

Horrors---What If People Should Get Control of the Government

Did you happen to read the speech of the Honorable C. W. Howard, president of the Washington State Bar association? It is printed in full in the special interest newspapers. Some of them are running his picture too.
If you haven't read it, however, don't bother. You could have guessed in advance what Bel-

ingham's railroad excuser would say.
Down with the initiative.
Down with the referendum.
Down with the recall.
Down with the direct primary on supreme court judges.
Let the few of us run things. The people haven't got sense enough to do it. That's what Howard says.

His best one, however, comes in the next to last paragraph when he shouts:
"It cannot be denied that the ultimate object of the authors and advocates of this direct legislative movement is to establish the principle that all power, legislative, executive and judicial, should be exercised by the unrestrained will of the majority."
Gee! wouldn't that be awful?

If the people should run their own government—my! no wonder Honorable Brother Howard is scared. Just think of it—the people running their government instead of letting the corporations and their high-priced lawyers do it for us—why, the idea! Honest, doesn't that just scare you to death—the idea that the people might get control of things—executive, legislative and judicial!

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OPEN FIGHT FOR DOLLAR GAS

A Seven-Footer Comes to Town He's Tallest Canned Goods Seller

Just lacking an inch of being a seven-footer. What do you think about this poor little dwarf running around Tacoma without a guardian?
He is Eugene Reed, only 22 years old, and he's on his first trip to town as a commercial traveler. "Gene once hankered to go into vaudeville, but he put the skids



This is 'Gene Reed, the elongated traveler, posing with one of Tacoma's fair daughters Ain't he the human telegraph pole—what? under his histrionic ambitions and now he sells canned goods for a Portland company.
"It runs in my family," he told a Times man this morning. "If you think I'm tall, you ought to see my uncle. He stands 7 foot 3 inches and weighs 275 pounds. My brother, who is only 17 years old, is 6 foot seven inches now. I don't know when he'll stop grow-

BUSINESSMEN BEHIND THE MOVE

Dollar gas.
Tacoma wants it and a movement is organizing to get it.
Thus far the gas monopoly here has resisted every effort to force the price to the dollar mark but leading business men are taking up the fight now.
A few months ago the Times started a crusade for dollar gas. A new company was ready to enter the field and there were hopes of relief. The gas company to head off the movement cut its price from \$1.35 to \$1.15 and the change in the administration headed off the new company.
This company went to Mayor Seymour and asked for a franchise, but Seymour told them he was opposed to granting the franchise to give competition to the old company.
This has made the gas company defiant and it has refused all concessions.
Return to Electricity.
So stubborn has been the attitude of the old company that Rhodes Brothers are now installing a private plant to light their stores to get away from the extortion of the gas company. This concern used as high as 400,000 feet of gas a month in winter and half that in summer.
The present movement for dollar gas was started by the big consumers, J. P. Johnson of the West Coast Grocery company, one of the leaders, is today interviewing other business men about organizing a movement for relief.
"We feel that we are entitled to a reduction in the price of gas," said E. R. Rogers, of the Rogers company, today.
"We use a great deal of gas in coffee roasting as do several other firms here, and we all have to compete with Seattle and Portland firms where they get much more favorable terms for gas than we do."
Demand Dollar Rate.
"We are demanding a dollar rate for all users in the city and a lower flat rate for the large consumers. We use in our plant 60,000 to 70,000 feet a month and for such an amount we feel that a rate at least as low as 75 cents would be none too much to expect."
As a result of the present movement a committee of business men has been organized and it is believed J. P. Johnson will be chairman.
The demand for dollar gas is taking such shape that it is expected to bring results in the near future.

Will the Door of Mercy Open?



SAULT STE. MARIE, July 28.—Will the baby soon to be born to Mrs. Angelino Napolitano open the door to absolute freedom to her?
Standing trembling on the path that leads down into the Shadow of Death, the woman whose pathetic straits stirred the pity of hundreds of thousands of men and women from one side of the American continent to the other, worries over this question.
The action of the government commuting the death sentence to life imprisonment with an intimation that she might be paroled, is giving her courage.
But if she has to go through the agony of child birth, only to return to her cell as soon as the baby is born, there to stay as long as she lives, she will go to the ordeal with weakened will and without hope.
"If I knew I could go back to my children," she moans, "I would feel so much stronger when my new baby comes."

The following persons have made up a purse of \$3.85 to be sent to Mrs. Napolitano for her children. The Times will send the money on to her or to friends who will see that it reaches the children. The contributors are: L. G. Irlig, A. Kofeod, G. W. Scott, Mrs. C. Kuhn, A. R. Holm and Mrs. Packard. Any other funds raised for the woman will be cheerfully forwarded by this newspaper.

KAISER MUST EITHER BACK DOWN OR FIGHT

ENGLISH FLEET READY TO SAIL AND ATTACK GERMAN PORTS—SITUATION IS CRITICAL.
HERE'S NAVAL STRENGTH OF NATIONS.
(By United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, July 28.—In view of the fact that Germany, Great Britain, France and Spain at least appear to be not far from the great war Europe has expected for decades, figures of dreadnaught strength of the nations, published here today, are of vital interest.
England, 12 completed, 9 launched, 11 ordered; Germany, 6, 7 and 8; United States, 4, 4 and 4. Neither France nor Spain have any completed, but France has four ordered and Spain three.
The first dreadnaught was begun by England in 1905.
The largest and most powerful yet completed is the German Thuringen.
Orders from the admiralty last evening had been to prepare for sea without the loss of a moment's time. No sooner were they received than the ship's complements got into action. When darkness fell searchlights from the warships swept the harbor and every battleship and cruiser was aflame with electricity from prow to stern.
"All provisioning and coaling must be completed by 5 a. m. Friday," the orders from the admiralty read.
From supply ships, oil carriers and colliers all night long the supplies of food and fuel poured into the fleet of big gray fighters and at 4 o'clock this morning the last battleship had signalled to the flagship: "Victualing and coaling completed; all ready."
With the break of day fall

