

EX-MAYOR WRIGHT TELLS OF GAS DEAL

MR. SEYMOUR GIVES PUBLIC HIS IDEA OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

FAVORS LEASING PUBLIC UTILITY TO PRIVATE INTERESTS

INTERESTING FACT CROPS OUT AT MEETING BEFORE TWELFTH AVENUE IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

SEYMOUR ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

"I would favor the purchase of public utility corporations if the prices at which they were offered were right. I am particularly impressed with the Chicago plan of handling public utilities, that of public ownership of the plants and their lease to companies to manage them."—W. W. Seymour, before the Twelfth Avenue Improvement club last night.

W. W. Seymour, candidate for mayor, would turn back the public service utilities owned by Tacoma to private companies to exploit. The volley of questions fired at him in his meetings brought the truth last night and shows the deep scheme by which the interests would hope to regain what they have lost.

For years the people of Tacoma have fought the public utility corporations. They battled with the power trust and it was a fight to the finish. Today the driftnet is plying through the solid rock at Legrande and the contractors are busy building for this city the finest power plant in the world. There is nothing to compare with it in the whole country. The people voted for it. They are paying for it. They wanted it for themselves and their children.

Waterfront Monopoly. The city suffered from the time it was held up by the waterfront monopoly. Time and again citizens have arisen to demand relief but the waterfront combine was too strong and crushed them until finally A. V. Fawcett, by dint of personal aggressiveness, backed by the people and the Times, fought the combined powers of the waterfront monopoly and subsidized press and won for the city the municipal dock.

And now W. W. Seymour wants to be mayor and to turn this great asset of the people back to the private dock companies to manage and put the city right back to the position from whence it came.

Mr. Seymour says he would not urge the plan for the water plant but on all other public utilities he stands for leasing them to private companies.

The Times has known that the effort to place Mr. Seymour in power is an effort of the special interests to come back into control. He is backed by the special privilege class and their mouthpieces. And they never stand for anything unless there is something in it for them.

But the method by which they hoped to undermine the present advancement of the city toward the goal of complete municipalization of all public service utilities in Tacoma remained to be divulged by Seymour himself.

Tacoma tried the plan of leasing her dock at Fifteenth street to the private dock companies. And the situation was that the waterfront monopoly still retained the grip on the people. Now the people have thrown off the burden, have gone into the dock business and Tacoma is coming into her own.

Already more boats want to come to the city dock than can be accommodated and plans are going ahead as fast as possible to complete the erection of the new dock buildings.

Already new boats that never have visited Tacoma are planning to come and dock at the wharf. City's Waterfront. And now the private dock interests see their grip slipping. They see the day ahead when the city will have the whole waterfront from Fifteenth street to the Flyer dock and so they want a man for mayor who will take the city out of the dock business and lease the plant back to the private company to operate.

Tacoma is spending \$2,000,000 for the big power plant because she wanted to be free from the machinations of the power trust.

But Seymour wants to turn this plant back to the trust to manage and operate.

With agents of the power trust in charge how long would it take to wreck the city's property and business and produce a situation that would put the city in worse slavery to the trust than ever before?

Are the people going to stand for this game? Have they fought the battles of the past and won the victories over the special interests to build great municipal utilities to now

Roys Now In 'First' Place

The recall petitions with plenty of names added were refiled with the city clerk this morning against Roys and Woods. The Roys petition had 750 new names added in addition to all those that were validated. This will put the Roys petition at the top of the list for signatures now and it will have plenty of names.

The Woods petition had 719 new names in addition to those that were validated on the old ones. He will have several hundred to spare.

There was a rumor started around this morning that an attempt would be made to contest the Woods petition to save him. A story was started a day or two ago that some of the friends of Roys would start action in court to try to save him.

Any such attempt, however, to prevent the recall on technicalities will probably arouse the people to such an extent that it would make the cases of Roys and Woods hopeless in an election.

PEACE IN 30 DAYS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 28.—Peace for Mexico, within thirty days, and possibly within ten days, was predicted here today by Francisco Madero, sr., father of the provisional president who is leading the revolt against Diaz.

Senor Madero told the United Press that the Mexican government had agreed to peace terms.

Notwithstanding the Madero declaration, the prospects that hostilities will continue is seen here today in an order from the war department to the adjutant general of the division here that every regiment must be immediately recruited to its full war strength and be prepared for an indefinite stay in the field.

CAMPAIGN PITH

How comes it that a few North End women seem to be imbued with the idea that the South End sisters are so in need of being told how they should vote?

Why is it that some of our fair speakers are failing to mention the fact in the South End that the whole recall situation revolved about Commissioner Roys, who permitted things that womanhood would not stand for? Probably this may be explained when we remember the fact that the wealthiest ward in town voted against the anti-treating law.

