

# GOOD FOR THE SUPREME COURT

The world "do move." Washington's supreme court reversed itself Wednesday repudiated its own decision of 18 months ago.

ago and held Spokane's minimum wage ordinance constitutional, legal and in the interest of humanity and progress. Spokane sought to compel contractors on city work to pay labor a minimum of \$3 a day. A property owner contested the assessment alleging it was taking money from him unjustly to bestow arbitrarily on the contractor. The court, 18 months ago, said the Spokane ordinance was no good. Yesterday it says it is just the thing.

Judges Chadwick and Mount and Goss dissent. Chadwick wrote an adverse opinion which looks good from a technical legal standpoint. But the important factor in the case is that the majority of the court has gotten away from technical legal hair-splitting and rendered the decision on the broad ground that a \$3 wage for common labor would be a good thing. Judge Ellis in writing the opinion said the cost of living had gone up and the laborer needs the money. And if the eight hour day is legal, the wage law is legal. And he argued that the law was legal for it had been shown to make a difference.

This sort of thing in the supreme court is new. It shows that the judiciary is crawling out of the musty shell of a decadent past and trying to get in touch with the humanity of today and the spirit of progress that is making for better things for the man who toils.

For Tacoma and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday.

**WORLD' NEWS ALL CONDENSED IN THE TIMES**

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**WE HAVE THE BEST FEATURES BEST PICTURES**



FELIZ ANO NUEVO.

THAT MEANS HAPPY New Year, but it's another way of saying it.

BET YOU MADE a whole heap of good resolutions this morning.

IF YOU ARE a mere man, you pressed one hand against your aching brow and swore fealty to the Adam's Ale buggy.

AND THREW AWAY all the cigars you collected last night.

AND RESOLVED to never again scold your wife.

AND MADE UP your mind to stay home on New Years eve after this.

AND ALL KINDS of good thoughts were think by you.

WHICH TOMORROW will be forgotten.

IF YOU BELONG to the ranks from which the suffragettes emanate, you probably also resolved.

YOU DECIDED to quit powdering your nose and penciling your eyebrows.

AND TO FOREGO this gossiping over the back fence when supper should be ready.

AND TO QUIT thinking uncharitable things about the way Mrs. Blank's new dress hangs.

AND TO QUIT reading French society novels and beauty hints.

AND TO GIVE your husband permission to take out that miserable little lapdog and blow it to Kalamazoo, Kentucky.

AND TO TRY and please said husband occasionally.

A WEEK AFTER you do this, you'll probably be living up to the resolutions so well, that both husband and you will be seeking divorce lawyers.

THE CAT WAS away, and the mice did play last night, all right.

EVERYBODY HAD a great old time, including Riley McAleer.

AT THE EARLY hour of 4 a. m. this morn Riley was arguing earnestly with a friend of his, urging him to come home with him.

RILEY WAS SO anxious to have the friend come with him that he sobbed aloud.

HE CLUTCHED FRANTICALLY at his friend's arms, and almost fell on his knees begging him to come.

AND ALL THE time the friend stood like a wooden image and stared across the street.

SAID FRIEND WAS a cigar store Indian.

NO, BY GOLLY, we can't have a happy New Year after all.

HUERTA IS still on the job.

WE ARE NOT surprised that the poultry show is a success.

CHICKENS ARE always popular.

**THAT you may have a very happy and prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of the PUGET SOUND STATE BANK**

## HEADACHE? OH, NO, WE FEEL DANDY TODAY!



**BY THE MERE REPORTER.**  
"Champagne?" queried the Police Reporter, turning to me. Now I pride myself on being a temperate man. I express scorn at things alcoholic whenever opportunity presents. But tonight—  
I looked about me. The Olympus Inn was thronged with merry-makers. From somewhere came bursts of music mingled with noise. There was a continuous popping of corks and clinking of glasses. Snatches of song arose from lither and joy amid the throng. A gay, insouciant, devil-may-care spirit pervaded the assemblage. I hesitated, then—  
"Champagne it is," I recklessly told the Senegambian prince by our table. He looked happy. It was a big night for "your humble servant" last eve.  
The Police Reporter and myself were out to take in the sights of New Year's eve. The winking hour was almost at hand.  
Even as the King of the Kafirs came with the fizzy liquid, siren shrieks of whistles broke upon the air. We arose to our feet and yelled. Cowbells dinned unmercifully, and if pandemonium ever broke loose it was at that moment.  
At the table next to ours a big stout man and a pretty girl by our table. He looked happy. A very long, lingering, mouth-watering kiss. A very reckless and very blonde young lady sprang upon a table and danced. I don't know what she danced. I do know she wore silk stockings. The Police Reporter also noticed it.  
That was the beginning of the end. I have dim recollections (which kept getting dimmer as we progressed) of leaving the Olympus for other places. The streets were full of people and full of full people.