Henwood Scores Judge And Draws Life Term

MAN WHO KILLED TWO MEN OVER A WOMAN, DEFILES LABOR-HATING JUDGE WHO MAKES "MEN, INNOCENT OR GUILTY, TREMBLE BEFORE HIM."
(Judge Whitford, who sentenced Henwood, is the most bitterly hated jurist in Colorado. He is the man who sentenced scores of strikers to a year in jail because they disobeyed one of his injunctions—that is, his orders.)
DENVER, July 28.—Labor leaders and other "Coloradoans" who have recently felt the severity of Superior Judge Whitford, today are discussing the scoring the jurist received at the hands of Frank H. Henwood, convicted of killing S. L. Von Phul and Geo. Copeland in an affray said to have resulted from undue intimacy of Von Phul and Henwood with the wife of Millionaire John Springer.
Henwood's denunciation came when Judge Whitford denied Henwood motion for a retrial.
When Henwood faced sentencing, before he was up to the life imprisonment, he had anything to say.
No exordium shook his flat in made on the bench and declared the judge with you—your desire to convict.

IS WILSON SHAMMING

OLYMPIA, July 28.—Is George Wilson insane or shamming? The authorities of Thurston county are watching closely the accused slayer of Archie and Nettie Cobel, since he tried to repudiate his former confession yesterday.
After a visit from his wife Wilson seemed calmer. He would not flatly deny to Sheriff Gaston that he had killed the young Rainier couple, but ridiculed the idea that it was possible for him to do it. Whether he is really insane and innocent and merely thinks he committed the crime, or whether he actually committed it and is trying to get off on an insanity plea is being debated by the authorities.

The Weather

Today's Temperature.	
5 a. m.	55
7 "	58
9 "	70
11 "	75
1 p. m.	80
3:30 "	81
Yesterday's maximum, 78;	
minimum, 54.	
Fair tonight and Saturday.	
Light northerly winds.	

CLUE TO MURDER

BALL PLAYER HEARD COLE THREATEN TO KILL MISS DUDLEY BECAUSE SHE HAD HIRED DOCTOR TO DRUG HIM.
(By United Press Leased Wire.)
SACRAMENTO, July 28.—That Sidney Cole murdered Anna M. Dudley in this city Wednesday because he thought she caused a Chinese doctor of San Francisco to drug him was the statement of Ben Hunt, pitcher of the Sacramento baseball club.
Hunt, who has been ill, was lying on the lawn in the Capitol grounds two weeks ago and was approached by Cole, who informed him that he was going to kill a woman who worked in the capitol building.
Cole told Hunt that the woman had a Chinese doctor in San Fran-

BOY MURDERS MILLIONAIRE

NEW YORK, July 28.—Covering fearfully in his cell in the county jail, weeping and praying that he will be saved from the electric chair, Paul Geddell, 17, the bell boy arrested for the murder of William Jackson, aged Wall street millionaire, today makes no denial of the crime, which it is alleged netted him \$6.75 in cash and a gold watch which he pawned for \$18.
Geddell, who was discharged at the Iroquois hotel Friday, declares he did not intend to kill Jackson and that robbery was his sole motive.
Patrick McGrane, Geddell's roommate, the police charge, acted as guard for Geddell. McGrane denies this, although admitting that Geddell showed him the watch and told him he had robbed and killed a man named Jackson. McGrane went with Geddell to the pawnshop and accepted \$1.
Geddell was traced by an empty chloroform bottle found in Jackson's room. The chloroform had been purchased by a woman named Kane and Geddell had stolen the bottle from her.

France Also Begins Preparations for War

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, July 28.—Despite statements emanating from the foreign office that the Franco-German difficulty over the Moroccan situation will be amicably adjusted, the war office is more active than it has been for years and military preparations proceeding with all speed indicates that whatever the outcome of the diplomatic negotiations, the country is not going to be caught napping.
Indication that war is really expected, despite all the diplomats say, came this afternoon when all the cavalry was ordered to be in readiness for active service and arms, ammunition and provisions for the railroad were rushed to the forts whose line stretches along the German frontier. Leaves of absence in every regiment of the line has been cancelled and in every barracks in the land only the word to march is lacking to put France actively in the field against the foe.

CHARGE SISTER WITH ABDUCTION

Bell Walker is in police court this afternoon answering to a charge of aiding two men to carry her sister to a room on D street Monday night. Mrs. Jeanette

Binford Girl Given Third Degree

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
RICHMOND, Va., July 28.—Judge R. Carter Scott visited the city jail today and declared that he would remove Beulah Binford, held in connection with the murder of the wife of Henry C. Boatman, Jr., from the reach of the police unless the detectives discontinue putting her through the "third degree."
Gertie Grubb, of Chesapeake City, is the name of the new girl climbing at Pink's Emporium.
"Hon Tossler, our vigilante constable, is looking for dog poisoners. No dogs has been poisoned yet, but you can't be any too careful these days, Hon says."
"A woman wouldn't any more luff at a good joke than a politician would fiddle with an ice cream body, Late Watercolor observe."

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE HICKTOWN BEE

40 SOLDIERS AND HORSES IN A PILE
VIENNA, July 28.—A horse in the front line falling when a regiment of dragoons was charging at full gallop during cavalry maneuvers here, threw 40 soldiers and their mounts into an indescribable heap. Several of the troopers probably will die.
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