

GREAT NORTHERN ROAD IS ROBBED OF ENORMOUS SUM GIGANTIC THEFT THROUGH SALE OF PASSES IS EXPOSED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31.—Chief Clerk S. F. Woodbury, of the maintenance-of-way department of the Great Northern, has been on the carpet before one of the highest officials during the past twenty-four hours and is alleged to have made confessions implicating principals in one of the largest railroad frauds in the Northwest.

The arrest Wednesday of Paul Carbon, a wealthy contractor, for disposing of \$140 worth of employees' tickets to persons not employed by the Great Northern, has precipitated the exposure of a series of trip pass frauds of fifteen years' duration, involving, it is said, about 15,000,000 miles of transportation and amounting to about \$200,000.

One official estimated the road's loss at \$125,000 to \$150,000 a year.

Others Sought Farther West. Chief Special Agent Al Ray of the Great Northern, lately a chief of the secret service, and brought West last spring for the express purpose of running down the rumors of fraud, arrested A. Tosca, a Greek labor agent, at Grand Forks, N. D., tonight, and is speeding westward. It is said, the St. Paul headquarters.

XMAS WEDDING ENDS IN DIVORCE COURT

WOMAN ALLEGES HUSBAND DESERTED HER AND MARRIED ANOTHER—DIVORCE MILL GRINDS FREELY.

Wedded in Tacoma on Christmas day, five years ago, Mrs. R. T. Sullivant, formerly Miss Lella M. Shaw of this city, is suing her husband in the superior court for a divorce on the grounds of abandonment.

After their marriage, the couple went to Reno, Nev., where they lived happily until Mrs. Sullivant returned to Tacoma in August, 1907, because of the serious illness of her father. She wrote letters to her husband in Nevada, but received no reply. A number of other letters also brought back no answer, and she never saw her husband again.

Recently, Mrs. Sullivant says, she heard that he had re-married.

Mrs. Inez Acheson was given a divorce by Judge Clifford from Addison T. Acheson. The grounds were abandonment and non-support. The woman told that for two years her husband contributed less than \$50 for the support of her and four children. They were married in Victoria, B. C., May 29, 1901. The decree gives Mrs. Acheson the custody of the two daughters, Jeanette and Emma, but the father is to have the two boys, Earl and George.

After having been married for 30 years, Louisa Beach was freed from Henry D. Beach by Judge Chapman upon the showing that the husband had left her 11 years ago, going to Alaska and never communicating with his wife afterward. There are four children as issue of the marriage.

Divorce proceedings were begun today by Josephine Crawford against John Crawford, whom she charges with abandonment. They were married in Juneau, Alaska, in 1902, and in 1907, the wife alleges, Crawford sent her and their daughter to her relatives in Pierce county, and then severed all connections with them. The wife wrote to him repeatedly, she says, but never received any answers.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH DURING MOTHER'S ABSENCE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Two infant children of Mrs. Frederick Keller were burned to death yesterday in a fire that started in their nursery from some unknown cause. Mrs. Keller went to the stable to help her husband with the morning milking. Agonized screams coming from the house attracted her attention. Rushing to the nursery, she found her little ones writhing in agony on the floor.

WOMAN SHOTS HUSBAND; THEN REPENTS AND GOES TO FUNERAL

EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT SHE SHOT HIM IN COLD BLOOD FOLLOWING QUARREL.

SPOKANE, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Laura E. Loftus, who killed her husband at Troy, Idaho, Monday night, with a shotgun, while he was said to have been intoxicated, expressed regret at the incident Wednesday and begged and finally persuaded Deputy Sheriff C. C. Brown, of Latah county, at Moscow, to take her to the funeral at Troy.

William Loftus, her second husband, was 64 years old and his wife, 40. The only child was Mrs. Loftus' son from her first marriage, 13 years old. He was an eye witness to the killing of his stepfather.

William Loftus had been at Troy with a load of wood. While he was caring for his team a quarrel was started between the husband and wife.

Even though the moon was shining Loftus did not know that his wife was shooting at him. The first shot missed him, and he made no effort to get under cover. When Mrs. Loftus fired the second and fatal time, she was within forty feet of her husband, as shown by the evidence before the coroner's jury.

TURNIP AND WATER DIET CAUSES AGED MAN TO TAKE LIFE

EVERETT, Dec. 31.—Too proud to go to the poor house, Ludwig Moeckley, an aged man, was on the eve of applying to the city charity commission for financial aid, when, suddenly altering his mind, he crawled under a stairway behind the the Palm hotel and swallowed a fatal dose of poison. The unequal battle between age and poverty proved too much for him, and his last diet was turnips and water.

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HOT RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY LEAGUE

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Webster company cause to be built over the most feasible route to that part of the city known as "Bismarck," a car line with all reasonable dispatch and to supply an adequate service thereon.

4. We believe that W. S. Dimmock, local manager of said company, is deliberately opposing and obstructing the growth and progress of the city of Tacoma, and we demand his removal from the management of said company.

5. We approve of and endorse the action of the Fern Hill people and pledge to them our support in their efforts to prevent said company from unlawfully collecting a 10-cent fare within the limits of the city of Tacoma.

6. We believe that the refusal and failure of said company to issue transfers to and from its Traction company line is unlawful and that it is the duty of the city council to see to it that the law is enforced and said company compelled to issue such transfers to and from said Traction line.

