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## MAYOR TAKES STAND ON LOCAL THEATERS

"If it should be found that the theaters of Tacoma are not complying with the law in the matter of fire escapes and appliances for the control or prevention of fire, or if there are not the proper number of exits, such alterations as are necessary will have to be made at once or the theaters will be closed until the law is complied with."

The above statement is Mayor Campbell's position in regard to the theaters of Tacoma. Acting under instructions from the mayor, Fire Chief Jesse C. Poyntz and Building Inspector O. L. Tuel have made a thorough inspection of all local theaters today.

## GETS AFTER ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—In the senate today Penrose presented a large batch of petitions from Pennsylvania for the expulsion of Senator Smoot of Utah. When the Morgan resolution that the president had exceeded his power in declaring war against Colombia was taken up Morgan took the floor for a speech. Morgan declared that the entire course of the president toward Colombia had been "acrimonious, showing bitter hatred and a spirit of revenge, and that he had boldly defied the provisions of the Spooner law so that he might get at these people."

## DYING LIKE RATS ON CHING WO

Two more of the Chinese passengers died last night on board the steamship Ching Wo, now loading at the Puget Sound wharf for the Orient. This makes three deaths among the huddled up Chinamen on the boat since the ship has been in port. The majority of the 350 passengers are old men and they are unable to withstand the chill of the winter weather here and, confined as they are down below the decks, they sicken and die very easily. It is probable that not a few more will drop off before China is reached. The Ching Wo on leaving here will go across by the southern route in order to take advantage of warmer weather. She will get away in a few days.

the provisions of the ordinance. In nearly every case, however, it will be possible, by making alterations, to put the buildings in the condition required by law. The report on the inspection will be in the hands of the mayor probably tomorrow.

## HIS FREEDOM WELL EARNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Jean Hapique, who has been ten years in the county jail awaiting a new trial, was released this morning. Hapique was convicted of

forgery and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He petitioned the supreme court for a new trial. After ten years the trial was set for today. On his appearance Judge Cook said the man was entitled to his liberty and he was released.

## IROQUOIS INQUEST

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The coroner today began the examination of witnesses of the Iroquois theater fire. The official list of dead reported to him makes the number 565: The first list was 591, but this caused by the identification of bodies under more than one name. The coroner today was assisted by a large army of legal talent, including the state's attorney and the city and county attorney, as well as by a score of lawyers retained by relatives of the victims.

The testimony brought out uniformly agrees that the exits were locked and that the ushers resisted the attempts of spectators to open them or did nothing to restore order among the panic-stricken people; also that the ventilators above the stage were not opened.

The arrest of Maher and Nagle, the two workmen who nailed down the ventilators on the roof when the building was being constructed, is considered by the coroner to be important, as their evidence will probably tend to show that the examination made by the building inspector when the theater was opened was not thorough.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Christian Klensk, 81 years of age, today applied for a license to marry Mary Pitjen, 30 years old.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—The government today, through the state department, replied to General Reyes' demands in behalf of Colombia. It was to the effect that the United States absolutely declined to reopen the question of Panama's independence. The full text of the reply will probably be made public next week.

## JAPS SILENT

TOKIO, Jan. 7.—The government today is silent. It is considering Russia's reply.

## MERGER CASE IN SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—The case of the State of Minnesota against the Northern Securities company for alleged violation of the state laws, and asking for an injunction, was opened in the supreme court today.

In this case the government has no direct interest. It was the original intention to hear this case prior to hearing the United States case, which was recently argued, but on the request of State Attorney General Douglas, Attorney Munn of St. Paul and Attorney Wilson of Minneapolis.

The Securities company was represented by Attorneys Bunn, Clough, Jackson, Young and Glover. Minnesota demands an injunction to prevent the Securities company from voting at any meeting of the management of the Great Northern or Northern Pacific roads, participating in the management of the two roads, or permitting any of its officers to exercise control over the same, and to prevent them from holding stock in either company.

One of the state's strongest arguments is that the company still owns three million acres of public lands traversed by the

two railways, and that under the merger the roads would cease building spurs into these lands thus preventing an increase in valuation and a loss of taxes.

## DIETRICH ON TRIAL

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 7.—At noon today a jury was secured to try United States Senator Dietrich on a charge of accepting a \$1,300 bribe from Postmaster Fisher of Hastings, Neb.

