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DEMAND THAT SEN. METCALF'S BILL BE KILLED

It appears as though Ralph Metcalf's pernicious liability law will pass the legislature unless the workers of Washington rise up and demand that it be stopped. Metcalf has inserted a joker into his

bill which would place the employe at the mercy of the insurance companies. The state of Oregon but recently wrenched itself free from the curse of the insurance companies. You will find representa-

tives of the big interests pointing out what appear to be favorable features of the bill. But note well that they touch not on the hidden "jokers" which do away with the virtuous appearing features. It

may be too late to prevent passage of the Metcalf bill, but let every worker who has a thought for the welfare of his family make himself heard at Olympia. And WATCH the men who favor the Metcalf bill.

METCALF'S STRANGLE CORD

Will that Metcalf Liability law get through the legislature? Somebody should stop it.

Supporters of the heavy business interests have endeavored to point out that the Hay Commission bill would engender great extravagance. Commissioners appointed to serve on the Hay commission would receive \$70,800 a year. Paragraph A and B of the Metcalf bill provides:

"There is hereby created a board of arbitration for each county in this state, consisting of three competent members, who shall be appointed by the superior court for their respective districts and hold their offices subject to the will and discretion of the superior court by which they are appointed.

The court may from time to time appoint additional boards to act for such length of time as it deems necessary for the expeditious dispatch of the business of the district.

Granted that the court appointed ONLY three members from each county and did not appoint additional members which Metcalf provides for. At the nominal salary of \$1200 a year this sum would amount to \$133,000 a year, with 37 counties in the state. Let it also be remembered that Metcalf provides that ADDITIONAL boards may be appointed. Where is the saving in the Metcalf bill? Here is the fine Italian hand of political work.

Much furor has been raised against the First Aid fund of the Hay commission. Wait a minute, and see how it works out. The First Aid fund of the Hay commission at least provided that employer and employe pay an equal amount into the fund. What does Metcalf try to effect? Read section 45 of the Metcalf bill. It says:

"Insurance by corporations for profit or mutual association). If the employer is insured by any person or private corporation doing an insurance business for profit or by any association or corporation formed of employers or employes, or by employers or employes to insure each other and operating by the mutual assessment of losses or otherwise, then

"In so far as policies are issued on such risks they shall provide a schedule of compensation for injuries identical with the schedule set forth in sections 4 to 13 of this code."

This last quotation shows where any employer might assess his employe any amount, which is the case at present in many instances, the employe standing the brunt.

The Times has already pointed out where Metcalf destroys any virtue his bill might have had by providing that no employe can bring suit until the compensation has been decided upon. Following this provision, Metcalf provides that if the employe is self insured, such insurance and the ensuing legal tangles before collection can be made, may be substituted for all other provisions in his bill.

Whatever criticism may be offered to the Hay commission bill, the workers do not stand to pay more than is actually set forth in the bill. The Metcalf bill makes it possible for the employer to cut into his employes' wages that a "First Aid" fund for the employes alone may be secured.

Naturally enough, those representing the heavy financial interests are not pointing out these facts to the workers at large, and the Times wishes to go on record as unalterably opposed to the Metcalf bill. There is room for improvement in the Hay commission bill, but it would be a godsend to the workers alongside of the Metcalf strangle cord.

SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING LAW IS SQUELCHED

Commissioners L. W. Roys and Lawson joined Roys and Woods and the measure went down. Freeland and Fawcett voted against killing it.

Roys also attempted to force through the granting of a saloon license for Frank Yorkheimer of South Tacoma against the protests of citizens there. He recommended the license be granted on the application for renewal.

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Mass Meeting Didn't Mass

A "mass" meeting of business men which was to have met at the Tacoma hotel this afternoon to nominate a candidate to "skin Fawcett" fizzled.

The candidate picked refused to run. Manager Berkshire of the Olympus hotel and others were distributing petitions to certain business men yesterday calling on them to meet and fix the thing.

But when the time came to spring the candidate he refused to go into the race. So the mass meeting fizzled out, and Manager Berkshire, Alfred the poolroom man, Alex Fulton, immigration inspector, and one or two others were all that met.

Manager Berkshire was reticent about telling who the man was that had backed out and refused to run.

