

SEATTLE JOINS IN LIFTING RAINIER 'CURSE'

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Unsettled, probably rain.
Washington: Fair and colder east, unsettled probably rain west.

Tokio's new mayor, Mr. Okuda, is one of your real reformers. First thing, he fired 150 extra city officials and cut his own salary \$1500, the heathen!

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MAY QUIT

FOUR PLAN JUMP

Tacoma's civil service board is threatening to quit in disgust. Angered because city employees are being hired without submitting to examinations, the board is holding a special meeting this afternoon to determine whether to send a unanimous joint resignation to Mayor Fawcett.

The board is composed of Frank B. Cole, president; J. H. Holme, Dr. Royal A. Gove, and J. E. Ellsworth, secretary.

The specific case that has brought the civil service board's dissatisfaction to a head, is the recent hiring of F. W. Wuest as an inspector in the water department.

Held Up Salary
Wuest was taken on the payroll under the heading of "laborer." He was made an inspector, and spent three weeks in that capacity. It was his duty to visit residences where water bills had not been paid, and shut off the water.

The civil service bureau learned about Wuest, and ordered City Controller Meads to hold up the inspector's salary. Meads did so, with the result that Chief Clerk Kreuger appeared before the council two weeks ago and declared that there was nothing wrong with the appointment of Wuest.

Kreuger declared that Wuest had been taken from the city barns, where he had been employed as laborer, and given a temporary position as inspector, because of lack of sufficient men in the inspection department at that time.

Since that time Wuest has been released by the water department, but his pay amounting to \$49, is still held up. City Attorney Stiles has ruled that the water department had no right to hire him unless he was a civil service eligible.

Want a Show-Down
Word was passed to city commissioners today that the civil service board was ready to disband unless it could have its own way. The Wuest case is only one of many instances, it is reported, where men have been hired at the city hall who have not taken the examination, while other men who are eligible under the examination laws, have been ignored.

Members of the board maintained a stolid silence today. Secretary Ellsworth admitted that the meeting would be held, and indicated by the cryptic sentence, "there's not much use in having a civil service board if it constantly ignored" that the rumors were correct.

PLOTTER HELD AS MURDERER

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Indictments were returned today naming Lieut. Robert Fay and five others in new alleged dynamite plots. They are charged with murder by attaching bombs to ships leaving American ports.

FORD PEACE COMMITTEES ORGANIZING



Who Makes Fun of Ford Peace Plan.

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
ABOARD OSCAR II—(Wireless to Siasconset, Mass.)—Dec. 6.—Henry Ford today began the organization of his peace committees, appointing clergymen, newspaper men and one student.

The committees will meet similar bodies from the neutral nations and will co-operate in the selection of an international committee which will sit at Copenhagen until peace is restored.

Broadway Merchants Want Jits

Asking that auto bus drivers be allowed to use 150 feet on the east side of Broadway to load and discharge passengers, 17 Broadway merchants have signed a petition to the city council today.

"We, the undersigned merchants, doing business on Broadway in the vicinity of 11th st., respectfully represent and show to the council of the city of Tacoma that it is our desire that the auto buses doing business on Broadway be permitted to utilize 150 feet on the east side of Broadway immediately south of the point 75 feet from the corner of 11th st. for the purpose of loading and discharging passengers.

"Provided, that the said auto buses are not permitted to remain at said point longer than is necessary to secure their load of passengers."

(Signed): Broadway Drug Store, Jersey Butter Store, Horgan-Parker Co., McLean Bros., Paulson's, Inc., Walter McNeil (Bijou Theater), Stone & Fisher, Rhodes Bros., Inc., James H. Dege, by T. G. Fisher, Queen City Market, Queen City Fish Market, Peter Thompson, Prince Cigar Co., Smith Floral Co., L. Clow, Washington Market, Broadway Public Market.

STEAL FIXTURES

With an assortment of unused toilet and plumbing fixtures in their possession, James Watson and Tom Worthington were arrested Saturday by Detective Milone. The police are holding the fixtures in hope of locating the owner.