7. We direct the chairman and secretary of this convention to furnish to each of the Tacoma daily papers copies of the foregoing declaration and resolutions and request that the same be published in full. We also direct that copies be furnished to the Stone & Webster company of Boston and Jacob Furth of Seattle.

8. We declare it to be our purpose and determination to use all lawful ways and means to secure the relief demanded in the foregoing resolutions and we pledge ourselves to persist therein until our efforts are crowned with success.

9. The undersigned improvement clubs, by their duly authorized delegates and representatives, hereby authorize the secretary of this convention to subscribe the names of said clubs hereto.

Following is the communication regarding the franchise matter which it is planned to send to Stone & Webster, with the signatures of Tacomans attached: Stone-Webster Co., Boston, Mass. Gentlemen—The city of Tacoma has adopted the commission form of government and every corporation wishing franchises must look to the people for such favors, and we wish to suggest to the owners of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company that the continuation of Mr. W. S. Dimmock as the local manager of said street railway and the continuation of the present policies of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company will prevent any further favors being granted to said system.

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RATHER THAN FACE PRISON TERM, GIRL RETURNS HOME

AFTER BEING ARRESTED AT INSTANCE OF HER FATHER SHE TELLS COURT SHE WILL MEND WAYS.

After a stormy scene before Police Judge Arntson yesterday afternoon, Lorena Enright, arrested on complaint of her father, J. J. Enright, in an effort to change her ways, broke down and agreed to go home to her parents.

Miss Enright declared that she would not go to a convent as her father wished, but would prefer to face prosecution on the charges against her.

Judge Arntson pointed out the best course for the girl and she finally agreed to accompany her father home.

The Enrights are respectable and well-to-do and feel keenly the predicament of the daughter.

BURGLARS STEAL CIGARS AND CANDY

No trace has been secured of the burglars who entered the store of J. M. Bendrick, 1457 East Twenty-sixth street, Wednesday night. They gained entrance with a pass key and stole cigars and candy valued at \$10.

MORSE GETS STAY OF EXECUTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—United States Judge Lecombe yesterday granted a stay of execution of sentence in the case of Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, until next Monday, when Morse's attorney, Martin Littleton, will argue a writ of error.

BOY ARRAIGNED FOR CRUELTY TO HORSE

Fred C. Miller, 16, appeared before Police Judge Arntson today to answer a charge of cruelty to animals. Miller, it is said, rode a horse until it was exhausted and then abandoned it.

ORDERS PLANS FOR FIREBOAT

Commissioner McGregor yesterday formally entered into contract with Fred Ballin, and McCoy & Spear for the making of plans for a fireboat. The architects are to have 2-3 per cent of the verified estimate of the cost.

CITY OWNERSHIP OF STREET RAILWAYS WIN AT POLLS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—By a vote of 31,185 to 11,694 San Francisco yesterday decided to engage in the municipal ownership and operation of the Geary street car line, and an issue of \$2,000,000 was authorized in bonds to improve and extend the line.

MORTALITY NOTES

Mrs. Hattie Dawes, aged 27, who resided at 1002 South J street, died yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, four sisters, and two brothers.

Mrs. Maggie L. Brown, wife of George Brown, died at the family residence, 1126 South Fife street, yesterday morning, aged 40.

The funeral of Carl Meyer will be held from the German Lutheran church, South Sixteenth and L streets, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Huchthausen will officiate.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

Special New Year's services will be held in St. Leo's church Saturday morning, Father Kreutzer presiding, to give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon the city during the year now closing. Services will be held at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30. The choir will sing Durand's Mass.

ENDORSE PLAN TO ENTERTAIN TEDDY

The chamber of commerce is in line for the return of ex-President Roosevelt to this country via the Pacific. The local chamber today sent a telegram to the Kansas City Post endorsing the plan and promising a hearty reception to Colonel Roosevelt on his arrival here.

TODAY'S BUILDING PERMITS

- George Fisher, addition, \$160.
- S. E. Asia, store front, \$450.
- W. H. Opie & Co., repairs, \$55.
- Peterson Bros., repairs, \$40.
- S. Jerstad, cottage, \$800.
- Jensine Anderson, residence, J. J. Leyman, cottage, \$400.
- Peter Sandberg, hotel, \$29,000.
- George B. Kandle repairs, \$150.
- C. P. Green, cottage, \$1,000.
- Holme Miller cottage, \$975.
- Nels Henriksen, repairs, \$45.
- J. L. Archer, shed, \$40.
- T. E. Nerikirk, residence, \$150.
- G. A. Cornander, shed, \$35.
- Tacoma Ornamental Iron Works, barn, \$95.
- Henry Kaufman, shed, \$75.
- R. E. Anderson, retaining wall, \$10,000.
- Della M. Swartz, addition, \$40.
- Della M. Swartz, shed, \$100.

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"



UNDER ORDERS FROM SECRETARY KNOX, AMERICAN RED CROSS FUNDS ARE TO BE EXPENDED IN CARING FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED OF BOTH ARMIES IN NICARAGUA. BREAD INSTEAD OF BULLETS IS THE WATCHWORD.

BURGLARS ROB EDITOR'S HOME OF SIX HUNDRED

CLE ELUM, Dec. 31.—Burglars Wednesday night entered the home of Charles S. Fell, editor of the Echo, and stole cash and jewelry worth \$600. Bloodhounds failed to trail the robbers.

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