Irish linen handkerchiefs.

Buy two toy trains—one for the kids and one for father.

Shop late and enjoy the rush.

LETTER FROM AVRIDGE MANN

Dear Folks:
December 21st is here—the shortest day of all the year. The day is short for everyone, besides the shortness of the sun—we're short of many things, I know, but worst of all we're short of dough.

We've all been flying rather high with Christmas things we had to buy, for everybody's been a sport until his ready cash is short, and we've begun to like to hear that "Christmas comes but once a year."

But now we've had the pleasant thought that all our Christmas gifts are bought—a thought that makes us, like as not, remember things that we've forgot, and once again we join the crush to do a grand and final rush.

But still the sun goes on its way, and gives the world its shortest day; it gives its least of warmth and light, it gives its longest stretch of night—but thru the years we've grown to learn that now's the time it starts to turn.

So now it turns and starts to blaze its path of longer, lighter days—the longer days that come to show the birth of Spring from Winter's snow, and in our coldness we may see the summertime that is to be.

And there are days we all must bear of shortest joy and greatest care; but we may know that life is kind, and in our darkness we may find the promised turning-point that brings our path of life to better things.

Avridge Mann

LETTERS to the EDITOR

How to Stop Bootlegging

Editor The Star: Then let everybody stop drinking and the traffic will cease within 60 days.
Each morning let everybody say: "Day by day, in every way, it is getting dryer and dryer."
A. JOSEPH ALLEN, 807 Leary Bldg.

England and Versailles Treaty

Editor The Star: I inquire for information, as Japanese boy would say, is it not a fact that England signed the treaty of Versailles, which specifically empowers and authorizes France to enforce the treaty by occupying German territory? G. W. DEBOG, Veazie, Wash.

Says Keep the Death Penalty

Editor The Star: I read with pleasure the letter signed by Mrs. Frank J. Ettinger, and heartily agree with every word she has written.
By all means keep the death penalty in full force.
Yes, I think Seattle is certainly fortunate in having such a sheriff as Mr. Starwich, a man honest, true and absolutely brave. And he has some faithful officers, too. If we had more such men our city and county would not be such a rotten proposition. No, I have no soba for the criminal, neither men nor women.
MELISSA.

Sidewalk Blocked by Dirt Slides

Editor The Star: The soil has finally accumulated to such an extent that the walk is almost wholly blocked.
There is a real estate agent's sign on the property. Does that make the owner immune from repairs?
G. A. RUSSELL.

Hauling Logs Over the Pavement

Editor The Star: Sunday I witnessed a strange sight. There was a truck loaded with large logs with two immense timber logs chained behind rolling merrily along on the pavement.
COUNSEL.

How Was Mayor Brown Hampered?

Editor The Star: The letter written by C. O. P. in your Saturday's paper causes me to ask the gentleman just what the mayor has done for the citizens since he took office; also in what way he has been hampered by the council.
As I recollect it, the cry at the time of his election was "Turn the thieves out."
Did he turn them out? If any were turned out they were replaced by worse material.
Would any sensible man call it hampering to prevent him from putting some of his ex-employees on the city payroll?
CITIZEN.

Why Both City and County Jails?

Editor The Star: It is, what is our board of health doing?
Seems to me this was all thrashed out in the papers a year ago.
Can it be possible that there is still a lack of comfort station facilities in that institution?
Sheriff Starwich very promptly cleared his skirts of the DuBarry claim.
A. R. RAPER.

Industrial Insurance Costs

Editor The Star: In Friday's Star "H. G. R." stated that the taxpayers have been gouged out of \$2,000,000 from the general state fund to operate the industrial insurance department. How come? Where does he get those figures?
Anyway, doesn't he know this law is for the poor working man in this state? Any working man who is hurt is immediately paid by the state. Isn't it better for the merchant and taxpayer to have this injured man paid out of the general fund than to have him hire a lot of lawyers? Before this law went into effect the lawyers got it all.
Doesn't "H. G. R." know that \$204,000 per year is cheap compared to the benefits received by the poor, injured working man?
I don't know, but it may be true.
J. W. BURTON, 4529 11th Ave. S.