WAGE PEAK FIGHT

"The Curse" bids fair to be really lifted from The Mountain. The whole state is talking about it today. Since a week ago today, when The Times enlisted the support of Seattle and Spokane papers of the Scripps Northwest league, a statewide campaign for removing the stigma of "Rainier" from the snow-capped peak has daily gained greater and greater momentum.

Mayor Fawcett joined Saturday in the crusade to "lift the curse," with an appeal to Mayor Gill and the Seattle city council that the cities of Tacoma and Seattle "get together" on the plan of removing the name.

Today, word comes from Seattle, Mayor Gill sent to the Seattle council a letter applauding Tacoma's idea of changing the mountain's name. He asked the council to appoint a committee which could confer with the Tacoma council on the question.

The Seattle Star, sister paper of the Tacoma Times, is today publishing an editorial on its first page approving the idea of removing "Rainier" from the maps. This is in line with the request made by editor of The Tacoma Times, and is the opening gun in a fight to the finish for "Tacoma."

Mayor Fawcett has taken up the fight in earnest. At a meeting of Custer Post, G. A. R., Saturday night, he introduced a resolution condemning the name "Rainier," and it carried by a unanimous vote. There were 76 members present. Custer post is the largest Grand Army organization in the state.

Today the mayor is arranging to ask every G. A. R., Women's Relief corps, Women of the G. A. R., and other patriotic or historical organizations in the state to take up the campaign.

"I think we can arouse the entire state to the injustice of leaving the name of 'Rainier' longer on our mountain," said the mayor today. "Seattle is not interposing any strong objection to a change of the name. And Seattle is the only city that we would naturally expect to object. I think we can win."

If a state-wide movement for giving the mountain a new name can be developed, Gov. Lister will be asked to appoint a state geographical board to select a new name. The recommendation of this board will be acted upon by the national geographical board and congress.

Part of Custer post's resolution adopted Saturday night is as follows: "Whereas, the name now given this peak on official maps is that of one who was an enemy of freedom and whose only appearance in this country was as an alien, fighting against our forefathers in their gallant struggle for liberty."

Sam Wall, publisher of "What's Doing," a Tacoma weekly paper, first started the movement to change the mountain's name several weeks ago.

He has already obtained endorsements from clubs, churches and representative men and women of Seattle, Tacoma, and all parts of the state.

PLAN BABY WEEK



MISS JULIA LATHROP WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—"We can't let babies die and then blame the result on Divine Providence!" So said Miss Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau of the department of labor, summing up the reasons why the bureau is going to promote a national-wide Baby Week, March 4 to 11 1916.

"I do believe," said Miss Lathrop, "that the whole question with the children of the race is that we have always taken for granted that the children are the business of Providence, whereas really this is the one thing which Providence particularly demands that we shall give attention to ourselves."

"We know now that if we just obey these laws we can keep the babies alive. The Children's Bureau Week is to be the first general, popular expression of the new scientific attitude of prevention rather than cure as applied to infant life.

"Science has no value unless it is applied to life," said Miss Lathrop. "And the Children's Bureau has no values unless we can gather the information, prepare it in intelligible form, and get it to the people who want it and who need it."

The movement for Baby Week was launched by the General Federation of Women's clubs, which means that it started with a million of the most alert and intelligent women in the country.

Miss Lathrop said that the bureau is ready to co-operate with any community in the country that wants to hold a Baby Week. Forty-one state health officials have already written to the bureau offering their help in promoting Baby Week in their states. Many other officials and organizations are asking the Children's Bureau to let them help in the work.

- Talk o' the Times -

Pretty soon we'll favor a movement for changing the name of that North Side wonder of Mt. Tacoma from Willis Wall to Sam Wall.

According to the war correspondents, when a shell strikes the "s" comes off.

The government will hereafter make its own steel for the navy. This should prevent any steel from the navy.

Her Figure Has Venus Backed Off the Boards

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—Have you a more beautiful figure than Venus de Milo?

If so, you are challenged to compete with the "most symmetrical woman in the world" who has been awarded a gold medal for her perfect figure and on its bestowal was proclaimed "far more beautiful than Venus de Milo."

