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WEATHER
Tacoma: Rain tonight and Thursday.
Washington: Rain west, rain or snow east portion.

T. R. & P. BACKS DOWN

Stone-Webster wants to compromise with Tacoma!
Chagrined over the mess made by T. R. & P. officials and subservient city commissioners, of the fat franchises and contracts which were slated for passage by the city council before Jan. 1, Chairman Pratt, of the board of directors of the big nation-wide corporation, has rushed to Tacoma to straighten out the muddle.
Pratt is the chief man in the Stone-Webster syndicate. That the T. R. & P. Co.'s highway robbery contract for power sold the city will be withdrawn and a reasonably amicable agreement offered is declared to be practically certain, now that Pratt is on the ground.
The Stone-Webster Co. is quite prepared, it is said, to make concessions to the city, rather than to continue its bald scheme to force through the city council a set of franchises and contracts which would

place the city's power plant bound and gagged in the hands of the private corporation.
Pratt started from Boston for Tacoma last week, when it began to look certain that Mayor Fawcett and The Times would effectually crush Manager Bean's crude scheme to hoodwink the city. The Stone-Webster head reached Seattle last night, and will be in Tacoma today. He has already conferred with heads of the local street railway system.
Commissioner Atkins explained to the city council today that he had held up for another week the introduction of the ordinance granting all the privileges that the street car company desires, because Pratt had arrived.
That the power trust will withdraw its \$2.50 a kilowatt rate for auxiliary juice and the objectionable two and a half hour "breakdown period," are concessions that have been practically decided upon, it is hinted.

This will be no compromise, from Mayor Fawcett's standpoint, but a simple back-down of the power company from the demands that it found hopeless to pursue. Fawcett has steadfastly demanded that the exorbitant \$2.50 rate be abandoned, and has agreed to vote for an ordinance which would allow the city and company to exchange emergency current on a flat rate basis.
The mayor gave out a statement today, before he had been informed of Chairman Pratt's hasty trip across the continent, in which he fired a broadside at Commissioner Atkins and declared that the "whole deal had been framed up with Stone-Webster officials and the other three councilmen had lined up to stand for the grab."
"I am not opposed to dealing with Stone-Webster if the city is given a square deal, but the proposed ordinance drawn at the demand of Atkins is an outrage on our people," said Fawcett in his statement.

"If we are to give back the T. R. & P. franchise, and let them go over the Tacoma avenue fill, which cost the city \$105,000, then I want something for it for the city. The T. R. & P. Co. wants something and should give something in return." Then Fawcett outlined the payment which he considered the power company should make in exchange for the franchises.
These include: Pacific avenue extension to 64th street; Tacoma avenue connection with South Tacoma and St. Helens avenue car lines; Sixth avenue extension to Stevens, and thence north to the Point line at 34th; extension of Center street line three blocks; payment of 5 per cent of gross receipts to city; agreement of company not to infringe on any power business now handled by the city.
Pratt's visit to Tacoma may also mean that the heads of certain T. R. & P. officials, responsible for the present power mess, will be lopped off.

AUSTRIA EXPECT CA BINET SHAKEN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 1.—The Austrian emperor accepted the resignations of ministers of finance, interior and commerce, according to a report received today from Vienna.
The resignations are associated with the reports that Austria is seeking a separate peace with entente powers. It is believed the ministers favored the plan and were overruled.
The minister of finance is supposed to have resigned because of his inability to raise money to continue the struggle, while the minister of the interior is said to have quit because he couldn't organize the food situation.
The commerce minister presumably agreed with the other two.

MISSING GIRL IN TACOMA

Edward E. Peterson, agent for the Excelsior motorcycles in Tacoma, declared today that he had seen Ruby Miles on Broadway, Tacoma, Monday afternoon.
Ruby is the little Portland girl who disappeared from her father's home several weeks ago, apparently kidnapped. The Times last night printed the girl's picture, and an article about her, on request of the grief-stricken father.
"I was walking up Broadway at about 3 o'clock Monday when I saw this little girl," said Peterson today. "I noticed her particularly because she resembled so closely another girl my wife and I are acquainted with. When I saw the picture of the missing girl in The Times last night, I knew instantly that it was the same one. All I can remember is that she was with another woman, but I cannot describe her."
Aided by Peterson's report, the Tacoma police are making renewed efforts today to find the missing girl.

