

MILLS READS SMUTTY 'POEMS' ALOUD IN COUNCIL MEETING



NOW that Dr. Dumba has about finished impressing upon all citizens of Austria and Germany the perils of hanging on to their jobs in American factories, we take the liberty of suggesting that the naturalization office is open every week day.

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WEATHER

Tacoma and vicinity: Fair to night and Saturday.
Washington: Same.

A LESSON FOR CITY COUNCIL!

There has been a show-down. The council, which framed a neat plan whereby it would dip into the pocket-books of city light users to meet the excess demands of the 1916 budget, has seen the light. It has reversed its attitude completely, and announced that it will give the city light plant a square deal.

One or two commissioners add a touch of comedy to the incident by trying to make out that their final attitude was what they meant to be understood as believing all the while!

Frankly, this surrender came as a surprise to The Times. When we began a campaign one week ago to-

day to show the injustice of the council's scheme we had little hope of seeing it knocked out this year.

We did hope to open the people's eyes to what the commissioners were doing, so that no commissioner ever would dare in the future to attempt such a course.

Truth will prevail. In spite of the conspiracy of silence on the part of the three special interest papers, the people of Tacoma at once learned through The Times what was going on.

They saw that the man with a home, the man with a store and the man with a factory were to be made to bear a burden of municipal expense which rightfully belonged to non-resident

land speculators. The Commercial club, at the behest of its president, George H. Stone, remonstrated. The Central Labor Council, always alert to the public welfare, protested. All the other leading civic organizations were investigating.

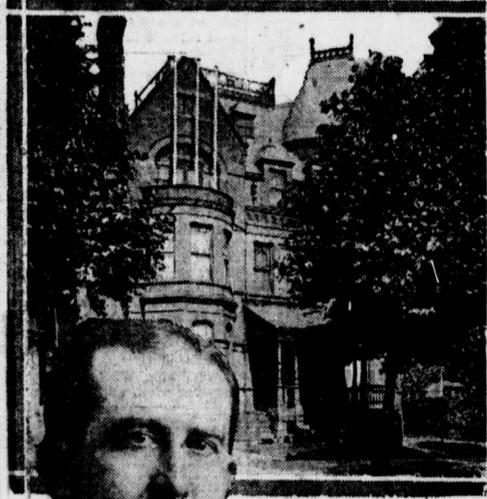
So the council turned tail. Now we do not wish to be understood as saying that may not justly be reduced in the light department. Possibly they can be; we hope so. That is for the council to study. What we do insist, however, is that if expenses are cut any more in that department that the

saving shall be applied either on light plant indebtedness or on the reduction of light rates, and not be diverted to the general fund.

The episode is notable, for it shows that Tacoma people believe in municipal ownership. It shows that they understand its principles. It shows that they will not tolerate a jugglery such as the council contemplated. It shows that they want the accounts kept honestly and fairly.

LET NO PRESENT OR FUTURE COUNCILMAN MISUNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE IN THIS MATTER OR TRY TO OVERRIDE THEIR WILL.

WILL DUMBA'S SHOES FIT ZWIEDINEK?



THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY.

At left, Baron Erich Zwiedinek, who is expected to become charge d'affaires of the Austro-Hungarian embassy; below, Capt. Franz von Papeu, military attache of the German embassy, for whose recall the American government is expected to ask.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 17.—Baron Erich Zwiedinek, counselor of the Austrian embassy, will be designated, it is expected, as charge d'affaires, or acting ambassador, to take the place temporarily of Dr. Constantin Theodore Dumba, when the latter is recalled.

Baron Zwiedinek came to Washington from Stockholm, Sweden, where he was counselor of the Austrian legation.

He is 45 and comes of an aristocratic family. He entered the foreign service in 1894, beginning in the foreign office at Vienna.

In 1896 he was sent to Constantinople, where he served in the consulate and later at the embassy there. In February, 1898, he was promoted to be vice consul, and in 1899 was made "attache of legation."

In 1900 he was transferred to the embassy at Madrid. In 1901 he was sent to Stockholm as secretary of legation, and in 1905 was sent as secretary of the embassy in London.

In 1908 he returned to Stockholm and was promoted to be counselor there, coming from there to Washington in 1912.

VILLISTA HANDITS RAID AMERICAN RANCHES WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 17.—Villistas are raiding the ranches near Torreon, according to state department advices today.

After evacuating Musquiz soldiers fleeing toward Chihuahua stripped the American ranches.

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CHUCKLES OVER HIS NASTINESS

City Commissioner A. U. Mills, during today's city council session, read aloud to the other commissioners two obscene sets of verses, poems of such character that they hardly would be allowed in the lowest brothel.

