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TURN MAXIM GUNS ON LAWSON CAUSES MIX-UP STRIKING TRAINMEN OVER ANTI-TREATING

STREET CAR COMPANY TAKES DRASTIC STEP AFTER FIGHT

REVOLVER FIGHTS AND ATTACKS ON STRIKEBREAKERS
CAUSE OF MEASURE—FIFTY CARS WRECKED BY ANGRY
MEN.

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Following a revolver battle between strikebreakers and striking carmen of the Winnipeg street car system here last night, the railway management secured a Maxim rapid fire gun and ammunition from the government arsenal at Halifax and prepared today to defend its property against attack.

Fifty cars have been wrecked since the strike began, and fear was expressed that the company's terminal buildings would be burned. In an attack on thirty cars last night carrying armed strikebreakers many shots were exchanged with strikers and sympathizers.

The cars were all withdrawn at 8 o'clock last night, as outside the business section they were not safe from brick and stone throwers. The company so far has had fifty cars wrecked, and it is estimated so since the strike opened, and are in fear that one of their three large terminal barns will be burned.

CHRISTMAS REVEL ENDS IN DEATH OF 6 PERSONS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
KENTON, O., Dec. 24.—Six persons were killed by illuminating gas in an apartment at the Lintz hotel here today. Their bodies were discovered by a bell boy. The dead:

CHARLES LATHAM and MRS. LATHAM.
WILLIAM KENNEDY.
PEARL KENNEDY, son of William.
HARRY NEWCOMB, 23.
MISS BAILEY, aged 21.

The six persons had gathered for a pre-Christmas revel in a room of the hotel. The management of the hotel did not know of the gathering until it was reported that there was a odor of gas coming from the room. A small stove which had been connected with the illuminating gas had become disconnected, filling the room with gas. It is believed the revelers had been overcome with liquor before the accident to the stove happened.

READY FOR BIG AVIATION MEET

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Almost before sunrise today Dominguez aviation field was alive with scores of hurrying mechanics putting the finishing touches on the great aerial machines entered in the second Los Angeles aviation meet scheduled to begin this afternoon.

It is predicted that a record-breaking meet will be held, in view of the fact that prizes have been offered for each day's sport regardless of the big prizes for the record-breaking performances.

The committee has announced a prize of \$3,000 for a record altitude flight, and the same amount for speed and duration flights. An additional \$1,000 is being offered for the aviator who may exceed any new record established.

Runaway Boy Gets Bad Fright

PUYALLUP, Dec. 24.—Harry Bailey and Riley, high school boys, started to "bum" today to Tacoma on the N. P. Riley fell off. Bailey went on until the train stopped, and then told a story that Riley was undoubtedly ground to pieces. He went back and organized a searching party and they hunted all night.

In the morning, tired, full of despair and alarm, Bailey started home, stopping at Riley's home to tell his mother the awful news. He told it with sobs and terror. The mother was calm. When Bailey was through she quietly informed him that Ted had simply jumped off the car and came home and that he was sound asleep in bed.

JAP ORANGES SEIZED

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—A seizure of 5,249 boxes of Japanese oranges was made late yesterday by Thomas Cunningham, inspector of fruit pests, upon the ground that they were badly infested with four kinds of noxious scale. These oranges came in from the Orient on the steamer Kumori. It is said that other seizures will be made. During December over 20,000 boxes have been condemned.

Tax Commission Robs County Of Million Dollars Annually

That the state tax commission annually causes Pierce county to lose at least \$1,000,000 was the statement which was thrown in the faces of the legislative delegation yesterday by County Auditor Stewart at a meeting of the delegation to hear complaints of county officials.

The members of the delegation were too polite to take any action or pass any resolution as the result of what was told them, but it is certain that some of the members at least will go to the next assembly fully primed to work for radical changes in the powers of this commission which has proven altogether too friendly towards corporations of the state.

"Poisoned" Girl Faked Illness

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
CHICO, Cal., Dec. 24.—That Lavina Corey, daughter of Mrs. William Whiteline, found poisoned in a room of her cottage here, has feigned her own illness and evidently is not suffering from the same sickness which killed her mother, was an assertion made today by physicians who have treated the girl since she was taken to the hospital. This statement has added a new element of mystery to the case of the two women, who, when first found, were supposed to have entered a starvation pact.

Dock Figures Considered

The studied attempts of the special dock interests to discredit the municipal dock proposition by declaring that the foundation for the dock alone would cost \$40,000 and that there would be only \$50,000 for the whole structure, brought an estimate from the city engineers as to the foundation this morning. Mr. Raleigh presented figures showing the foundation if placed on 13 concrete cylinders will cost \$3,468. The commission discussed the dock problem somewhat and asked that estimates be prepared by the engineer to show whether with the money in hand it will be possible to build with concrete or whether wood will have to be used.

SMUGGLE OPIUM INTO CANADA

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—That there is \$10,000 worth of opium secreted on the Canadian Pacific Oriental liner Empress of India, waiting to be smuggled ashore, is the statement made by one of the men who was arrested recently and sentenced in the police court for bringing the drug down the gangplank. Some of those who have attempted to deliver the goods in the city have been caught, but he says that the Chinese, who are the principals in the traffic, have been able to beat the customs officials at different times.