District Attorney Summers made the opening argument to the jury. He declared that he would show that Dietrich gave Fisher a place because the latter agreed to pay him \$200 per year for four years, so that Dietrich would get a rental to which he believed himself entitled from his building, and also to get a remuneration for purchasing the postoffice fixtures for \$500.

perity had been passed. When pinned down he declined to state how much of his stock had been sold.

## MARINE GLIMPSES

The steamer Whatoom will be over from Quartermaster harbor this afternoon and the repairs upon her will be completed here.

The steamship Onan shifted to the Puget Sound Grain company's dock today.

Lorenz Brothers' new steamer Tyrus was brought out of the river this morning and docked at the City wharf. It will be April or May before the craft is ready for business.

The collier Edith, from San Francisco, arrived in last night and will begin loading at the electric bunkers today.

The revenue cutter Grant coaled at the gravity bunkers this morning.

The Alaska Steamship company's steamer Farallon took on freight this morning for Northern ports. The Farallon has been laid up undergoing repairs for several weeks.

The schooner Transit arrived in last night from San Francisco and will load lumber at the St. Paul mill.

The British bark Ancenis is due in today from San Francisco and will take a cargo of lumber from the St. Paul mill to Adelaide, Australia.

## BABY RUTH IS DEAD

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 7.—Ruth Cleveland, the eldest daughter of ex-President Grover Cleveland, died here this morning of diphtheria, at the age of 13 years. She was born in New York during one of the terms of President Cleveland. She had been known from her birth all over the country as "Baby Ruth." During a campaign of Grover Cleveland her name was a campaign cry for her father's political party.

Ruth was ill but a few days. The illness began with tonsillitis, but developed into diphtheria yesterday. Her death this morning was very sudden.

Miss Fine's school, where the Cleveland girls were pupils, will be closed for a week out of respect for Ruth's death. Dr. Wickoff, who attended Ruth, says none of the other children are endangered. The immediate cause of death was heart failure brought on by diphtheria.

## MRS. TRUCKWELL DEAD

Mrs. W. J. S. Truckwell, aged 67 years, died in Seattle January 6, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Walsh. Mrs. Truckwell had been an invalid for years. About two years ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis, since which time she has resided with her daughter in Seattle.

Deceased was the widow of W. J. S. Truckwell of Tacoma, who died in 1892. The family came to Tacoma 30 years ago and were known in the northern part of the city.

Besides a married daughter, Mrs. Truckwell is survived by four sons, B. F., Thomas, Joseph and John W. W., all of this city. Joseph is very ill at one of the city hospitals and is not expected to live. He has been an inmate of the hospital 14 months.

The body of Mrs. Truckwell will be brought here from Seattle tomorrow morning and will be held at Hoska's undertaking parlors on St. Helens avenue. Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning at St. Patrick's church in Old Town.

## TUNNEL ACCIDENT

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—Charles Klapp was killed this morning at the south portal of the Great Northern tunnel. He was employed in the cement works and fell into the pit, from which cement was being carried by an endless chain conveyor. No one saw him fall, although several workmen heard the dull thud when he struck the bottom.

## LATE TELEGRAPH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Minister Powell cables to the state department from San Domingo that a provision government has been established. There is a blockade of all ports save San Domingo City. Ships sailing from the West Indies are given 20 days in which to clear, while those from the United States and European ports may take 45 days.



MAYBE UNCLE MARK IMAGINES THEY CAN'T SEE HIM AT ALL.

## THREE KILLED IN COLLISION

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—John Sullick, a yardmaster; James O'Brien, a switchman, and William Ferguson, a foreman of the road, were killed in a rear-end collision on the Kings county elevated road this morning. Twenty passengers were injured during the panic that followed.

After the collision the wreckage caught fire and burned. It was only by the greatest presence of mind that there were not a large number of deaths from electrocution.

## INCREASED FREIGHT RATES MAKE MORE RAILROADS NOW NECESSARY

Notice of a further increase in Northern Pacific freight rates, to take effect some time this month, is making shippers more anxious than ever to have another railroad in Tacoma. Especially is this true of the wholesale dealers.

The excessive freight rates which they are obliged to pay are becoming burdensome, and the only agency through which they can find relief is the advent of another railroad. William L. Davis, of Davis, Horton & Co., wholesale furniture dealers, in speaking of railroad matters today, said: "While the city has reasonably good railway service and shipping facilities now, we would have infinitely better service if there was another road here, and we must have it, too. Another railroad would bring more wholesale houses, factories and business of all kinds here. Another benefit to be derived would be a reduction of freight rates. Most of our goods come from the East. We ship in a great many carloads every year. The freight bills we have to pay are enormous."