His rendition of the second piece of vile literature was interrupted when Former State Representative Dix H. Rowland walked into the council room. Up to that moment there had been no spectators except newspaper reporters in the room.

Rowland, who recently returned from the Northwest Methodist conference, where he was a delegate, was in time to hear Mills loudly reading an indecent verse, and chuckling with glee over it.

Other commissioners, seeing Rowland, motioned and hissed to Mills in an endeavor to silence him.

Each member turned his head in shame when Rowland looked disgustedly at the circle. Mills finally was silenced, and stuffed his poems in his pocket, very much like a schoolboy who has been caught by the teacher in wrongdoing.

The fact that Mills outraged the city council today by his obscene recital two days after he had threatened to impeach Mayor Fawcett for uttering an oath of anger in the council room, was openly commented upon.

"Say, fellows, someone sent me a couple of choice poems from San Francisco," he remarked in the beginning. "I want to read them."

The council was in session, but had little official business before it. After the first "poem," Mills started on his second. None of the commissioners, or Mayor Fawcett, had shown any desire to hear the first one.

"Say, that's enough of that kind of stuff, Mills," remarked Atkins, as the second poem began.

"Aw, this isn't half so bad, Charlie," laughed Mills, and he began to read.

The second poem was developing into an even more disgusting collection of vile words and obscenity, when Rowland entered. Later Mills attempted to pass his "poem" about to the commissioners, but they showed no desire to finish reading it.

There is a city ordinance making it a jail offense for anyone to carry obscene or indecent pictures or literature on his person.

There is another ordinance regarding the uttering of obscene or vile words in a public place.

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U. S. Het Up Over Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 17.—Grave displeasure over Great Britain's confiscation of \$15,000,000 worth of American meats under prize court proceedings provoked the administration today.

Officials admitted the British decision was of the greatest diplomatic importance, as affecting public opinion in the matter of negotiations for a modification of the British blockade against Germany.

While diplomatic action depends on the shippers' technical legal course in the confiscation matter, the administration is preparing to make a vigorous protest to England at the proper time.

Bean Again After Fill

Manager Louis Bean of the Tacoma Railway & Power Co. is again dickering secretly with members of the city commission for a franchise across the Tacoma avenue fill.

This leaked out today, following a conference between Bean, Atkins and Mills, held yesterday afternoon in Atkins' office.

The council plans to hand the street railway company a franchise over the city's \$100,000 fill, despite the protest of Mayor Fawcett that a rental should be charged.

In "exchange" for the privilege according to the agreement said to have been reached, Manager Bean will promise to extend the Pacific avenue line from its present terminus at 33rd street, to 64th street. The extension is one that has long been contemplated by the street car company, anyway.

Bean will also promise to connect his power wires to a city switch, so that the city can cut over to the Stone-Webster power service in case the municipal plant should go out of commission.

It will save the T. R. & P. Co. many hundreds of dollars annually to route its north-going cars across the fill and Jefferson avenue, rather than around the present Delta street route.

MEXICANS FIRE ACROSS BORDER

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Sept. 17.—Mexican soldiers exchanged fire with American soldiers at Matamorras, Tex., today. A truce was immediately proclaimed by the United States.

American soldiers were reported to have fought a battle at Brownville last night.

Fire Chief May Not Be Fired

Abolishment of the office of fire chief will not be accomplished, despite the wishes of Commissioner Atkins, according to sentiment expressed at the city hall today.

Mayor Fawcett called Chief McAlevy to his office today and announced after the conference that he was not in favor of the move. He declared Atkins was attempting to take out an old grudge on McAlevy.

Commissioner Mills is unalterably opposed to the idea, and Woods will not vote for it.

BEAN TO LAY MORE TRACK

The T. R. & P. Co. is contemplating a connection between the North K street line and the Pt. Defiance line, in the North End, according to a statement made to Mayor Fawcett last night by Manager Bean.

Bean asked for a large street light at 11th and I streets, which is a transfer point now between the two lines. When Fawcett suggested that the K street line be extended to North 26th and Proctor, allowing the public a direct transfer without walking two blocks, Bean said he was already working on the plan.

WINSON JURY DRAWN TODAY

The entire jury which convicted Mike Vito yesterday was dismissed today as the jury drawing for the trial of Ed Winslow, colored, charged with killing Irving Wise near 11th and K sts., following an altercation over strength tests.

The entire morning was taken up with examining new jurors, the defense being insistent that the jurors selected be believers in self-defense.

The case is creating considerable interest. The courtroom was well filled with spectators, several being colored.

Took Mother-in-Law's Auto? Must Face Music

H. B. Anderson, a Midland rancher, was arrested by the police late night after a merry zig-zag ride down the middle of Pacific avenue, and is charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. A. A. Fair, a neighbor, who was riding with him, was charged by the police with being intoxicated and disorderly.

