

Seymour believes that it would be well to turn the Public Utilities of Tacoma to Private Interests.
What Voter with the welfare of Tacoma at heart could cast a vote for such a condition of affairs?

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ANTI-TREAT LAW CAN BE ENFORCED

With a Commissioner of Public Safety as Anxious as Mayor Fawcett to Carry Out the Law, the Measure Will Prove Successful.

Mayor Fawcett is demonstrating that the anti-treat law can be enforced.

The plain barroom with its mahogany counter and the cafe with its mission tables and fine linen are both getting a practical demonstration that the "law can be enforced."

Mayor Fawcett is going out of his way to do this work. He is paying detectives from his own pocket to get the evidence and enforce the law.

Why? Simply to demonstrate that this law can be enforced and to keep his promise. When the ordinance was introduced the howl was raised "You can't enforce it." Former Mayor Linck even went before the council and declared it could not be enforced. Mayor Fawcett said, "Pass it and I will enforce it."

The mayor passed this ordinance with the thought in mind that it would prevent—first, young boys out for a lark going into saloons, treating and getting started on the road to drunkenness; second, it would prevent workingmen who are paid in checks and who cash them in saloons from standing at the bar and "setting 'em up" until their weekly pay was gone; third, it would prevent citizens generally who take a drink from treating back and forth until they have imbibed more than a sufficiency. He had not looked into all the ramifications of the law, but he saw evils he wanted to hit and he secured the law he thought would hit them.

The day after the people voted the law a restaurant man asked if he would be allowed to deliver a bottle of beer to a man and his wife in his cafe. This brought up a phase as to whether the law hit cafes. The mayor was undecided. That was a legal question and a very technical one. In fact, the city attorneys had not sifted it. But the mayor put it up to them and they decided that restaurants and cafes have no right to sell liquor at all except under the license of the barroom and that therefore they could not violate any of the regulations imposed on barrooms.

With the law interpreted and made plain the mayor got busy at once and his detectives are clapping the lid on the cafes in a way that is bringing results. It is not the purpose of the law that the mayor should be compelled to hire private detectives to enforce it. This is the sworn duty of the police. But the police department has been notoriously inactive under Mr. Roys.

It is a very pointed commentary on the Roys administration that the mayor has to go into his own pocket and hire men to do the work for which Roys and his police are paid. But he is doing it, because he promised to do it and to demonstrate that law can be enforced.

The people are paying over \$100,000 a year for a police department under Roys to enforce the laws yet they do not get results. But five men under the mayor paid from his private purse are bringing saloons to book every day.

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Ordinance Passed

The city council this morning passed an ordinance which declares that the license of any saloon will be revoked if the place sells any intoxicating liquors which are advertised on a billboard.

Interests Gave JOINT DEBATE SUGGESTED \$100,000 For Lorimer

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 29.—Flat declaration that "the interests" had raised \$100,000 to elect William Lorimer to the United States senate was made here today by H. H. Kohlstatt, publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, when he was examined before the senate investigating committee which is probing the Lorimer case.

Kohlstatt thrice reiterated his assertion when asked regarding an editorial in his paper which declared that a large slush fund had been raised to send the "blonde boss" to the senate.

W. W. Seymour today issued a challenge to Mayor Fawcett for a public debate on the mayorality issues.

Mayor Fawcett, however, prior to the election on the anti-treating ordinance repeatedly stated that he would make no campaign for himself.

"I have made three big fights for the people in the year I have been mayor, for five cent fare and good street car service, for the municipal dock and for the anti-treating ordinance; I will make no fight for myself. If the people appreciate these battles for them they will have to make the fight for me if any is made," was the statement of the mayor.

He has adhered to this and has made no speeches and no campaign for himself. His only public appearance was to speak for the anti-treating ordinance before the women of the Voters' Educational association.

The people, however, who are for him seem inclined to make a campaign and today they took cognizance of the challenge of Mr. Seymour. A committee which met at noon today decided to ask Mr. A. R. Titlow to accept the challenge of Seymour and Mr. Titlow agreed to do so.