This modern Venus is Nana Sterling, 19 years old, and possessing the strength of two men, as well as a perfectly developed form. Miss Sterling is playing on a vaudeville circuit in acrobatic and gymnastic stunts.

If any woman can surpass her in symmetry of figure she will renounce her championship and will give her "job" to the victor.



NANA STERLING

Police Tracing Stolen Launch

O. R. Tucker, 2239 East 36th street, reports to the police today that his 36-foot launch, "Princess," had been stolen from her float-house in the city channel Sunday. Police today traced the launch down the east channel towards Seattle.

SAY NEW MOVIE TAX IS UNJUST

Complaining that the city council was treating the movies unjustly by the new license act, and that many shows might have to go out of business, a committee of motion picture managers appeared at the city hall today.

The increased license rate for theaters exhibiting higher-priced films occasionally, together with another feature that demands a one-cent-per-seat license per month for all movies, in addition to the other tax, caused the most centered criticism.

Prominent in the delegation were H. T. Moore, manager of the Colonial, E. L. Davenport, of the Liberty, and H. R. Burg, of the Shell.

"We can't help it if we have to charge 20 or 25 cents for some pictures," declared Manager Moore, who acted as spokesman. "The film producers charge us such a high rate for the big feature films that we are forced to increase our prices occasionally. We have to do it, or lose money. On the other hand, the public is willing to pay a slightly increased price for the big features. You never hear any complaint. The movie fans realize the cost of producing a big picture, and are willing to pay more for it."

"Although this will not affect me, to any great extent, as I do not increase my prices, it is an injustice to all the movie men."

FLASHES

ATHENS.—An economic crisis in the Greek maritime provinces has led to several uprisings.

PARIS.—An ultimatum will in all probabilities be sent to Greece in case she does not comply with the allied demands.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Further arrests in connection with the bomb plot conspiracy are expected daily. It is thought the arrests will include several high officials.

SEATTLE.—Carl Arnold, a county prisoner, made preparations to hang himself yesterday before the eyes of his fellow prisoners. His suspenders proved too weak and his fall to the floor created much laughter.

PARIS.—Serbian troops retiring from Monastir joined the French forces today at Czevlj.

PETROGRAD.—Czar Nicholas issued a ukase today calling all boys of the classes of 1916 and 1917 to the colors.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Ambassador Page notified the state department today that he had protested against the requisitioning of American transatlantic vessels without prize court proceedings.

PORTLAND.—Mrs. Jennie Corless, wife of a Portland grocer, committed suicide today after making an elaborate toilet in preparation.

CONGRESS IN SESSION; BIG ISSUES AWAIT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Certainty of opposition to the administration's preparedness program hung over the opening of congress today.

The democratic national committee all arrived prepared to decide on the convention city tomorrow. Despite the bleakness of the day the suffragists marched in a parade.

The suffragists bore monster petitions bespeaking presidential and congressional aid to the federal suffrage amendment. **Lose Half-Mile Scroll.** The demonstration was marred by the loss of 100,000 names on a scroll half a mile long. It was expressed from Wilmington, Del., and disappeared on the way.

Senator Baker presided over the senate pending the election of Clarke as president pro tem. Vice President Marshall was absent on account of illness of his wife. Republicans in the senate held a caucus, naming Gallinger their leader.

Has Political Import. This is the last congressional meeting before the 1916 presidential campaign. All 435 members of the house and 32 senators (1-3 of the whole senate), were sworn in. Of the former, 116, of the latter, 9, were new.

Resting upon the legislative program of the new congress today was the shadow of national and world politics. Tomorrow the administration's program will be outlined personally by President Wilson when he reads his opening message at the joint session. Its known, big, outstanding features are: National defense, revenue, war measures and government ship purchase.

Big Job Ahead. As the gavel fell at the stroke heralded among all party leaders as marking the opening of the 1916 political campaign.