Popular In Petrograd



MRS. PAUL BARTLETT. Her husband was until recently a member of the American embassy in Petrograd, where she was very popular, but as Europe is no longer a pleasant place to visit, she has been spending this summer at Lake Forest, Ill.

JOHNDEE REFUSES

(Copyrighted, 1915, by United Press.) CLEVELAND, Sept. 17.—John D. Rockefeller, sr., has definitely, positively and finally determined he will not take part in loaning to carry on the conflict in Europe. In an interview today it was learned the oil king has been offered opportunities to enrich himself further by subscribing to the allied loan, but he absolutely refused.

ASKS \$1000 FOR BEATING

A jury was drawn today in Judge Chapman's court in the case of John H. Nagley, who is charged by Thomas Jones with assault and is asking for \$1,000 alleged damages.

The defendant claims Jones entered his home near Easton hills and disrupted the sanctity of his abode. When asked to leave, Nagley alleges, Jones refused, whereupon he administered a beating.

SENTENCES JOE PARROT FOR LIFE OLYMPIA, Sept. 17.—Joe Parrot, convicted of first degree murder for the slaying of Fred Weism, an Olympia tailor, at Gate, on June 3 of this year, was today sentenced by Judge D. F. Wright, of the Thurston county superior court, to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Why Not Tell Truth About Summit Climb?

This article is one of a series by the editor, Mr. Pinkerton. Former installments were printed on the editorial page under the heading, "Some Observations of An Editor Who Went Up the Big Mountain." They began with the description of a visit to the little known St. Andrew's Park and other points on the west side of the peak. Yesterday's article dealt with the ascent to the summit. Today's article will be followed by at least one more, in which some suggestions regarding the future of Paradise Valley will be offered.

BY THE EDITOR. I wish to make good-natured exception to the attitude of T. H. Martin, Commercial club secretary, in regard to making known the true conditions surrounding the climb to the summit of Mt. Tacoma.

Mr. Martin, if I have not misunderstood him, would prefer that wide publicity not be given the fact that the climb is the hardest which can be undertaken in America.

It seems to me this very fact should be advertised. If cleverly done it might be converted into a genuine asset for our national park.

On both of two visits to the summit I took occasion to run through the books at Registry Rocks, wherein are written the names of those who reached the top.

On neither occasion do I recall finding T. H. Martin's signature. Possibly I was so chilled that in running over those interesting lists I overlooked his.

However, my guess is that Mr. Martin never has visited the summit. If not, he has no right to express an opinion as to the severity of the climb, for one who never has made it cannot form a true estimate of its exertions.

The guides say it is the most severe test to which a man can subject his body and his faculties.

They say that to every would-be climber who applies for membership in a party. Many who still wish to essay the climb they reject. Only occasionally will they permit a woman to join their parties, and they practically never advise a woman to do so.

Personally, I think that no woman, unless she be that one in ten thousand who is virtually a man's equal in physical strength and courage, ought to try to go beyond Camp Muir.

Growing children should be barred absolutely.

However, for the well developed, healthy man I can think of no finer sport than to make the full ascent of Tacoma.

When one can see the peaks of Central Oregon, the Blue Mountains near the Idaho line, the Rockies of Idaho and of British Columbia; when he can gaze far past Puget Sound and the Olympics and out into the Pacific—all from one point—it is a privilege he ought to seize.

The panorama simply cannot

be described, but it can be imagined when one knows, for example, that on a clear day the climber is able to trace the valley of the Columbia, sweeping across the

LOGGER SHOO'S HIMSELF

Depressed because of a nervous ailment that he could not conquer, Lee Hendrickson, a Shelton logger, shot himself through the forehead at 10:25 o'clock today, while standing before the mirror in his room at the Cornell hotel, 715 1/2 Pacific av.

Shortly before, the landlady of the hotel forcibly took a Swedish dirk away from Hendrickson, fearing that he would injure himself with it. She did not know that the logger possessed a revolver.

Hendrickson was 30 years of age. He had been under treatment by Dr. Quevill for several months, and came to Tacoma from Shelton last night to see the physician. The logger has a cousin in Tacoma named Ed Johnson.

WAR TIDE TURNING IN FAVOR OF ALLIES?

PARIS, Sept. 17.—France sees no prospect for peace and is laying all plans on the theory that the war will last for at least one more year.

By passing a bill calling 400,000 more men and boys-to-the-colors, the French parliament decided to notify Germany that the war will be fought to the finish, despite the heavily mounting cost of hostilities.

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the receipt of a long communication from Ambassador von Bernstorff. Bankers, business men and government heads are asked to express their views.



Capt. Franz von Papeu.

ZEPPELIN RAID IS CONFIRMED

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HOPE TO SETTLE ALL DIFFICULTIES

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