It is now up to Mr. Seymour to say whether he will meet Mr. Titlow in public discussion. Titlow says he will be ready to meet him either Thursday, Saturday or Monday night.

Will Mr. Seymour accept the offer for debate?

SEYMOUR UNDERGOES A SEVERE GRILLING

Woman Who Speaks Ill of Anti-Treating Law Censured as a Result of Her Expression.

Remarks made by Rev. W. A. Moore at the First Baptist church meeting of the Women's Educational association yesterday afternoon:

But one thing I want to remind you of in this campaign is that you do not forget that the moral phase of this campaign was started when one man, a commissioner, at the city hall, said, "I will not enforce the law," said Mr. Moore significantly, by pulling up the fact that it was not Fawcett that aroused the church voters but Commissioner L. W. Roys, who when a committee went to him to demand enforcement of the law declared he would not enforce it but would maintain the Pete Sandberg dive "with the help of God."

Rev. Mr. Moore also presented his political creed, which was the speech of Lincoln on "Reverence for law."

"There is just one thing I did not like about the speech of Mr. Seymour, and I do not want to be misunderstood as making an attack, but I did not like his 'if' in his statement that he would enforce law."

"He said he would enforce law 'if' it could be done. The statement should be that it is the law and shall be enforced."

The meeting of the Voters' Educational league in the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon was a revelation.

At the last meeting with 250 women present the sentiment was practically a unit for Seymour. Yesterday with Mr. Seymour present and with the same number out, the tide had turned until the sentiment was almost equally divided.

In the meeting ten days ago the rank and file evidently were following Mrs. Shores, Mrs. Danforth, Mrs. Eastman and Mrs. Healy, but yesterday, although these same Seymour partisans occupying positions of vantage in the meeting, tried desperately to head off any Fawcett sentiment and just as desperately to stimulate any Seymour propaganda, their efforts fell rather flat and there was an evident disposition on the part of the women to do their own thinking.

In this political evolution of women the dramatic fact that stood out in the meeting yesterday was that the club women who are espousing the Seymour cause are gradually being forced into complete alignment with the Royal Arch against the moral principles for which their natural womanly instincts caused them to stand in the beginning.

This was illustrated in Mrs. Shores.

Amazing Declaration. She was one of the leading advocates of the anti-treat ordinance a few weeks ago. Even at the last meeting of the Voters' Educational association held on the day of the anti-treat election she was for it and publicly stated that she had been upbraided by Seymour partisans for voting for it because it might help Fawcett. But she said she voted as her conscience dictated.

But zeal in the Seymour cause, almost nightly speeches for the special interest candidate who is being supported by the saloons, constant endeavor to lead voters into the camp where the Royal Arch is plotting and planning against Fawcett, have evidently warped the opinions of Mrs. Shores and yesterday she declared on the platform at the First Baptist church meeting that "the unwisest counsel she had ever heard was that given by Mayor Fawcett when he advised them to support the anti-treating ordinance."

This statement, coming from one of the most active workers for the ordinance a few weeks ago, showing that her zeal to boost Seymour had caused her to repudiate what she before had claimed was the highest moral, came as a shock to the women assembled.

It indicated the trend of the Seymour campaign. It demonstrated to them that the morality of the anti-treating ordinance cannot survive in the atmosphere of a Seymour campaign supported by the Royal Arch and they were stunned by the statement of the erstwhile leader.

Mrs. Johnson of Fern Hill was on her feet in a moment.

"Have you any sons?" she asked of Mrs. Shores.

"My Yes, lots of them," said Mrs. Shores.

"Well, I have four boys, and I want them protected. And the only protection I have for them is in the anti-treating ordinance. I cannot understand how you can stand there and say that the unwisest counsel you ever received was when Mayor Fawcett urged us to vote for the anti-treating law."

A bad hole on the details of the city charter when Mrs. Shores tried to explain, to help Seymour out and Mrs. Healy finally rapped Mrs. Hammond down and stopped the argument.

Seymour jocularly remarked that the women could give him cards and spades and beat him on the charter.

He was asked how he stood on the restricted district.

He said he was against the Globe and Standard hotel.