Every vote against Mr. Fawcett is a vote favoring Roys' sentiment. Every woman knows that Roys was the "open town" man under whom the dives flourished. Why is this fact not brought out by those directing the feminine political machine which has sprung up?

An eastern paper in printing facts about the recent anti-treating election in Tacoma used the words "A shameful combination" in referring to the fact that the aristocratic ward and the ward where the dives thrived were the only ones to oppose the anti-treating law.

ANTI-ARRESTS

Gus W. Kiesel, proprietor of the State saloon, was arrested yesterday for violation of the anti-treating law. The saloon is situated in a building partly owned by Mayor Fawcett.

A warrant was also issued for the arrest of Joseph Pischoberten of the Milwaukee Beer Hall.

A warrant was issued for an arrest at the Olympic saloon, in the name of George Shreeder, proprietor. Shreeder is in California at the present time and the warrant could not be served.

Despite accusations that he would not enforce the anti-treating law violations are receiving police attention with discouraging frequency for those who are telling the public that the ordinance would not be enforced.

Holy Smoksky, Anna Was Mad!



ANNA PAVLOVA.

Uh-huh! You just wait until Dmitri Smirnoff gets back to St. Petersburg. He's going to hustle right straight from the depotsky to the czar's palace, and after he gets Nick's car we shall see what we shall see. Somebody's going to be in trouble, after Dmitri gets through. It's about Anna Pavlova.

In some mysterious way some favorite at the palace—oh, a lady, of course, and a jealous one—got word to America that Anna, who has been dancing over here, had received a big share of the small fortune which a certain M. Dandrie is accused of having looted from the Russian treasury.

When she heard the story—gee-whizzzyvitch!—she wouldn't dance. For three nights she kept to her hotel while audiences at the Metropolitan opera house in New York waited patiently. She wouldn't listen to argument.

Gigantic Coal Trust Alleged

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 28.—As the result of long investigation into what agents of the department of justice declare is the biggest trust in the world, an announcement was made here today that criminal prosecution of half a dozen of the most powerful financiers in the United States is to be begun in the near future by the federal government.

THINK VESSEL AND 138 PEOPLE LOST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BRISBANE, Australia, March 28.—Bits of cargo from the steamer Yongala, which washed ashore here today have caused almost a certainty that the vessel, with her crew of 70 men and 68 passengers, is lost. It is believed the Yongala foundered at sea with all on board.

Race Question Gets Serious

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ITHACA, N. Y., March 28.—The race question, which has been simmering for several weeks, today took definite form when 200 co-eds of the university protested formally to the faculty against the admission of two negro women students to the dormitories in Sage hall. President Schurman will present the protest to the full board of trustees at its next meeting.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Wednesday. Light westerly winds.

ALCOHOL CAUSE OF WOMAN'S DEATH

Evidence produced at the inquest over the body of Mrs. Frank Kelly, known as Miss Mary Kelly, this morning, confirmed the theory held by the officers that death was produced by acute alcoholism or heart disease. Medical testimony indicated a criminal attack, but doctors testified this could have had nothing to do with death.

Nether Cole, the druggist, Mike Kelly, the brother, nor Cool, who admits he spent the evening with the woman, were on the stand this morning, but it is expected they will make a clean breast of all that happened, this afternoon.

Mrs. Kelly was married to Frank Holliday, a Centralia farmer, seven years ago, but was divorced shortly after.

Rebels Win and Shoot Federal Commander

(By United Press Leased Wire.) EL PASO, March 28.—News of a battle between federals under Capt. Duran and a large body of insurgents at Azu Frera ranch, in Coahuila, reached here today. The rebel force, which was entrenched in a mountain pass, was attacked by the federals. After several hours of fierce fighting the insurgents were victorious, driving the government force back and capturing Capt. Duran, who had been wounded. The commander was led to a mountain retreat and shot to death.

When his body was discovered by friends it was seen that he had been shot down from behind.

CAMORRIST OFFERED JOB ON THE STAGE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) VITERBO, Italy, March 28.—A salary of \$1,000 a week was offered in a letter received today by Abbate, the Camorrist informant from an American theatrical manager. The manager wants Abbate to appear in vaudeville and relate his experiences as a murderer, kidnaper and thief.

HEROLD CASE WITH JURY

The case of H. G. Herold, accused of attempting to kidnap the child given to the custody of his wife by the court, was given to the jury at noon today. The closing arguments were made by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Burmeister and Attorney Fred Nolte for Herold.

PACKERS GET NO IMMUNITY BATHS FROM THIS JUDGE

JUDGE G. A. CARPENTER. This is the federal judge who spilled the ink into the immunity bath scheme of the indicted meat trust heads, and set the date for a hearing.

How Seymour Came to Give \$10,000

GIFT ORIGINATED WHEN MR. SEYMOUR SUCCEEDED IN "STAVING OFF" WOULD-BE OPPONENTS.