CHILDREN! GET PACKAGES!

There are yet some **MISSING** packages undelivered in the Times office. It was found impossible to deliver all the bundles yesterday and today. Children who wrote Santa and have not as yet heard from him are requested to come to the Times office Monday forenoon.

Those who live outside the city will have their car fare given them if they come in.

It is urged that all come Monday if possible as it is desired to clear up the office which has been much handicapped since the Santa Claus season opened. The public has responded heartily, the Times employes have done their part and endeavored to deliver all packages. It will not be much trouble for most of the children to visit the office. They are requested to do so.

Do not come after 4 o'clock this afternoon. If you haven't come in yet, or cannot come before 4 today, wait until Monday.

EDITORIAL ROOMS LOOK LIKE A XMAS TOY SHOP

Visitors to the Times office will tell you that the editorial rooms of late look more like a toy shop or clothing house than a newspaper office. Great heaps of packages, piles of clothing and a general holiday shop air has been in vogue for some time past.

All day yesterday the automobile darts about town delivering Xmas bundles for the children. When darkness had come it was found that it would be impossible to deliver everything by Saturday night. For this reason children who have not received their presents have been asked to visit the Times office and get them.

It has not been the easiest thing in the world to handle all these little ones, but encouraged by a liberal response from the public, Times employes have worked late into the night sorting and wrapping toys and clothes.

It would require columns of type to tell of all the little interesting things which have arisen in connection with the distribution of gifts. Graft reporters and copyists tried telegraph operators have done their part in helping the children who crowded the office and made it hard to write and receive wire messages. Printers have brought in names of needy families and carried the packages themselves to save time in delivery. Everybody has helped out.

SUES HELLER FOR \$10,000.00

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24.—Because he gave her a back comb and a bracelet and is alleged to have promised to marry her, Rebecca Goff is today suing George Heller, a well known Butte business man, for \$10,000, charging breach of promise. The defendant alleges that Miss Goff is crazy and that she recently spent some time in the Warm Springs asylum.

ELKS ASSIST POOR OF CITY

The Elk club rooms were filled with charitable Elks last night who brought their tributes and laid them on the altar for the poor of the city. There was all sorts of clothing and enough of it to fit out a regiment with all the members of the families included.

Following the bringing in of the offerings there was a program and a general good time by the crowd.

The Elks have collected a lot of names of the city poor and the clothing and other Christmas presents will be taken out to them today.

RESIDENCE IS BURGLARIZED

The residence of C. J. Carr, on Twelfth street, was burglarized last night, the marauders securing two watches, several rings, a watch fob, a lodge emblem and several more valuable articles of jewelry.

The family was out when the house was entered.

PERSONAL AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MR. SANTA CLAUS



"I wanta—I wanta dolly—I wanta doll buggy—I wanta rockin' chair—I wanta set o' dishes—I wanta bottle o' perfume—I wanta wash tub—I wanta bed for dolly—I wanta—Oh, yes, I want mamma to get me a baby brother!"

BULLETINS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The coroner today began an investigation into the death of Stephen Pavltek, who was killed by an explosion of nitro-glycerine which had been placed between the plates of a huge iron safe. The explosion occurred in the shop of the Turabull Safe & Vault company late yesterday afternoon.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 24.—After binding a watchman at the Berkeley farm crematory at 2160 Alston Way, three masked men this morning rifled the safe and obtained \$30 in money and a diamond ring valued at \$700. The safe crackers escaped without leaving any clue.

JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 24.—Revolutionists today held up a passenger train two miles from here, seized provisions and ammunition aboard and then allowed the train to proceed. The holdup is believed to indicate that the rebels will attack Juarez. The train was bound toward this city. The revolutionists flagged the engine.

WEST UNION, O., Dec. 24.—The investigation into the election scandals today revealed a contract system of vote buying. The grand jury adjourned this afternoon until next Tuesday, after having returned indictments against 653 persons. It is reported that confessions have been obtained involving many of the so-called "higher ups" in the political life of the state.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Former Police Inspector Edward McCann, convicted of taking money for police protection of vice in the West Side, over which he presided, will spend his Christmas in the state prison at Joliet. McCann surrendered to the sheriff today and was taken to the county jail. Tonight he will be taken to Joliet and entered in the prison tomorrow.

Revoke License Of Street Car Company

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—By a vote of 17 to 1, the city council late yesterday voted to revoke the franchise of the Seattle, Renton & Southern railroad, the company that operates the suburban line into the Rainier valley, commonly known as the Crawford lines.

A great crowd of suburban people, all patrons of the road, attended the meeting, which had been specially called, and when the result was announced they broke into wild cheers and made an emphatic demonstration. The Crawford road had secured a stay of proceedings during the morning from Judge Hanford, and this was served on the city clerk prior to the council meeting. In spite of this order, however, the order revoking the franchise was passed.