Issues Involved. Both legislative and political interests centered in the administration's billion-dollar national defense program. Whether democratic opposition would defeat the president's plans and also cause a breach in democratic solidarity for the next campaign caused much discussion. Chairmen of the naval and military committees had the bills practically drafted and ready for early introduction.

Bills Introduced. Delegate Wickersham today offered a bill providing a commission form of self-government for Alaska.

Socialist Congressman London of New York offered a resolution proposing a peace conference of neutrals.

Chairman Ferris of the public lands committee introduced government conservation bills for the development under leases of public waterpower, lands, coal, oil and gas resources as they passed the last house.

Several resolutions proposed government manufacture of munitions.



F.W. MONDELL

Will introduce suffrage amendment in house.



CLAUDE KITCHIN

What's Doing

Today
Annual election of officers; Commencement lodge, Knights of Pythias; Pythian temple, tonight.

TOMORROW
Program by Postoffice band, with church entertainment; Mason Methodist church. Stag social at Y. M. C. A.; 8 p. m. Address to advertising class of Stadium; by Prof. Leslie R. Mutch; 8 p. m.

PARIS.—First war council of allies held today with Joffre presiding.

George Bernard Shaw Cables Clever Satire On Ford Peace Plan

(The following statement by the cleverest man in England if not in all Europe on Henry Ford's peace plan, was obtained by Mary Boyle O'Reilly. It was signed by Mr. Shaw and then cabled to the Tacoma Times.)

BY GEORGE BERNARD SHAW. (Special Cable Copyright, 1915.)

peace crusade? **"WE BUY FORDS WHEN WE DENY OURSELVES"**

Besides if he wants to enjoy peace and the freedom of obscure poverty he will have to stop making cars, for economy and self-denial is the order of the day here and OUR FIRST ACT OF SELF-DENIAL IS ALWAYS TO BUY FORDS!

Oh, you want me to talk about peace and not about cars! Well, peace has its advantages but this call is not with us even if we knew how to stop the fighting.

Why should we do it? If people knew WHAT A FRAUD OUR PEACE WAS they would not think so badly about war. Our national income is now far better distributed than it has been since I was born. The millions we have enlisted look ten years younger, most of them being better fed, clothed and trained than they have ever been.

not more than our usual industrial casualties. They really are less than in peace which killed babies by the hundreds of thousands and wasted every year enough money to pay the interest on fifty billion dollars (\$50,000,000,000). It is really much better to fire it away out of our cannon especially when, as most likely happens, nothing is hit.

We now take much more interest in politics. Some sanguine people even believed there is a CHANCE OF OUR SHOOTING A

FEW CABINET MINISTERS which is the most urgently needed of all parliamentary reforms. Our liars who do much to keep our minds active, are having wonderful opportunity. Cowards also are having the time of their lives. Prices are high which pleases the shopkeepers and wages are high which pleases the customers. People are eating less meat now and SOON EVERYBODY WILL BE AS CLEVER AS I AM.

No, decidedly there is no hurry to stop war.

LET FORD TALK TO THE GERMANS Ford must talk to the Germans for we believe, rightly or wrongly, that we can outlast them. We also have the enormous advantage that whereas they are loathe to sacrifice their high civilization for the sake of fighting, we, England, ask nothing better.

You see we don't believe in high civilization and it would be the greatest relief to get rid of the little we have. For instance, the London county council has just made war the excuse for

CUTTING THE ANNUAL EDUCATION BILL some fifteen hundred thousand dollars. The Germans would call that sacrifice but to us it is luxury. It is in fighting that way that we come out strong.

When the Germans have won 50 more glorious battles and have realized that that doesn't get them an inch further, Germany will then have to ask Ford to arrange capitulation! **ENDING THE WAR. ALL CLAIMING VICTORY.** The belligerents will probably

have to capitulate all around, but each of them will think it is the others who capitulated. They will all claim victory and there will be no more war for generations.

Ought the United States to interfere? Of course, the United States ought, but does the United States ever do what she ought to do? We don't ourselves, so how can we have the face to ask the United States? Besides, I repeat, it is for Germany who began the fighting, to say when she has had enough. The allies are only just beginning.