

# ANOTHER BABY SENSATION! BIRTH CONTROL FIGHT IS BEGUN

Mary Full Stomach, an Indian girl, has accepted a government job in Washington, D. C.

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**WEATHER**  
Tacoma: Occasional rain tonight and Thursday.  
Washington: Occasional rain west, fair east portion, cooler to night east portion.

# PEACE CONFERENCE IS CALLED

## TO ASK REPEAL OF LAW

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. — Dr. Frederick H. Robinson, editor of the Medical Review of Reviews, and leader of the fight for birth control in the United States, announced today that as a result of the death of the Bollinger baby in Chicago, a national battle to secure the repeal of laws preventing birth control in America is to be started the minute congress convenes in Washington, Dec. 6.

"Three years ago," said Robinson today, "we were treated like criminals when we attempted to get the matter before congress. But, the wide discussion of the Bollinger case has made it impossible for the law makers to ignore the subject any longer."

"The Bollinger case has no direct bearing on birth control, for the mother already had had two healthy children. But the publicity which the case has received has swept away those barriers of silence which hitherto have kept the subject of child-birth from consideration by our great American public."

"The federal law now provides a penalty of five years in prison and a fine of \$5,000 for any physician who advises a patient how to avoid child-birth."

"There is no single measure that would so positively, so immediately contribute towards the happiness and the progress of the human race as teaching the people the proper means of birth control."

"I have been drawn into this propaganda by my observations as a physician of the terrible suffering and misery resulting from too many children."

"While the first child and perhaps the second are received with genuine joy, the third and fourth are met with indifference. The succeeding ones are considered catastrophes."

"In my opinion a working man should not have more than two children under present conditions. Every child after the second, and particularly after the third, is individually and racially calamity. Besides destroying the health of the mother, too many children among wage earners simply glut the market with wage slaves."

"One of the most beneficial effects of the repeal of the laws preventing the giving of information on birth control would be the diminution of criminal operations. The present vicious laws are responsible for thousands of these among unmarried women and tens of thousands among married women in this country."

"The law places family limitation and such operations on precisely the same plane; yet one is the terrible consequences of the lack of legitimate information about the other."

"Many times a child-birth means the death of a woman suffering from some chronic disease or some pelvic malformation—a woman who would have remained perfectly well if she might have practiced birth control."

"Of all civilized countries the United States is the most reactionary in dealing with this matter. In Holland, information relating to family limitation is given to all married persons who seek it by doctors and nurses. In

## New York Case Like Chicago's

England similar service is performed by the neo-malthusian leagues, for all those who apply stating that they are married or about to be married.

"In this country such a distribution is impossible owing to a censorship as real and terrifying as any that ever existed in darkest Russia."

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. — New York has a deformed baby case paralleling that of Baby Bollinger of Chicago, whom the parents and doctors allowed to die rather than permit an operation.

The New York baby was born last night to Mrs. Joseph Roberts. It has club feet, distorted knees and paralyzed legs, while a spinal ailment is expected to prove fatal in the course of a few hours, according to Dr. Julius Goldsmith.

Both the parents and relatives of the child are opposing an operation and want to allow nature to take its course as it did in the Bollinger case.

On the other hand, Dr. Goldsmith, unlike Dr. Haiselden of Chicago, is desirous of operating. He has urged the parents to agree to such a course in an attempt to save the life of the child.

In this case the prospects are for physical, rather than mental or moral deficiency should the child's life be spared.

## FORGED CLAIMS MISSING

OLYMPIA, Nov. 24.—The chief reason for the suspension of Claim Agent John F. Gillies by the industrial insurance commission Monday was the mysterious disappearance of two of the state industrial claims known to be forgeries, it was learned today. Every effort to locate them has failed.

One of the claims was considered important evidence in the investigation of the crime ring which is believed to be operating in the state.

Gillies is said to have been unable to find the claims shortly after the investigation was started in Olympia, though he was believed to be the last man who had seen them.

Secret Probe.