The franchise was revoked because the company raised the fare from five cents to a sliding scale of from ten to fifteen cents. Pending the outcome of the stay of proceedings issued yesterday by Judge Hanford, the city will make no attempt to enforce the order revoking the franchise of the Seattle, Renton & Southern road which was passed by the city council yesterday.

COMPROMISE SUGGESTED ON PANAMA CONTROVERSY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—A compromise on the Panama exposition question may be considered when congress reconvenes after the holiday recess. It is now being outlined by congressmen not pledged to either San Francisco or New Orleans, the Golden Gate City will get the exposition in 1918 to commemorate the work on the Lakes-to-the-Gulf deep waterway.

It is said this plan has been suggested at the White House and that it has met with the approval of the president. Taft and those who have openly espoused the compromise proposition are said to feel that no event in which New Orleans could feel a deep interest could be selected than the completion of, or at least the pushing of actual work, on the deepening of the Mississippi river and the digging of the necessary canals to make it an outlet from the Great Lakes. An exposition to celebrate the event would be in order, it is urged, and New Orleans would be the proper city in which to hold it.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—It is reported that a biplane, supposed to be the Wright machine flown by Cecil Grace, the aviator, who was lost in attempting a flight from Calais to Dover, has been found in the North Sea near Texel. It is believed that Grace has been drowned.

COMMISSIONER SAYS ONE THING, CHARTER ANOTHER.

BY VOTE OF 3-2 COUNCIL REFUSES TO REPEAL FAWCETT'S
ORDINANCE—QUESTION IS WHEN WILL ELECTION BE
HELD?

WHAT LAWSON SAYS.

"I will vote against an ordinance calling a special election on the anti-treating ordinance."—Commissioner Nick Lawson.

WHAT THE CITY CHARTER SAYS.

Section 226: If within ten days a petition signed by qualified electors equal to 15 per cent of the total number of voters cast for all candidates for mayor at the last preceding election, be presented to the city council protesting against the going into effect of an ordinance, or the same thereupon be suspended from going into effect and it shall be the duty of the council to reconsider said ordinance and if the same be not entirely repealed the council shall submit the ordinance as provided in Article XVII to the qualified electors of said city.

Article XVII—The council shall within 20 days after the attachment of the clerk's certificate of sufficiency to the accompanying petition, call a special election, unless a general election is fixed within 90 days thereafter, and at such special election the proposed ordinance shall be submitted without alteration to the vote of the qualified electors of the city.

The city council refused to repeal the anti-treating ordinance this morning.

Commissioners Freeland, Fawcett and Lawson refused to vote for repeal. Woods and Roy refused to vote.

The mayor announced that next week an ordinance will be brought in calling for a special election as provided by charter at which the ordinance will be submitted to the people.

Mr. Lawson says he will not vote for the ordinance. If he does not and Woods and Roy refuse also to call an election then the election cannot be held.

But the charter says the council shall call an election and submit the ordinance to the people. If there is no general municipal election coming within 90 days then it shall call a special election to be held within 90 days.

There is no discretion allowed in the case. The whole referendum provision of the charter commands that the ordinance either be repealed, or that the special election be called.

If the council simply ignores the city charter, takes the bit in its teeth and becomes a law unto itself, then any citizen may go into court and secure a writ of mandamus compelling the council to follow the charter and call the election.

This would make the councilmen who refuse to call the election look extremely foolish.

But Lawson says he will not vote to call the election. His excuse is that the election would cost the city \$4,000.

This is just twice what it will cost to hold a general election. An election in Tacoma costs for judges, clerks and rent for polling places about \$2,000.

Lawson's Fix. But Lawson is in a tight box. He had promised the mayor he would not vote to repeal the ordinance. Then he promised the saloonkeepers he would not vote for a special election, but would stand out to submit the thing at a general election. There will not be a general election for a year from next spring, so the saloons would have clear sailing until then at least.

If Lawson sticks to his present determination and Woods and Roy join him it will then be up to mandamus.

What anybody start it? That is the question. Mayor Fawcett feels pretty deeply on this ordinance and he has plenty of friends. It is a safe wager that some of them will have the council in court in a hurry if it tries to avoid the charter provision for the special election.

And something else may be started also. There is a volume of talk on the street today of recalls.

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The anti-treating ordinance seems to be focusing much sentiment for and against certain commissioners and there is every evidence that a lively battle will develop.

DUKE WILL NOT BOSS CANADA

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—That the duke of Connaught will not be the next governor of Canada is the growing conviction in official circles in Ottawa. The opinion is based on a substantial hint of a semi-official nature received from the mother country.

King George is said to have discovered that the duties devolving upon a king of England are too onerous for one man, and the duke may assist him.

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You children who were made happy yesterday by the packages of toys and clothes brought by the Times Santa in the automobile, stop thanking the Times Santa for awhile and give your thanks to Manager Hubert of the Sherman Clay gift company, who donated his automobile to the Times to be used in distributing the gifts. Automobiles come high when hired and the Santa fund was too small to permit of such a thing but through the generosity of Mr. Hubert Santa had the use of a fine car all day.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Occasional rain, tonight and Sunday. Moderate southerly winds.