"Just don't say anything about this meeting, boys; give us two days and we will pick somebody and then you can spring it," said Berkshire.

"Who was your candidate?" Berkshire was asked.

"I won't say," said the hotel man with a bland smile.

The attempt to get a candidate by the men in charge of this movement will not be dropped, however, according to Berkshire.

Court Invites Investigation. (By United Press Leased Wire.) SACRAMENTO, Feb. 15.—The state supreme court today addressed an open letter to the senate and assembly asking the legislature to investigate fully the procedure, particularly with reference to its decision granting a rehearing of the case of Abraham Ruff.

The letter invites the lawmakers to take what steps they may deem fit, after having thoroughly reviewed the court's action.

HOUSE FAVORS 8-HOUR LAW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 15.—When Representative French, of Clark county said today in opposing the eight-hour law for women, declared that the women didn't want such a bill made a law, Representative Campbell produced a monster petition signed by over 20,000 women to prove that the women are asking for the bill on their own account.

The general sentiment is in favor of the passage of the bill as offered.

GRAVITY WATER A CERTAINTY

The Green river gravity water proposition is a go.

At this morning's session of the city council the warrants for the construction of the plant were sold to Spencer, Trask & Co., of New York. There are \$1,500,000 of the warrants and they were sold for \$1,425,100, but the interest was cut from 6 to 5 per cent.

POPE PIUS ILL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ROME, Feb. 15.—Alarm was caused here today by the announcement that Pope Pius was confined to his bed with influenza. All audiences have been canceled.

SENATE MAY SIDE-STEP TAFT BILL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The reciprocity agreement with Canada, which passed the house last night is liable to meet trouble in the senate. Many senators oppose the plan, and a filibuster is feared.

The senate today received the reciprocity bill, and at once referred it to the committee on finance.

President Taft today is trying to smooth the way of his pet measure in the senate, partly by argument with the refractory and partly by threats of an extra session, unless the bill is enacted.

Indications that he has little to hope from the complaisance of the progressives in the senate is afforded by the record of their members' action in the house.

STOCKING IS NOMINATED

TAFT SENDS HIS NAME TO SENATE AS POSTMASTER FOR TACOMA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The president today sent the nomination of F. L. Stocking to be postmaster at Tacoma to the senate.

This Henry F. Lippitt, who on March 4 takes the senate seat of Hired Man Aldrich, is rather an interesting citizen. He is said to be one of the flossiest yachtmen who ever sang out "Ship ahoy!"

He is a petted member of most of the fashionable yacht clubs on the Atlantic seaboard. He is one of the few members of the small New York club who know the difference between a balloon job and a mainsail.

Also he is one of the rich cotton manufacturers of the Fall River district who know best how to get the biggest dividends at the outlay of the least wages to women and children employes.

He doesn't represent the interests, he is one of them. He practically dominates the Arkwright club, and the Arkwright club in turn dominates the American cotton mills outside of the south.

About a half dozen families control three-fourths of the cotton spindles of New England, and the bulk of cotton mills in America are in New England.

Tariff Expert. These families have tens of thousands of employes and they pay an average wage of \$7.50 per week per employe.

Lippitt is certainly a great tariff expert. He knows all about cotton duties from A to Z and back again, and what they should be—to give the members of the Arkwright club the best opportunities to become rich men—half billionaires.

The new Rhode Island senator was born in October, 1856. He was graduated from Brown university at 22 and started to work in one of his father's cotton mills.

Besides being the king-pin of the New England cotton manufacturers, Lippitt is closely connected with the banking interests of Rhode Island.

He gets his biggest enjoyment out of life by raising apples on his farm. His apples have a reputation which spreads from one end of the state to the other.

His Apple Trees. He is proud of his apple trees. Almost as much so as of his family tree, the American branch of which dates back to 1638, when John Lippitt followed Roger Williams to the Providence plantations.

John was a thrifty southerner, getting and holding. Some of the lots he staked off now comprise some of the most valuable residential property in Providence.

The Lippitts have not been rolling stones. Henry now lives on the land which was included in the home lot of the original John Lippitt. Like most immovable stones, the Lippitts have gathered some moss, not enough to give Henry what he regards as a large fortune, but Henry is young yet, and Senator Aldrich has shown how a struggling senator can save several millions out of the salary Uncle Sam pays, if he economizes.