The state industrial insurance commission declared today it will make no further statements concerning the investigation. Hereafter all the facts in connection with the case will be kept secret while an attempt is being made to collect evidence against those believed to be responsible for the forgeries.

The handwriting experts who have been working on the fraudulent claims in Seattle have completed their investigation and are expected to make a report to Olympia some time this afternoon.

Gillies Comes Back.

They have determined that all the 13 suspicious industrial claims are forgeries.

Gillies is prepared today to make disclosures which, he says, "will rock the state."

"You can say that the Joseph Jack Gillies is prepared to drop a bombshell when the time comes," he told a reporter. "I'm tired of being the goat in the industrial insurance scandal."

Officials involved?

He said his disclosures, when he makes them, will involve officials in the state service. He also declared that he and Commissioner A. B. Ernst were partners in a British Columbia mining venture and that he was in the habit, on occasions, of loaning money to members of the commission. How much, he would not say.

Stood for Great Deal.

"I've stood for a lot of things since this investigation started, and I don't propose to stand for any more. I have not been dismissed from the industrial insurance department, and some day I shall go back to my desk, if only to work for one hour and then resign. I am unable as yet to understand where some of these innocents are coming from, and that is what I am endeavoring to learn right now. When I get ready to talk, you may believe me, there are persons who will sit up and take notice."

Says He's Ready.

Although no charges have yet been placed against him, Gillies says he is prepared for court proceedings, and knows of at least 35 persons who will act as his bondsmen.

## VAUDEVILLE SKIT THAT GRIPPED TACOMA BACK AS MOVIE DRAMA



George Beban, as the Italian immigrant in "The Sign of the Rose," his famous vaudeville drama, which has been filmed under the title of "The Alien."

Eleven months ago George Beban came to the Pantages theater in Tacoma with a company of four persons, in a little character drama, "The Sign of the Rose."

It is the story of a crazed Italian whose motherless baby has just been run down by an automobile. The scene is laid in a florist's shop, where the Italian rushes to buy a white rose for the funeral.

The story becomes tense when the Italian father meets the woman whose car had been responsible for the accident.

Great Appeal in Acting.

It is a clever story. But the appeal didn't lie there. George Beban, as the Italian, caused an impression on his audience that they will never forget. Never on any western vaudeville circuit has such a character interpretation been presented. Every audience at Pantages brought out its handkerchiefs and went unshamed while the sorrowing, tragic figure of the Italian immigrant was pouring out his tale of woe.

Beban scored the same tremendous impression wherever he went. He played in "The Sign of the Rose" in every city of the United States. Then Thomas Ince, California movie operator, sought him out.

The throbbing little vaudeville skit was converted into a five-reel scenario. A real auto accident was provided, showing the death of little Rosa. All the extra scenes necessary to tell the story in a complete, heart-compelling fashion, were built up. Always, though, with Beban in the foreground.

Now Called "The Alien."

The play was given a new name, "The Alien."

It was first tried out in the Astor theater, New York, before 1,500 audiences, and it scored an even greater success than it did when it was traveling over the Pantages vaudeville circuit.

Beban's audiences in the silent theater wept just as openly as they had in the glittering lights of the noisy vaudeville houses.

"The Alien" has gradually worked its way across the country, heralded everywhere as one of the greatest dramas ever produced on a flicker film.

Today it comes to the Colony in this city for the first time, and it's a safe prediction that George Beban will draw even greater audiences than he did on his first appearance here 11 months ago.

## Ford Hires Liner For U.S. Party

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Henry Ford announced today he had chartered the liner Oskar II to carry American peace delegates to a conference in Europe. The steamer will sail Dec. 4.

The conference will be held in some neutral country not yet decided on. Ford admitted the plans for the conference were somewhat indefinite. He believes the other neutral nations will send delegates.

## POLICE SHOOT BANDIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—A running gun fight resulting in the death of James Ross, bandit, and the injury of Police Corporal Frederick Cook took place today on the outskirts of the city between a posse of police officers and four bandits.