## MAY BUILD LINE FROM LIGHT FUND

The city commission will not be able to take the money from the sinking fund as it proposes to build the municipal street car line on the tideflats. For the city charter expressly prohibits the investment of sinking fund money in any such securities.  
The council will undoubtedly be compelled to come back to the original suggestion of the Times that the line be built from profits made by the light and power business this year, which have been estimated at \$103,000, but which the council intended to reduce by \$44,000 by cutting the light rates beginning in March.  
By rescinding the action to cut the light rates the commission will be gathering in several thousand dollars a month this year in profits that can be utilized to build the tracks and buy equipment for the tideflats line. But the charter will prohibit the investment of sinking funds in the street railway warrants.  
The city will have to call for bids for the purchase of the rails and other material to go into the line.

## NEW YEAR IS HOPEFUL FOR BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—General optimism concerning 1914, confidence in the new currency law and general belief that the country's big industries will adjust themselves to conditions imposed by the Underwood tariff bill, are expressed everywhere today by business men in telegrams to the New York World.  
"The outlook for 1914 is bright," wired Secretary of Commerce Redfield. "I think the fundamental economic conditions of the country are sound."

## 200 MEN GO ON STRIKE AT SMELTER

Strike is on at the smelter today, and from 200 to 300 men are out and the plant is being thoroughly picketed by the men. One of the employees stated that the company had posted a notice that men getting \$2.55 a day would be cut to \$2.40, and common labor, which has been working nine hours for \$2.25, would begin January 1 work 10 hours for the same pay.  
Superintendent H. Y. Walker, when asked for the company side of the case, said he made it a rule not to discuss the smelter business and would make no statement contradicting the statement of the striking employees when it was given him.  
"All I will say is we posted a notice that common labor beginning January 1 would be \$2.25 for 10 hours," said Mr. Walker.

## ALARM FROM INSIDE CAUSE

CALUMET, Jan. 1.—Leaders among the striking miners said today that they were satisfied with the verdict returned by the coroner's jury which investigated the Christmas eve fire panic resulting in the loss of 75 lives. The jury found that the panic resulted from an alarm raised inside the hall, and rejected all charges that enemies of the miners' union were in any way responsible for it.

## Pastor Flirted

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 1.—The resignation of the Rev. John R. Ellis as pastor of the First Presbyterian church here was accepted by a congregation meeting, and it was voted to ask the Indianapolis Presbytery to meet in special session to take up the charges against him. The church officials have a bundle of letters the minister is said to have written women of the city, asking for clandestine meetings.

## Used Mails

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—James Dunlop Smith and Elmer E. Burlingame, officers of the Radio Wireless Telephone company, were convicted of using the mails to defraud in trying to sell stock.

## Witness Declares Recklessness Caused Death of Little Newsboy RUN DOWN BY AUTO

Aroused over the killing of William Sabo, a newsboy, age 8, last night, who was run down by the automobile of Walter L. Batschi, age 17, at least two persons today declared that they would use every means at their command to force a vindication of the accident.  
S. G. Moran, proprietor of a furniture and second hand store at 2422 Pacific avenue, who vigorously denounced young Batschi as a "speeder" and "dare-devil," declared that if the parents of the boy did not make charges against the youthful automobile driver, he would personally swear out a warrant.  
Henry Carter, living at the Fern hotel, 2411 1/2 Pacific avenue, who was practically the only eye-witness to the accident, declared that he would interview the lad's parents today over the matter, and asserted that "something should be done to punish the driver."

## AROUND, AROUND, AROUND HE GOES—THIS BIRDMAN ON TRIP AROUND WORLD



Jules Verne's, France's greatest air man, is off on his round-the-world flight in a 100-mile-an-hour monoplane. Verdes left Nancy, France, in a New Year and expects to reach Cairo New Year's day. He has already crossed the Mediterranean sea, and at Karsoos, Syria, was 2,500 miles on his way. Verdes won the Gordon Bennett race at Chicago, averaging about 125 miles an hour, and has won any number of contests in Europe.