How did W. W. Seymour come to give that \$10,000 to the city for the Seymour conservatory?

In a public statement he said recently that he did it after he had retired from the gas company here, and that it was in recognition of the services of Mayor Wright in saving him when outsiders were dicker for his plant and trying to get a franchise at the same time to start a competing plant.

This statement of Seymour's started a big controversy as to whether or not the city after all was not bumped hard on the deal.

There has been talk around for several days that through the action of the city officials at that time in saving Seymour that he was able to boost his price about \$100,000, and that in reality the people are paying interest on this in the shape of dividends to the new company now and will for all time.

Ex-Mayor Wright was asked this morning just how the thing stood. He said:

"When this matter came up Seymour was up against it. He was having to borrow money to put into the gas plant. He was getting \$1.50 a thousand for gas and the people were clamoring for dollar gas, and then Bardsley and McLean came along and asked for a franchise for starting a competing plant. Seymour came to me and told his troubles day after day. He was dicker with the eastern men for the sale of the plant, but they would not come to his terms, it seems. He was right up against it, and finally he asked me what he should do. I told him if I had it I would go to Bardsley and McLean and offer them the plant. He slapped his leg and said, 'Golly, that's just the thing.'

"I saw them for him and suggested that they could buy him out and that he offered to give them the plant so they could clear six per cent on the investment. They began dicker with Seymour, and went into the books and it took considerable time. Seymour had told me if he could state the thing off for six months he could make the deal in the east and come out all right. "While Bardsley and McLean were dicker with him they did not push the franchise matter and that just laid there. Finally Seymour got word from the east that they were ready to close, and he jumped on the train and went east and sold to the eastern men. Bardsley and McLean then dropped the whole proposition, as they had lost their enthusiasm. "Seymour was very grateful for

Peace Talk

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, March 28.—French newspapers complacently view the reorganization of the British army, now in progress declaring that England's activity foreshadows the development of increased peaceful relations between France and Great Britain. The entente cordate already existing is expected to merge into a defensive alliance of the French and English navies and later may be followed by a similar convention regarding their armies.

King Will Train Like An Athlete

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, March 28.—Preparing for his coronation like an athlete for a record-breaking test, King George today has gone into training under a skilled instructor. Warned by his physicians that the strain of the great public functions in June might sap his strength, the king, besides a strict course of dieting, is devoting several hours daily to physical culture exercises.

Late Bulletins

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, March 28.—Pekin dispatches to the Times say today that China has granted every Russian demand, except the establishment of a Russian consulate at Kobdo.

DULUTH, Minn., March 28.—It is persistently rumored in financial circles today that a company to compete with the United States Steel corporation is being formed here by the merger of steel, shipping and iron ore companies.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs de la Barra, who was ambassador to the U. S., today declared he knew nothing of peace negotiations with the Maderos.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 28.—The first victim of the steamer Sechelt which went down off Williams Head last Saturday afternoon was found late yesterday afternoon.

EL PASO, March 28.—The report that President Diaz of Mexico has resigned was pronounced ridiculous today by General Navarro.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 28.—Mutinous Albanian soldiers, drilling under Lieutenant Von Schilling, a German instructor, this afternoon shot the lieutenant dead.

BELLINGHAM, March 28.—Fire started at 1:15 o'clock this morning partly destroyed a building at the corner of Bay and Holly streets. Damage, \$8,000.

ANTI-TREAT LAW GROWS IN FAVOR

In an effort to harass Mayor Fawcett and at the same time insult those who saw fit to vote for the anti-treating law some friends of the Royal Arch are doing their best to throw cold water on the recent enactment. Had Mr. Fawcett desired to curry favor from those who visit cafes and from the cafe men he might have embodied some such construction in his ordinance. The facts are that Fawcett's intent was to hit at what is commonly known as the barroom evil. Had he been endeavoring to play politics an insertion in the ordinance giving cafes a right to allow treating would manifestly have been the diplomatic move. The city attorney's opinion is it that under the present liquor license law anti-treating is to be observed in cafes. The mayor of course abides by his opinion, as would any other citizen. Attempts of his opponents to throw cold water on the law are received with open amusement on the street. Efforts will be made to evade the law. Not every person in Tacoma voted for it and much discussion as to how the ordinance can be "got around" is a necessary aftermath. There is every reason to believe that the anti-treating law is daily growing in favor and that despite the attempt to make sport of those who voted for it, the measure will ultimately meet with approval of many who voted against it.



Snapshot photograph of Mrs. Albert Ulrich, the white woman whose husband beat up Booker Washington, the famous negro educator. Mrs. Ulrich claims that when she went into the hall of the apartment house in which she lives, she saw Washington peeping into the keyholes and she says that when he saw her he said: "Hello, sweetheart."