Murders of Every Sort Wrong

Editor The Star: Mrs. Frank Ettinger pleads for capital punishment, saying it "prevents crime" and that those opposed to it are "maudlin," "cooperheads," with "tenderness for the criminal and indifference for the upright."
We must admit that the world does progress, tho it be ever so slowly. In looking backward she will find (1) that there are now fewer crimes punished by death; (2) of these crimes, mitigating circumstances are recognized; (3) executions, once public, as a gala day, are now private, with a legally limited number of spectators only; (4) an ever-increasing number of states have abolished it; (5) in the few states that have re-established it, a later, more enlightened populace has abolished it again. For the state to make life cheap cheapens it in everyone's thoughts. Knowledge of the death penalty involved never stayed an assassin's hand.
She says that "the upright and thrifty are not to blame for the sin and poverty of the lawless." In the economic situation of today the word "thrifty" may conjure ideas of tainted money, industrial oppression, prostitution, graft, petty meanness, for you certainly can't "save" what you haven't got. Poverty is a crime, but the poor are not always responsible for their poverty nor are the prosperous always to be praised.
This ingrowing goodness gives me a pain! To be truly "upright" presupposes an intelligent, responsible, helpful attitude toward those less carefully reared than ourselves, who do not sin precisely as we do. To send these persons to God or the inadequacy somewhere of the so-called "good." If, as she says, the "criminal class is made up of the abnormal and subnormal," how did they get that way? And, being so, what better conduct could she logically expect from them? There is a reason for all things and if society is so stupid as to go on producing misfits and morons I suppose it will still be stupid enough and criminal enough to shoot and hang the most troublesome of its

ORPHANS OF THE STORM



Many Birds' Lives Saved

Editor The Star: I have noticed the space given and the plea made for the snowbound, hungry birds which, without your aid, would probably have died by the hundreds.
I appreciate it very much and I am sure the birds do, too. This is their thanks as well as my own.
Sincerely, L. M. CLARKE.



THE SKY LINE OF SPRUCE

by Edison Marshall
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(Continued From Yesterday)

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Everything was as it should be, as he and Ezzram made the camp. He himself cut the boughs for their beds, laid them with his remembered skill, spread the blankets, and kept the fire blazing while Ezzram cooked; afterwards he knew the indescribable peace of a pipe smoke beside the glowing coals. He saw the moon come up at last, translating the spruce forest into a fairy land.
Of course he had remembered the moon. How many times had he watched for its argent gleam on the sky line, the vivid, detailed silhouette of the spruce against it; and then its slow-spreading glory thru the still, dark forests! The spruces of the trees grew enlivened, as always; immense nebulous patches lay between

SCIENCE

Sun Spots. Still a Mystery. Affect Our Weather? 11-Year Cycle.

We hear much of sun spots and their effect on earthly conditions. But it is mostly guesswork.

Professor Sir Norman Lockyer, studied sun spots, and from his work the sun spots was devised that there exists a relation between the number of sun spots and the rainfall on the earth. Another theory has made these spots also responsible for earthquakes.

Predictions made on those theories have not been more successful than any guess would have been.

It is known, however, that these spots wax and wane with an 11-year tide. Also that the magnetic pole makes its circle near the true North pole in a similar length of time. Rainfall on the Pacific coast also follows an 11-year period.

What, if any, relation there is between all this and sun spots is not actually known.

the trunks, shadows stole mysteriously, phantoms met, lingered, and vanished.

This was his own North! The stir and vigor in the very air told him that. This was the land he had dreamed of, under the moon; the primeval forests that had tried him, tested him, stalked their cruel might against him, but yet had blessed him with their infinite beneficence and hospitality. It was ever so, yet its dusky beauty stirred him more than any richness he had seen in bright cities. He knew its every mood: ecstasy in spring; gentleness in summer; brooding melancholy in the gray days of fall; remorseless, savage, but unspookably beautiful in the winter. He felt his old pity for the spring flowers, blossoming so hopefully in this gentle season. How soon they would be covered with many feet of snow!

"It's all come clear again," he told Ezzram. And the two men talked over, quietly and happily, old days at Thunder lake. He remembered now that Ezzram had always been the most intimate friend of his own family; a spry old godfather to himself and young sister, a boon com-

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