The battle started after the bandits relieved Ed Schiff, proprietor of the Claremont cafe, and Tom Smith, a bartender, of \$200. The holdup took place in the crowded barroom of the Claremont. They also robbed the patrons of the cafe of about \$500 worth of jewelry.

The bandits left the cafe in an automobile. Ross was hit by a shot from an officer's gun as he was pouring lead into the officers from the running board of the machine.

## COLONY SAVES HOMES

A little group of winter residents at the Lakeside Country club's American lake colony saved 40 cottages, besides the large clubhouse, early this morning through desperate fire-fighting efforts.

Clad in pajamas, bathrobes and slippers, the men and women who form Lakeside's winter crowd fought for two hours to prevent a fire that had started in the home of Ashton Dovell, Tacoma attorney, from spreading to other houses.

Save Other Homes.

As a reward for their blistered faces, scorched clothing and burned hands, the lake colonists were successful in confining the blaze to Dovell's home.

One side of the summer home of Malcolm E. Gunston was burned, but all furniture was saved.

Other houses, within a few feet of each other, stretched out on either side for a distance of 600 feet, and had the blaze gotten beyond control thousands of dollars' worth of property would have been destroyed.

Burglars Blamed.

Burglars are believed to be responsible for the Dovell fire. Mrs. Dovell is in Virginia, and Dovell was in Tacoma with friends last night. The back door lock had been picked with a skeleton key, and the kitchen water faucet was running wide open, indicating that the burglar accidentally caused the fire and tried to extinguish it before making his escape.

The house was completely destroyed, together with a trunk filled with silverware and cut glass, given Mrs. Dovell at her wedding a few years ago in the south.

The Amateur Firemen.

The colonists who fought fire last night to save their club and homes were:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cooney, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. E. Perkins, Miss Bess Dorsey, Mrs. James P. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Ross V. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. James Sigafos.

CENTRALIA — Charges made against four persons for fraudulent voting in Monday's primaries.

## What's Doing

**Today**  
New electric light system on Vashon Island inaugurated; Gov. Lister serves buttons; reception; 7:30 p. m.  
Masquerade ball, Arletta hall; Tacoma P. O. orchestra; launch throw to leave Municipal dock; 7:30 p. m.  
Rotary club special dinner in honor of Allen D. Albert, international president; Tacoma hotel; 6:30 p. m.  
Thanksgiving eve dinner and entertainment; University club; 6:30 p. m.

**Tomorrow**  
St. Leo's parish dance for benefit of those who helped with bazaar; St. Leo's hall; evening.  
Thanksgiving day football; Tacoma vs. Bremerton; Stadium; 1 p. m.

Only 25 shopping days until CHRISTMAS

OUR EDUCATIONAL MOVIES

ILLUSTRATIONS BEGINS TO THINK OF XMAS SHOPPING!

SWELL THE! I'LL GET IT TO-MORROW!

GUESS I'LL GO TO THE NEXT DAY!

IT'S GONE!

## COUNCIL SIDE-STEPS AGAIN

Following several mysterious visits of Manager Beban to different offices at the city hall this week, Commissioner Atkins' franchise ordinance, granting an auxiliary power contract, power franchise and street car franchises, was stuffed in a pigeon-hole today and not presented to the council.

Atkins had announced last week that the ordinance "would positively be introduced Wednesday."

It was strongly hinted today at the city hall that Beban was preparing to waive part of the objectionable features of the auxiliary power connection contract, because of the storm of protest raised over it.

That part of the contract demanding a \$2.50 rate for any current used beyond a two and one-half hour "breakdown period" may be eliminated, it was rumored.

Beban has been in secret session with several of the city officials recently.

Atkins explained today that he was "sorry for the delay," but that City Attorney Brites had not yet had time to complete the franchise.

The matter has been in Still's hands for two weeks, and Electric Supt. Collins has gone over the details with him three different times.

Opponents to the auxiliary power feature of the ordinance were jubilant today in their belief that they had already won their fight.