William Birmingham, of the William Birmingham company, wholesale grocers, thinks Tacoma should have more railroads so as to reach new territory from which business might be drawn. "There are certain places in Eastern Washington and Oregon that we cannot reach," he said in an interview today. "Not long ago we bought a shipment of goods east of the mountains and then found that we could get them here. The goods had to be disposed of elsewhere. The Union Pacific would tap that country

and give us lots of new business. "There is no other town on the Sound that could be helped more by another railroad or where is greater need of one than in Tacoma."

G. Lindberg, of Lindberg Bros., wholesale grocers, says: "We need another railroad sure enough, but the way to get it is what puzzles me. I don't see why the Union Pacific doesn't come here anyway. The road would soon have business enough to make the venture a paying one. Shippers could get a better deal on freight rates then, too, and that is what we want."

## BAD SERVICE, BAD EXCUSE

The loudly expressed dissatisfaction of the patrons of the cable line against the management of the street railway company for putting on open cars recently has finally found recognition from the company. Today Manager Franklin comes out with an explanation to the people. He admits that the company had no extra cable on hand for emergencies, and that therefore he was obliged, when the operating cable broke down recently, to take off the heavy closed cars and put on the light open

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SUSPENDED

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—Directly resulting from the holiday tour of the zlee and mandolin clubs of the University of Washington eleven students of the University of Washington have been suspended from college. President Kane refused last evening to divulge the name of the students who have been punished.

The punishments in the cases of different individuals vary. The leaders in the misconduct of which the faculty has declared the students guilty are suspended for the rest of the college year. Those who are less deeply involved, or who simply carelessly allowed themselves to be led on or drawn into the wrongdoing, are suspended for the remainder of the present semester. All are permanently prohibited from taking part in either of the musical clubs.

George Sohn, Frank L. Wilt, W. C. Kennedy and G. W. Millett, members of the musical clubs, were arrested during the tour, at Spokane, for the theft of billiard balls from a saloon in Ellensburg. It is believed that those four are among those suspended. The following statement has been made by President Kane of the university:

"Since the return of the University Glee and Mandolin clubs from their tour of Eastern Washington and Idaho the faculty has been investigating the charges of misconduct brought against the clubs by persons in Ellensburg.

"The boys were allowed to tell their own story, and their statements correspond with information already in the possession of the faculty. The evidence showed that the minority had been guilty of misdemeanors which reflected seriously on the university and on themselves."

## COLD WATER ON THE FRE TRUST

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 7.—Vice-Chancellor Emery today appointed J. R. Clark and C. Kimball receivers for the International Fire Engine company of New Jersey, a corporation with \$9,000,000 capital. The company is known as the fire engine trust and was organized five years ago.

## FLINT GETS IT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—The president today sent to the senate the

## HEATH TALKS

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 7.—Perry S. Heath appeared at the Tribune office at midnight and stated that he had just returned from Denver and denied that he had evaded the service of a subpoena.

United States Marshal Heyward, a close friend of Heath, stated that he had received a subpoena for Heath a week ago to appear at Brooklyn as a witness in the case of the United States vs. Driggs, a former congressman. Heyward said that he made a diligent search and yesterday afternoon, six hours before the arrival of Heath, returned the subpoena to Brooklyn endorsed "no service."

## WILL GO TO ROME

ROME, Jan. 7.—The pope intends to summon Archbishop Ireland to Rome to discuss the growth of the Aglipayan schism in the Catholic church in the Philippines.

## IRRIGATION CONVENTION

The Tacoma Chamber of Commerce will send two delegates to Seattle, where a general convention of representatives of commercial bodies is to be held on Saturday, February 13, to look into the matter of irrigation in this state. Although Tacoma has not received a formal announcement of the conference of representatives, it is expected tomorrow.

Charles Bedford of this city was one of the Tacoma representatives to a convention when Spokane was urging the movement.

## NO TACOMA RAISE

The Seattle Electric company has posted a new wage schedule in its barns, the outgrowth of an agreement made by President Furth several months ago. Several conductors and motormen will receive an increase in pay as a result. The increase is made in the shape of a reduction in the length of time which men have been required to serve for the same daily pay as before.

## SCHWAB ON THE STAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Charles M. Schwab was on the stand today in the shipbuilding case. The attorneys were particularly severe in the examination regarding the Bethlehem Steel company's share in the shipyard trust.