

# Arrests Of Pair Disclose "Soul-Burbanking" Cult In Seattle

**A** CHICAGO man was taken in a taxi cab, stripped of his watch, money and trousseau and dropped, thus proving that Chicago taxi cab drivers are much more lenient than those of New York. They did not take his underwear.

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**WEATHER:**  
For Tacoma and vicinity:  
Showers tonight and Friday.  
For Washington: Same.

# MURDER CASE BEGUN

## Most Distressing! Our Old Friend Louis Bean's Gone and Done It Again

How distressing! We note that our old friend Louis Bean is in hot water again.

As usual his trouble is caused by his unfortunate jitney bus advertisements. You know Louis has been knocking the jitneys. He says all sorts of cutting things about them and about the people who ride in them.

And now A. L. Kempster, who is head of the Stone & Webster shebang in Seattle, comes out in the Electric Railway Journal, that most safe and sane organ, with an article actually commending the jitneys. Of course, he does it rather grudgingly, but he does it.

"Experience is showing us that the public demands faster service," Kempster writes. "The time

for romance and platonic consideration is past. We will fight fire with fire. If the public demands that we give fast service in small units, with correspondingly few stops, we shall do so.

"Not only does the jitney cost us less to operate, but it gives us a certain amount of freedom from franchise and public service regulation. As a matter of fact, the saving in our rail upkeep and in the care of overhead wire and in carhouse costs will pay the cost of upkeep and repairs and go a long way toward the primary cost of such machines as we may be compelled to purchase.

Horrors! Almost the opposite of everything Bean has been saying!

Kempster even talks about what the public wants! Bean never did that.

Kempster admits that autos are faster than street cars. Think of it!

And he ends up "we may be compelled to purchase."

What an unthinkable,

intolerable ass that fellow Kempster must be to disagree with our Louis Bean!

And yet behold the uncomfortable position in which it puts Louis.

For Kempster is Kempster, and Bean is only Bean. And when the northwest big bug of the Stone & Webster menagerie says he's for jits, what's Bean to say? He can't talk sassy to his boss; now can he? Really, it's most embarrassing.

But what can he do? He must do something.

We suggest, by way of helping him out of the hole, that he change the subject. Why not talk some more in those ads of his about the paving between his wheels or about Safety First?

## And Now It's Up to You and Me to Look Out For Billie



Five of the sort of youngsters who will be benefited if you attend the county fair at Clover Park Friday or Saturday.

By A. J. Eldred

We don't suppose that the hardest-hearted child-hater would argue that little Billie who lives out at the Children's Industrial home at Oakland station was the cause of his papa's and mamma's getting a divorce.

Ordinarily, Billie would be reason enough for the two of them to try to get along together, for he's a winning little fellow—sturdy, healthy, blue-eyed, and with trusting smile of a four-year-old.

But in this case, papa and mamma could not see a bit of good in each other, so one day they went up to the courthouse, and then Billie went to live with his mamma all alone. And a little while later, when his mamma got sick, he had to go to the Children's Industrial home.

For, as usual, when two grown persons fight, it is a third party—and an innocent one—which

much suffer. That is, if suffer is the exact word. Billie hasn't his mamma any more, but in that respect he is just like the 60 or 65 other children of the Oakland home.

They might all be called the salvage of the divorce courts. And now, instead of a home where they throw things at each other, Billie has a nice, clean home where people are kind to each other, where the children play, go to school, and do just enough work around the home to keep it clean and wholesome.

He has his own little bed, which he makes himself, his own little chair at the table with other tots his age, his share of the toys such as the generous storekeepers of Tacoma send out.

Theoretically, the home charges a small sum to care for children. But in most cases, the parents are unable to pay anything at all. The

income of the home is \$150 a month from the 60 or 65 children who stay there.

The rest of it is up to you and me to raise. The board of managers, of which Mrs. Alexander Thomson is head, and Mrs. P. C. Kauffman is chairman of a committee which decides whether each child shall be received or not, has various means of receiving contributions, one of which is:

A county fair at Clover Park Friday and Saturday. There'll be an auction, with Auctioneer Fitz-Henry in charge; a baby contest, where the prettiest will get a perambulator; prize dances; pretty girls; a fish-pond, and a merry-go-round.

The children from the home will be there Saturday afternoon. The fair will last from 2 to 11 o'clock each day, and those who attend can get dinner at a special booth.

## HEAD OFF INVESTIGATION

An investigation of charges made by Wade H. Cook, former operator at the city power plant, against Andrew J. Holmes, superintendent, was smothered today by Commissioners Mills, Atkins and Drake.

Atkins was leader of the whitewash brigade. After the council had been called to order, Assistant City Clerk Donovan read the sensational charges of Cook against Holmes, and Mayor Fawcett invited the discharged operator inside the railing.