## FOUND DYNAMITE UNDER BRIDGE

Forty pounds of dynamite, together with a large can of black powder, were discovered today hidden in a mysterious cave under the east approach to the 11th street bridge, close to the city waterway.  
The explosive, powerful enough to wreck the entire bridge, is still there. Police detectives who investigated the case today made certain that the dynamite was really dangerous and then gingerly tiptoed away from it.  
A small boy searching for worms as bait for a fishing party discovered the cache of explosive at 8 o'clock today. The dynamite and powder was secreted in a small dug-out cave under the bridge approach, with a roughly improvised wooden trap door protecting it.  
The boy rushed to police headquarters with his startling news and Detective William Fackler, with Detective-Clerk Homer Crocker, hurried to the bridge. They found a full box of dynamite and the can of black powder about 8 inches in diameter and 10 inches high. After making certain of the nature of the explosive, the officers carefully replaced the wad of the powder and hurried away.  
So far as is known, no permission has been given to remove dynamite under the bridge. The police were unwilling to state today that they believed an attempt had been made to wreck the huge structure, but detectives were assigned immediately to the case with orders to "run down every clue."

## ARMIES FIGHT DURING NIGHT

PRESIDIO, Texas, Jan. 1.—New Year's dawned with a terrific battle raging in Ojinaga today. Fighting did not cease throughout the night. The rebel artillery concentrated on the town is raining shells which are falling among the defenders. Half a dozen fires started during the night but were extinguished and the battle continued. At least 500 dead lay on the streets of the besieged town. Estimates of the wounded numbered 1,000. With the town's capture, American territory is expected to be extended to the Rio Grande.

## HUNGRY MEN MARCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—While New Year's revelry was at its height 500 hungry and jobless men participated in three downtown street meetings. Then Leo Lipp, their leader, urged a parade. Forming into line the army or unemployed swung in a white flag. The parade was not chaotic. The men called the police. Thirteen were arrested for disorderly conduct.

## DIPPED IN COLD SURE

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—At one minute after midnight last night, Bessie Carrette, accompanied by three men companions, took a dip in the surf at Coney island. The young woman and one of the men swam out 100 yards. The other two shivered close to the shore.

## LEADS WOODMEN DANCE IN HOTEL

OMAHA, Jan. 1.—W. A. Fraser was elected head of the Woodmen of the World.

## SLAIN NEW YEAR'S EVE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Susie Adams, age 35, was shot and instantly killed, Charles Clempaco, age 30, was shot in the forehead and will die, and Policeman Warren was slightly injured as the result of a tragedy in the underworld early New Year's day. The tragedy was the result of an orgy participated in by the man and woman, which was followed by a pistol duel between Policeman Toomey and Clempaco, the latter lying on the floor from a self-inflicted gunshot in the breast.

## ACTRESS TRIES SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Mrs. A. J. Williams, a vaudeville actress, attempted suicide today by firing two bullets into her abdomen. Her condition is critical today. Williams told the police that he and his wife attended a New Year's eve party last night. Mrs. Williams, he said, wished to return home early in the evening. They quarreled and she went home alone. She was found later in their apartment, with the bullet wounds bleeding profusely.

## What Have You To Swap?

Maybe you have a nice fat fish cow. But you want a good guitar the worst way. Very well. The Times "Swaps" column will do it for you. Find it on the classified ad page. If there is any old thing you want to swap, from a toothpick to an automobile, advertise it in our column. You will get results.

## BLAME PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—U. S. inspectors have decided First Officer Ravens of the President was to blame for the loss of a passenger of the President November 29, and loss of three men trying to effect a rescue, and he has been suspended for 18 months.

## BIG CARGO

Notice was received in Tacoma yesterday that the steamer Panama Maru of the Osaka Shosha Kaisha steamship company had left Yokohama December 24 for Tacoma, with a cargo including 925 bales of raw silk.

## READY FOR BIG FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—With the weather clearing rapidly at 8 o'clock it seemed certain that Smith and Pelkey would meet this afternoon. If the storm should continue, however, the bout will be postponed until Saturday afternoon. Odds are now 10 to 7 with Smith the favorite.

## LISTER NAMES FIVE REGENTS

Governor Lister has named five new regents for the state university in O. A. Fechner, republican, North Yakima; William T. Perkins, republican banker, Seattle; Dr. W. A. Shannon, democrat, Seattle; Charles E. Goshes, republican, grain dealer, Mount Vernon; and Arthur W. Miller, democrat, city agent, Seattle. These men take the places of the five regents who recently resigned as the result of a demand from the governor for their retirement following their action in removing President Kane. President Kane, President Kane resigned as a result of a scandal involving a temporary head of the university.

## JOHNSON OPPOSED SMITLEY GETS ELKS BIG JOB

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Baa Johnson, president of the American League, today opposed fighting the Federal league in the courts. "The real victories and defeats in baseball," he said, "are settled by the public, and not by the judge. His battle is one for patronage, and the man with the best show should and does win."

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