A meeting will be held at the old McKinley school building, East 30th and streets, this evening, to discuss the Metcalf and Hay commission liability laws. Clarence Parker, who worked on the Hay commission, will address the gathering.

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It behooves every citizen who believes in a square deal for the worker, to try and head off the Metcalf bill.

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The trustees also endorsed the present Metropolitan park law.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Thursday; light easterly wind.

MUST HAVE HALF A BILLION TO BE RICH SAYS ALDRICH MAN

Henry F. Lippitt of Rhode Island, Who Gave Orders to United States Senate and Got Away With it Will Now Sit In Senate Himself — His Apple Trees His Greatest Joy.

What is a rich man? Do you know?

Is he a rich man if he owns a hundred thousand or must he have a million?

Go ask Henry F. Lippitt whom Big Businessmen New England has chosen to succeed Nelse Aldrich in the senate.

You are supposed to know before you go that Henry is rated at something like \$15,000,000, and so you start this way:

"Lippitt, you are a very rich man, and—"

"Hold up," says Lippitt. "Guess again. I'm not a rich man. I've only got a dozen million dollars or so, and that doesn't make me rich."

Now, when a man gets to own half a billion you can begin to call him a rich man and not before. See the point?

But you don't see—you're too busy catching your breath.

It's almost two years since this Croesus from Rhode Island went to Washington with important and imperative orders for the United States senate. The orders consisted of the cotton schedule, which the cotton manufacturers of New England had decided should go into the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Lippitt and the rest of them drew it up at a club luncheon and the now senator-elect carried it to Aldrich and Smoot.

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Late Bulletins

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BRUNSWICK, Ga., Feb. 15.—Lord and Lady Decies, after spending a week at the Gould home on Jekyll island, today are on their way to New York. On Friday they will sail for Egypt, where they will remain until about the time of the coronation of King George.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 15.—Encouraged by the success of the fifty-year franchise measure, which carried by a vote of 4,056 to 1,756 in yesterday's election, a recall of Councilmen Schon and Woods, who opposed the measure, was started today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Gertrude Malakettin, 36, was almost instantly killed today when she seized the spitting end of a live wire which had fallen across her parlors table, carried into the street because of the fire next door threatened her home.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 15.—Three sharp earthquake shocks were felt here today, following four similar disturbances last night. No damage was done.

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 15.—Reports that Frederick Weyerhaeuser, lumber king of St. Paul, is seriously ill from a stroke of paralysis, were denied today at his winter home in Pasadena.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Raiding the American Smelting plant at Vallardena, Mexican revolutionists today secured \$700 in cash and many rifles and saddles, according to word received at the state department today.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 15.—All records for snowfall in Riverside county were broken today when a precipitation of six inches in one hour fell at Banning.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—For the purpose of declaring himself still a "standpatter," Speaker Cannon today took the floor in the house and declared he was and always will be against reciprocity.

Another Clue Proves False Taft Signs the 'Frisco Expo. Bill

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dorothy Arnold, the New York heiress, whose disappearance has engrossed this vicinity since she vanished on December 12, is still missing. Denial was made today by officials of Flower hospital of a report generally circulated last night that the girl was a patient in that institution or had been a patient there.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE RICKTOWN BEE. Bert Burns has changed the name of our theater from Melodeon hall to the Academy of Music, because a man named Kin Hubbard has got a melodeon in Indiana. Bert says he is sore on all Hubbards, including squash and Elbert.

Will Hanks, the barber, is president of the new chamber of commerce. Eben Tupper is going to work for the Willer Creek Pendulum, a trifling sheet that nobody reads.

Miss Pansy Tidds has gone to work for the Willer Creek Pendulum, a trifling sheet that nobody reads.

There is quite a lot of early planting going on.

The Commercial club, in whose membership are included several who are now and have been on the park board, through its trustees yesterday adopted resolutions favoring the present Metropolitan park law and against its repeal.

EXTRA SESSION IS THREATENED

MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS SAY THEY HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT TO BLOCK TAFT'S POSTAL MEASURE.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Threats of forcing an extra session of congress if the administration adheres to its plan of increasing the second-class postal rate were freely made here today by friends of those magazines which it is said the increase would put out of business.