HAS KNOWLEDGE OF BOMB PLOTS HERE?



Charles C. Crowley, former detective in the district attorney's office, is under arrest in San Francisco charged with implication in bomb plots along the Pacific coast. He is suspected as being connected with plotters working in Tacoma and Seattle responsible for the blowing up of the dynamite barge in Seattle harbor last summer, as well as the burning of Pier 14 in Seattle.
Crowley declared he was in the employ of German Consul Franz Von Bopp. The German official admitted Crowley had acted as his confidential agent, but denied he had anything to do with the dynamite plots.
Wholesale grand jury indictments in San Francisco will probably result from the arrest of C. C. Crowley, alleged bomb plotter, it was learned from federal sources today.

PROPOSES BELT LINE ABOUT U.S.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 1.—A defensive railroad built around the rim of the United States, about which thousands of coast defense guns could chase and ward off the combined navies of the world, is the skeleton of a preparedness plan just submitted to War Secretary Garrison by George L. Campbell of this city.
Campbell says this would be such adequate defense for New York, Puget Sound, San Francisco, and our coasts generally that we would not need much of a standing army nor much of a navy.
He adds that the Belt Line defense system would be economic because freight and passenger traffic would pay for the road in peace time.

Teutons Shake Fist at Greece

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Germany and Austria will make war on Greece should she grant the allies' demands and allow Salonika to come the permanent base of operations, according to press dispatches from Athens.
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G. O. P. WILL REMAIN PARTY OF REACTION

By Gilson Gardner.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—That the republicans can name a yellow dog and win is the profound conviction of the party leaders who nominated Taft three years ago.
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Report Declares Two Schools Are Entirely Unfit For Further Use