Before Cook could give testimony, Drake cut in with a statement attempting to show justification in discharging Cook.

Recalls Turner Case. Just as Cook began to repeat verbal charges against Holmes, who sat in the audience chamber surrounded by eight Le Grande operators whom he had brought as witnesses, Atkins dabbed his brush in the whitewash bucket.

"Before there is any inquiry," he said, "I want to know just why we should be sitting here to investigate Holmes, anyway. I don't think it is any business of this council. If there is anyone to try in this case, it is not the employe but the commissioner."

"I want to say that a year or so ago my friend Bill Turner was released from the fire department, and I could not get a hearing for him. I am not in favor of this investigation or any other hearing unless Turner gets a

trial. So They Adjourn. "I have always been ready to allow Turner a trial," interjected Fawcett.

"At any rate," continued Atkins, "we're setting a bad precedent here. Serious charges have been made. It isn't up to this council to hear them. Let Mr. Drake investigate the charges. I move we adjourn."

"I second the motion," hastily said Drake.

The council voted to adjourn, with Fawcett and Woods opposing.

"It's the most brazen whitewash I ever saw," said Mayor Fawcett. "Atkins and his two friends are trying to hide behind a technicality of the law. This council has every moral right to investigate conditions at the city power plant, and we certainly should do it, in the face of repeated charges made against

Holmes. I am certainly surprised that Atkins would have the nerve to pull off such a bold scheme."

Many Charges Made. Holmes is the man whom women at Le Grande complained against several months ago, declaring that he used vile language in their presence, and asked for his discharge.

He was employed under Drake several years ago when Drake was connected with the old Snoqualmie Light & Power Co., and has held the position of superintendent at Le Grande since the first week of Drake's administration.

Cook charged that Holmes bought quantities of liquor, was incompetent, used vile and nasty language, and was a "czar" at the plant. Cook's only witness at today's hearing was Q. Hockaday, another electrical operator recently discharged.

## Hear This Concert, Too

Well, folks, now you're in the habit of going to fine band concerts in the Stadium, don't try to break yourself until tomorrow, at least.

For the Second Washington Infantry band will play there tonight.

There will be no charge, but opportunity will be afforded for you to contribute anything you may feel able.

All the money will go to the Tacoma Y. W. C. A. It needs it badly.

Don't let the somewhat unfortunate dating of this fine concert keep you at home. It will be worth hearing.

## PARROT TRIAL OPENS; ALIBI TO BE URGED

OLYMPIA, July 29.—With Attorney C. E. Collier planning to spring an alibi in the conduct of his defense, Joe Parrot, alleged murderer of Fred Weiss, went on trial today.

All morning was occupied by the state in the examination of prospective jurors. Collier claims that he can prove Parrot was far away from the scene of the Weiss murder at the time it is alleged to have been committed. Also, he claims, he

will be able to knock out the circumstantial evidence on which the state is basing its case.

The state will claim that Parrot was seen in Gate City the day of the murder; and that when later arrested in Tacoma, he had on shoes which had been taken from the body of the dead man, who had been beaten up and robbed of \$25.

Parrot also has been held in Tacoma on a charge of murdering J. O. Rainey, a Wilkinson miner.

## PREPARE BECKER FOR PUNISHMENT

NEW YORK, July 29.—Lieut. Charles Becker's last chance for liberty was dashed late yesterday by a refusal of Justice John Ford of the supreme court, to order a new trial. He said the recently offered "new" evidence was not sufficient to warrant him in undoing the work of two other courts.

Becker received news of his death, which will come shortly after daybreak tomorrow, calmly. "I am not afraid to die," he told the deputy warden of the death-house when the news was brought him.

The decision was handed down on the justice's 53rd birthday. "Pretty tough way to celebrate a birthday, isn't it," he remarked to newspaper men who had called for copies of his decision.

Preparing to Die. When Becker's wife was told he must die, she collapsed.

Becker is being prepared for death. Today he was given his last shower bath, stripped of his civilian clothing and garbed in plain black.

His death-call has been stripped of all his belongings except a picture of his wife.

Calm and Iron-Nerved. The prison barber was summoned to the Becker cell, and clipped the prisoner's hair. Then, around his head where the metal electrode is to fit, a strip was shaved bare. Becker sat cool, calm and iron-nerved as the ghastly work of preparation went on.

His friends were confident that he would go to his death unflinchingly, and some even believed he would make a public statement from the chair, and leave a paper to be published after his death.

Mrs. Becker will meet Gov. Whitman tonight in a last plea for the life of her husband. The governor repeatedly has stated that he believed the former police lieutenant to be guilty, but Mrs. Becker is determined to make one last effort to sway him.

She will be accompanied by Attorney Johnson, who will join in her plea.