The magazine publishers declared they had received promises enough from democratic and progressive republican senators to insure a successful filibuster against the increase. They plan to "talk the bill to death," and by holding up the entire postoffice appropriation measure, make an extra session necessary.

Great bitterness has developed in the contest. It is certain that as long as Taft is president he will continue to recommend the postal increase, and shrewd political observers say that in this far more than in his reciprocity program, lies danger to the president's ambition to remain in the White House another four years.

The publishers here today laugh at the administration's ordering United States District Attorney Wise of New York to investigate with a view to prosecuting the magazines as a trust. They declare they have no fear of any probe into their affairs and that no business in the country is of so competitive a nature.

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Bill Armstrong, head of the Royal Arch, put out another affidavit this morning saying he did not mean what he said in that affidavit he affidavit to yesterday. Bill is not the "affidavit" kid.

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GIRL ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING. (By United Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—When the police called Miss Irene Albee, daughter of State Senator Albee on the telephone today and told her that a warrant was out for her arrest on the charge of speeding, the young woman laughed heartily, believing it a joke perpetrated by some of her smart society friends.

The joke became a grim reality when a detective arrived at her home and served the warrant. She will be tried in municipal court tomorrow.

Nisqually Warrants. The city council this morning passed a resolution for the sale of the warrants to be paid to Savage & Nichols for the Nisqually power plant work. The warrants for the whole job will be given them at once, to be marketed and they will stand any discount there is and put the money in the city treasury. They will then be paid in cash as the work progresses.

This plan was adopted because the contractors found they could market the warrants in a lump, but not in small batches.

New Chief Bars Boxing Contest. (By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Bannick today came out footloose against boxing exhibitions under the auspices of the various athletic clubs. An entertainment had been planned by the Ballard Athletic club, a local organization of good repute, for tonight, but the chief issued orders this afternoon forbidding the show to go on.

MISS LENEVE NOT ON STEAMER. (By United Press Leased Wire.) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15.—The steamer Royal Edward arrived here late yesterday, but no trace of Ethel Clare Leneve could be found on her. A young woman resembling Miss Leneve was said to have boarded the steamer at Bristol, England, but no one on the steamer could point her out.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO BE CALLED. WILL BE BEFORE GRAND JURY TO "TELL IT ALL," SAYS DETECTIVE BURNS. (By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—When the grand jury that is to investigate the charges of corruption and graft in the Seattle police department meets Friday certain members of the city council will be called to "tell it all."

Just what is meant by this phrase neither Prosecuting Attorney John F. Murphy or Detective Burns, who has accumulated the evidence, will say. But the statement was coupled with the declaration of Detective Burns that he has more than eighty confessions made by men and women implicated in the big vice syndicate deals.

Allan F. Pinkerton, of the detective agency bearing his name, arrived in Seattle last night, but refused to make any statement. It is regarded as significant, however, that Wapenstein, the ex-chief of police, now accused, was for years a Pinkerton operative.

It is strongly rumored this afternoon that nine members of the city council will be indicted by the grand jury that will investigate the charges of corruption and graft in the city administration.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS ACT OF MRS. MAY HODECK—DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID. Mrs. May Hodeck, wife of John W. Hodeck, committed suicide last night by drinking carbolio acid.

No reason for the act is known. The victim of her own act, she repented after the acid began burning out her life and called for her husband to get an antidote. It was no use, however, and before any medical help could be secured death ended her sufferings.

Hodeck is connected with the N. P. dining car service. His wife was only 24 and a bride of but a short time. She was reared in Kentucky and after marriage seemed homesick. Her husband took her to Aberdeen and after a few weeks there she came back here and seemed contented.

Last night she left her apartments at 2401 Pacific avenue and went uptown, expecting to meet her husband. She failed to find him and came home, he arriving a short time later. She was in bed and she asked him to get her a drink. When he went to get it she drank the acid. He returned to find her writhing in agony and calling for him to get her some milk as an antidote.

He got the milk and then tried to get a doctor, but failed in the latter task and saw his young wife die before aid reached her.

The body was taken to Mellinger's morgue to be prepared for burial.