Two school buildings in Tacoma are declared unfit for use, and practically every other building in the city is criticised for lack of fire protection in some particular in the detailed report submitted today by Fire Chief McAleay, Building Inspector Snyder and Fire Marshall Chantler.
The Fern Hill school, a two-story frame building of antiquated type, is in such condition that it should be torn down, the committee reports.
St. Edward's hall, the boys' division of Aquinas academy, North G and Starr streets, is declared to be unfit for use as a school. There is only one inside stairway, and one inadequate fire escape. The dormitory is in a dangerous place.
The committee found that doors in most schools swing in; that fire drills were entirely unsatisfactory in most public schools and unheard of in some of the private institutions; that fire escapes were inadequate with proper alarm apparatus.
The improvements suggested by the committee would cost approximately \$20,000, it is estimated. Secretary Alfred Lister of the school board was given a certified copy of the report, and will submit it to the board for action.
A summary of the report follows:
LONGFELLOW—Congestion of pupils on second floor and not enough exits. Doors should be made to swing out and electric fire alarm installed.
IRVING—Inflammable material in attic should be removed. All doors should swing out and electric fire alarm system installed.
LOGAN—When fire alarm was turned in two class rooms failed to recognize signal and were slow in getting out. Windows should be cut down to level of fire escapes and radiators removed from in front of windows.
LINCOLN—Class room doors into hallways should be made to swing out. Hand bell fire alarm system should be replaced by electricity.
GRANT—Although there are no fire escapes on the building a third floor attic, unfinished, is being used as assembly room, with only two exits; should be discontinued. Doors should swing out.
STAIRS TOO NARROW.
WASHINGTON—Stairs from first floor too narrow and should be widened. Doors should swing out. Fire alarm system poor.
LOWELL—Steps should be built at windows, which are three feet above the floor. Classroom doors should swing out into hallways.
CENTRAL—Automobile storage in basement should be stopped. Metal cans should be provided for oily waste in the basement.
SHERMAN—Should discontinued storing school material in attic.
STADIUM—Forges in basement are on wooden floor, on which hot ashes are likely to fall. Should be protected with sheet iron. Easier access to fire escapes from class rooms needed.
WANT ELECTRIC SYSTEM.
POINT DEFIANCE—Hand fire alarm system poor. Electric system recommended. Janitor should be kept on duty.
JEFFERSON—Electric fire alarm system needed. Wooden boxes for waste paper in basement should be abolished.
FRANKLIN—Lunch tables found in hallway, first floor, in front of class room, obstructing exit to stairway. Should be removed.
WHITMAN—In good condition except that doors from class rooms should swing out.
HORACE MANN—Aisles leading to stairways and auditorium on second floor not wide enough for easy exit. "Should be at least 4 feet wide. Class room doors should swing out."
EDISON—Skylights over class rooms and halls should be protected with wire screen to protect against falling glass.
BARLOW ANNEX—Locks on doors to fire escapes and book-cases and radiators in front of windows leading to fire escapes should be removed.
SHERIDAN—Hand bell used for fire alarm and should be replaced by electric system.
MCKINLEY GOOD.
MCKINLEY—Good condition.
ROGERS—In very good condition. Should abolish storing paper and lumber over boiler in basement.
ROOSEVELT—System of heating by stoves should be discontinued. Wood boxing in attic about brick chimney removed, and proper flue linings to chimneys be put in. Wood lathe is in too close contact to stove pipes.
WILLARD—Lumber and inflammable material should be removed from top of boiler. Doors from call rooms should swing out.
OAKLAND—Doors from class rooms should swing out into hallways.
VERN HILL—Brick building in good condition, but frame building should be torn down.
MANTOU—Two one-story portable frame buildings found in good condition.
LYON—One story portable building. Condition good, except stove is near doorway. Should be removed.
HITS LINCOLN HARD.
BRYANT—Use of fourth floor as auditorium should be discouraged. Congestion on second floor during fire drill. Windows and

doors should swing out.
PARK AVENUE—Good exits, but should have electric fire alarm system.
LINCOLN PARK HIGH—Gas engine class conducted in gymnasium building with exposed quantity of gasoline. Benzine, turpentine and other highly inflammable material exposed in manual training department, main building. Waste stored in wooden boxes. Oil spilled on floor in woodworking department. Recommend suitable room for gas engine class and gasoline supply cut down. Benzine, etc., should be stored outside building. Metal holders for oily waste.
Private Schools.
HOLY ROSARY—No regular fire drill. Will be enforced in future. Front and rear doors bolted. Bolts should be removed. Electric fire alarm needed.
ST. LEO'S—Front doors should be kept unbolted. Doors to halls and fire escapes should swing out.
AQUINAS—Front doors in main building should swing out.
ST. EDWARD'S HALL—Door to stairway from first floor to basement should be removed, while windows in attic and playroom should be made to swing in. Sleeping rooms should be moved near fire escape.
VISITATION ACADEMY—In fairly good condition, with exception of fire escapes. Fire alarms should be installed, with improvements made in the boiler room. Stairs should be placed to the sleeping quarters and other parts of the building. Outside swinging doors and tin rubbish barrels are suggested.
ANNIE WRIGHT SEMINARY, Division and North Tacoma ave.—Steps are recommended for the windows leading to the fire escapes. Wire glass windows should be placed on upper floors, while swinging windows are recommended for the servants' quarters. Automatic sprinklers and outside swinging doors through should be installed. Fire hose and an alarm system were thought necessary by the commission.
COLLEGE OF PUGET SOUND—Contrary to ordinance, stove