Only once in the day did Becker lose his composure. That was when newspapers were brought in with accounts that a former wife had died under suspicious circumstances. He grew intensely angry at the insinuations.

## Well Known Kansas Girl Will Marry



Miss Marcia Murdock, daughter of the progressive party leader, Victor Murdock and Mrs. Murdock of Wichita, Kas., who is to be married in August to Lieut. Harvey Delano of the United States navy.

## ARREST LIQUOR MEN

A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Fred Smith, a saloonkeeper on lower Broadway, charging him with selling liquor to Frank McMann, an Indian.

## BICYCLIST PLUNGES TO GULCH

Losing control of his bicycle while riding to work this morning along the narrow path that borders Lincoln park, on the edge of Gallagher's gulch, Charles Keselburg, 4316 Thompson avenue, a gardener, plunged head first over the edge of the gulch, landing unconscious against a stump 40 feet below. His skull was fractured, and grave fears are expressed for his recovery.

Keselburg was 18 years of age, and employed by the park board at Lincoln park. The path is narrow and winding. The youth's brake refused to work while he was descending a small hill, and when he came to the next curve the machine shot out over the edge. The boy's body was found, beside his shattered bicycle, 30 minutes later. He is semi-conscious, but in a critical condition.

## CAPT. SMITH STRICKEN

Ill with a severe attack of appendicitis, Detective Captain D. G. Smith was removed from police headquarters to his home, 10th and Sprague streets, this morning.

Capt. Smith has suffered since Saturday, and has been advised by physicians to undergo an operation, but has steadfastly refused to leave his duties.

## Milk O. K., Says Doc Button; He'd Drink It Himself

Tacoma's milk supply today is the best that it has ever been.

The Times' recent crusade for pure milk, conducted in conjunction with the city milk inspection department, achieved an improvement and "clean-up" in dairy conditions and milk supply that might otherwise have taken the city two years to accomplish.

Not a drop of milk is being delivered in Tacoma now from tuberculous cows, so far as the city can ascertain through rigid inspection, and every dairy is complying with the most strict sanitation and health laws.

"I am more than satisfied with the results of the campaign for pure milk," said Milk Inspector R. A. Button today.

He'd Drink It Himself. "Tacoma has the best milk in its history. I don't believe there is a drop of impure milk coming

to the city. I would be willing myself to drink the milk of any dairy that supplies milk to the city."

Dr. Button declared today that all but two or three of the dairies tributary to Tacoma have even removed all tubercular cows from their property. Most of them have been killed. In the two or three exceptions, the tubercular cows are almost ready to bear calves, and the owners are only waiting until that time, to dispose of the cows. Calves from tubercular cows are never tubercular at birth, and can be reared into healthy animals.

No Boiled Germs Here. "In Seattle and other cities they have certified and pasteurized milk," said Dr. Button, "but they cannot excel us in quality. Tacoma has as good milk as any city in the Northwest. In cities where pasteurized milk is sold, the consumers are using boiled milk from diseased cows, in many cases. Of course, the disease germs are dead, but the thought is not pleasant that you are consuming boiled disease microbes. They tried to do that in Tacoma but I stopped them. No diseased milk, pasteurized or otherwise, can be sold here as long as this department knows of it."

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## Enters Faddist Colony

SEATTLE, July 29.—With the arrest of Mrs. Dorothy Gerber, philanthropist wife of Dr. Rudolph A. Gerber of San Francisco, and Dr. Aalph DeBit, on a statutory charge, Prosecutor Lundin today has uncovered a number of the mysterious rites of the Yoga Cult, of which the two were high members.

The Yoga cult teaches entire freedom. Its members live freely and openly with each other. Inspirational dancing is a leading feature.

The disciples live in "igloos" at Beaux Arts village, Lake Washington.

There occurs the "Burbanking of souls," which is the society's chief avowed object.

The trouble with Mrs. Gerber and Dr. De Bit, says the latter, is that Dr. Gerber is a "low-brow," and doesn't understand that in the divine bonds of Yoga his wife has been joined in soul with De Bit.

Gerber has chased his wife all over the world, where she has been traveling with De Bit, and at last has found them and had the law on them. But De Bit is neither worried nor embarrassed.

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## T. R. & P. WORKERS ON PICNIC

The fifth annual picnic of the employes of the Tacoma Railway & Power Co. was held today at Spanaway lake. The company let as many men as possible off and added a number of extra cars to handle the picnic crowd. A basket lunch and an elaborate athletic program will be given.

## BANK LOANS

When a person makes application to a Bank for a Loan he must have already been depositing some funds in the Bank. He must of necessity, in that manner become acquainted with the Officers of the Bank.

Therefore it behooves every individual to select some Bank and deposit some money and make it a point to get acquainted, because there comes times in every man's life when he needs temporary assistance.

The Puget Sound State Bank extends a cordial welcome to all.