But do you want a "restricted" district all over town?" some one asked.

"I will have to consider this question when I get to it," said Seymour.

Other questions were being hurled at him and there was a manifest disposition to drive the candidate into admitting that he had stated before he announced his candidacy that he was for a restricted district and that he had suggested that the city should run it, when one of his friends came to the rescue and said, "Well, you said you are for the enforcement of law, didn't you, and this thing is against the law?"

More Generalities. "Yes, I am for the enforcement of law," said Seymour, and with this glittering generality that means nothing to politicians he got out of the hole.

He was asked about the anti-treating ordinance.

He admitted he was against it, but said "if it can be enforced I would enforce it." He doubted if it could be enforced, however, but said if it could be enforced it would be a good thing, and he would give 10 years of his life to see it the rule in this country.

When pressed for details as to what he would do to enforce it he dodged and said he would have to take oath to enforce all laws and that a mayor must enforce all laws whether he believes in them or not.

The anti-Seymour sentiment seemed to be getting so much the better of the meeting that Mrs. Eastman, one of the Seymour orators, got up to stem the tide. She said Mayor Fawcett had not been given such a grilling by the women as Seymour was getting but that Seymour should be given credit for standing fire.

Mrs. Hoyt coughed the same idea in a new form later and said that Mayor Fawcett was afraid to come out and face the women and this brought a thunderous burst of enthusiasm from the Seymour women and they kept at it several seconds. This was the big Seymour hit of the day.

Seymour was finally allowed to get off the rack.

Very Latest News in Styles for Men

(By United Press (Leased Wire). NEW YORK, March 29.—"Nix on the rah-rah styles," is the edict here today of the New York custom cutters' club which is out with a dictum on what will be the fashion for the year. Here are some of their styles decided on:

Coats to have narrow shoulders and pouter pigeon chest effects.

Small bore pants, with spring bottoms and velvet cuffs.

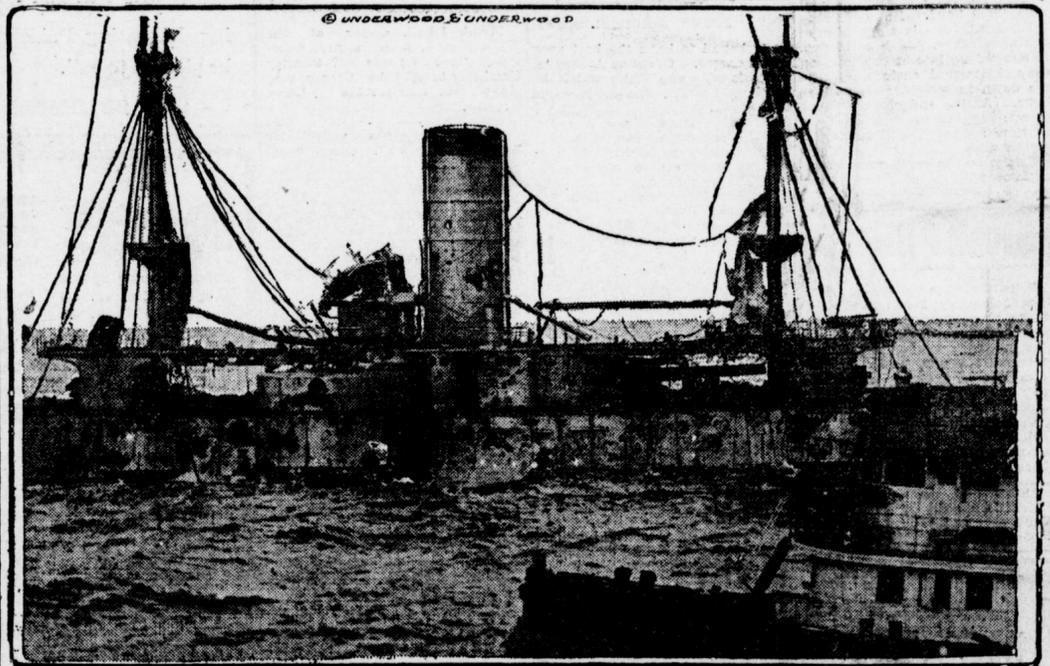
High cut vests, specially adapted to the use of dickies.