FLASHES

BERLIN—King Peter of Serbia fled from Przred Sunday just as the Teutons captured the town.
ROME—Parliament convened today with reports on the progress of the war.
BOOMER, W. Va.—Eighteen bodies recovered from the Boomer mine today swell the list of dead to 35.
WILMINGTON—Double guard was placed about the Dupont plant today to guard against bomb plots.
WAUKESHA, Wis.—A lone bandit held up the Milwaukee passenger train here today and escaped with his loot.
BERLIN—War office announced capture of 15,000 Serbians with fall of Przred.
NEW YORK—Henry Ford called Pope Benedict today of plans of peace congress at the Hague and asked his aid.
SPOKANE—Milwaukee passenger, the Columbian, jumped track near here today, killing brakeman and injuring three passengers.
HARDSHIPS DON'T DOWN CHURCHILL
LONDON, Dec. 1.—Winston Spencer Churchill, former member of the British cabinet, is silently facing all the hardships of his company in the field. It is reported he is slated for promotion to the rank of general with the command of a brigade.
TODAY'S LEARNINGS
Clearings \$ 337,383.43
Balances 45,575.05
Transactions 1,005,929.34

- Talk o' the Times -

Fine straight-forward, square-shooting crowd, that outfit backing the mysterious T. R. & P. deal, eh?
"Why is Richard called Dick?" Fuyallup man writes in to ask. "For the same reason that John is called Jack."
It is more blessed to give than to receive—and there's many a man willing to hold out his fist that some other fellow may be blessed. Oh, no, we're not talking about the city council!
Houston, Texas, has 362 jitney buses in operation, or one for every 300 population. And this in spite of a most determined campaign against them by Stone-Webster. Oh, yes, the jitney is a "passing craze." Frequently passing.
What, ho, almost press time and no further outburst yet from Col. Everett True Joab.
FIVE SAILORS MISSING
LONDON, Dec. 1.—Five members of the crew of the British steamer Kingsway, sunk today by a submarine, are missing.

What's Doing

Today
Lecture, "Faust," Prof. Georgia Reneau; C. P. S. chapel, 3 p. m.; free to public.
Holly bazaar of Trinity guild opens at parish house, afternoon.
Christmas sale at Fern Hill M. E. church, afternoon; dinner 5 to 8 p. m.
Lecture on Mexican conditions; by W. L. Mellinger; Y. M. C. A. auditorium; 8 p. m.
Tomorrow
Meeting of Tacoma alumnae of University of Washington; Commercial club; 4 p. m.
Lecture on color photography by Charles Bedford before Tacoma Camera club; in club's quarters; evening.

LISTER CALLS ON PEOPLE TO PLANT TREES

OLYMPIA, Dec. 1.—In a statement issued today, Gov. Lister suggests that special attention be given in Western Washington on Dec. 10 to the planting of nursery stock. The governor has been asked repeatedly to name a fall arbor day, but he says he does not believe this plan feasible, owing to the difference in climatic conditions in Western and Eastern Washington.

PATIENCE WORTH GOES TO BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Curran of St. Louis and "Patience Worth," the mysterious poet of the outjargon, underwent an investigation by Dr. Morton H. Prince, famous Boston psychologist, and Patience became impatient under Prince's questioning.
After she parried his questions in her archaic English, he asked Mrs. Curran to submit to hypnotic influence, but she refused, saying she feared some suggestion received while she was in a hypnotic state would affect her power to continue as the medium for Patience's writings.
Prince then refused to proceed further.
Patience got Prince's goat when she tired of his probing and said (via the outjargon) to Mrs. Curran, "Set thou a-weave."
That meant Mrs. Curran should take down another chapter of a Biblical story she has been transcribing for a month.
Prince wanted to continue.
"Will you tell me what ship you came over in?" he asked.
"The gulls-board spelled: but! Since I be not sailing of the me o' me, he seeks smooth the cloak, that be seen, and I do know not! A pry ye be! Unto the puller I am atrolled!"
This Mrs. Curran rendered in modern English to mean:
"Still hunting behind the hat. Since I do not care to tell of myself he tries to look under my cloak without my knowing. You are a pry! I have promised to tell all to the 'puller.'"
"The puller" is a professor of English in St. Louis.