Why do you think the city has fought them through the courts on the revocation of their franchise? Was that done to furnish attorneys with jobs and you opportunity to give them back those franchises?

It is my understanding that the city pays you to work for the people of this city. It is an ancient axiom that "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib;" and, "That a dog knows the hand that feeds him."

Let your work be such that the people now or in the future will not curse you. If you gentlemen owned the Nisqually power plant, and were furnishing current to the city do you think for one minute that you would vote to let the Stone & Webster interests come in here and sell current?

Let your conduct be such that no one will question whether you are in the employ of the city of Tacoma or the Stone & Webster interests.

SUMNER T. MERRILL.

## WOW!

The following letter was read by City Clerk Niekens at today's session of the city council:

3832 So. 7th st.  
The Tacoma City Council:  
Gentlemen: As a citizen and taxpayer I protest against your making any agreements with the T. R. & P.

# RAVENSDALE HORROR COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000

The last charred and mutilated body has been taken out of the Ravensdale mine. The dead men have been laid to rest with fitting ceremonies.

The inquest has been held. The mine has been investigated.

Presently operation of the mine will be resumed—and next week, next month or next year, there may be a repetition of last week's tragedy.

It is high time that the

coal mines were investigated as they ought to be investigated.

For example, why was not the Ravensdale mine equipped with a humidity system? Coal miners who dare to speak their minds say that, with a humidity system, the explosion could not have occurred.

The Ravensdale mine is known to be a dangerous mine. It is not only a gasous mine, it is also a "dry and dusty" mine.

Coal dust taken from mines in the state of Wash-

ington was recently sent to the U. S. experimental station near Pittsburgh, and it was found to be, pound for pound, more dangerous than nitro-glycerin.

Toss a handful of it into the air, and you can light it with a match, and it will explode like a bunch of loose gunpowder. Bonfire it, and its destructive power is devastating.

So dry and dusty is the Ravensdale mine that the men wore handkerchiefs over their mouths and noses. Some of the men

inured to coal dust, could not endure a four-hour shift.

A naked light can ignite coal dust, or a "windy shot." When the dust in a mine like that at Ravensdale ignites, every particle of the millions floating in the air explodes—and all gas explodes too. And the Ravensdale mine is a gasous mine.

The mine has been "sprinkled." That is not enough. It did not lay the dust.

The mine is owned by the Northwest Improvement Co., which also owns mines at Roslyn and Cle Elum. The humidity

system is in use at Roslyn and elsewhere in the state. Why not at Ravensdale?

It could be installed at a cost of about \$2,000.

Briefly, the humidity system is one which pipes water into the mine and impregnates the air with moisture, operating like an atomizer.

The ventilating system carries the moisture into every cranny and crevice of the mine. In "dry and dusty" mines where it is used no dust floats in the air. You can scoop out the moist, powdered coal and press it into a hard lump.

The Northwestern Improvement Co. is a tremendous power in the state. It is a subsidiary of the Northern Pacific railroad. The president of the coal company, W. P. Clough of New York is chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific.

Coroners' inquests and official investigations of coal mine disasters generally get nowhere. The coroner's juries are made up of miners who are dependent on the company for employment.

James Bagley, state inspector of coal mines, was foreman of the Northwestern

Improvement Co.'s mine No. 7 before he received his appointment by Gov. Lister.

To be perfectly frank about an unsatisfactory condition, Bagley, who is a practical coal miner and an excellent man, probably will lose his political job when Lister loses his.

AND WHERE WILL BAGLEY FIND EMPLOYMENT IF NOT BACK THERE IN THE MINES?

In England and elsewhere in Europe the mine inspectors, so long as they do their work satisfactorily, hold life

jobs. They are independent of operators and miners alike. They have almost autocratic powers.

It is not fair to Bagley to ask him to perform official acts designed to offend the company which can possibly bar him from employment when his term of office has ended.

The inspector should be a mining man, and a man of the mines' own choosing, because they alone know the hazards of mining.

That is one of the lessons Washington should learn from its 31 dead miners.