Norfolk jackets will be "aviation coats" even if you have no aeroplanes.

White suede pumps and white flannel tuxedo for evening wear. Red brown is to be favorite hue.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE HICKTOWN BEE
St. Simons bought a new car. There's a new show coming to town in April. St. always was a hot sport.
Minnie Tonkin caused a big commotion down at the grocery last night. She was caught reading one of those fashion books. Minnie always did have city ideas.
The Ladies' Aid society is planning a musical pretty soon. Constance Hen Toster's cousin from Seattle who went to a boarding school is visiting her and she will sing from the grand opera "Tannhauser."
Late Water tower has made a bed with Ron Toster. Whichever leaves first has for constant next sleep light.

THE OLD BATTLESHIP TEXAS TODAY-- TERRIFIC EFFECT OF THE MODERN GUNS



THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS TODAY, FROM A REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ABOVE A TUG.

Election May 2nd

The recall election for the city commissioners will be held May 2. Clerk Edwards this morning certified that the Roys and Woods petitions are sufficient and they were laid over one week. The Lawson and Freeland petitions were also laid over a week and an ordinance will be passed next week setting the elections for them all on May 2.

HEROLD GUILTY

H. G. Herold was convicted of attempted kidnaping by the jury in Judge Chapman's court yesterday after two hours' deliberation. G. C. Nolte, attorney for Herold, says an application for a new trial will be made and if denied, he will appeal to the state supreme court.

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N. Y. State Capitol Gutted By Fire

Magnificent Building Gutted and May Be a Total Loss—Cost Many Millions.

(By United Press (Leased Wire). ALBANY, N. Y., March 29.—Fire scorched and water-stained, showing a net loss of \$6,000,000, not including thousands of precious and irreplaceable documents, the New York state capitol today stands partly in ruins following a fire that raged for seven hours in its courts and corridors.

The state library, with its 400,000 volumes, was destroyed. The senate and assembly chambers are smoke-blackened and soaked with water.

The \$27,000,000 that has been poured into the capitol by the state for many generations has been wasted. The great building, the pride—and also the shame—of the Empire state, was planned in 1863 to cost \$4,000,000. The construction proved too tempting a chance for graft, and so far \$27,000,000 has been spent upon it, and still the original plans were unfulfilled.

The capitol is in such a state of chaos today that no one can tell what may be its fate.

Smoke was seen issuing from the northeast corner of the building shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. Documents, ornate hangings and rich furnishings were fuel upon which the flames gained headway.

By 3:30 o'clock the assembly library had been wiped out with its shelves of documents and papers, some dating back to 1776.

All documents of the senate judiciary committee of the present session were consumed.

Samuel Abbott, the aged night-watchman in the library, could not be found and it is thought he perished.

Girl Elopes But Loses Her Nerve

(By United Press (Leased Wire). LONG BRANCH, Cal., March 29.—After eloping from Los Angeles with Ray Markley to be married here, Miss May Ross lost her courage at the last moment and is today at the home of her parents in a very penitent mood. Justice Underwood had just begun the ceremony when the young lady grew suddenly pale and sank to the floor in a faint. When she roused herself she had changed her mind.

Four Wives Enough Says Nat Goodwin

(By United Press (Leased Wire). ST. LOUIS, March 29.—"Never again!" said Nat Goodwin today. "I have had enough wives."

Goodwin had been asked if he were going to try the matrimonial game again.

His fourth and last wife, Edna Goodrich, actress, yesterday secured a divorce in New York.

"I don't give a damn," he remarked when told the city had

LOCKED DOORS BLAMED FOR DISASTER

(By United Press (Leased Wire). NEW YORK, March 29.—District Attorney Whitman today examined 150 witnesses, most of them survivors of Saturday's fire, when 143 lives were lost in the destruction of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory. All agreed that the doors leading to the stairways and the passenger elevators were locked when the fire started and laid largely to this fact the enormous loss of life.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair tonight and Thursday. Light northerly winds.