

A PREDICTION:

The republican convention will be held in Chicago the week of June 7. This has just been settled back east. That isn't all that has been already settled. In Chicago, on June 7, the state of Washington will be "represented" by delegates who have been "handpicked" by State Chairman Hartson, National Committeeman Perkins, and other would-be bosses. The Times makes this prediction and dares Hartson and Perkins to deny it: The people of this county and of this state will have no voice in the selection of the delegates who are to help nominate the next republican candidate for president and shape the republican platform.

The Bean Quartet

Commissioner T. R. & P. Atkins.
Commissioner T. R. & P. Drake.
Commissioner T. R. & P. Mills.
Commissioner T. R. & P. Woods.

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WEATHER

Tacoma: Rain tonight and Friday.
Washington: Same, warmer east portion.

AUTO CRASHES INTO CAR; ONE MAN MAY DIE

GIRL ACCUSES HOTEL OWNER

WE WANT TO PASS STILES A BOUQUET

We possess a good deal of admiration today for City Attorney Stiles. That is plain English—no sarcasm.

The Times took occasion last Saturday to shake the niggers out of Boston Pratt's latest T. R. & P. masterpiece by which frantic Stone-Webster hopes to regain its Tacoma strangle hold.

We showed so plainly that even an average Tacoma city councilman could understand it that the document now awaiting passage was a menace to the future prosperity and even the future existence of the city lighting plant. We demonstrated that the ordinance is crammed with jokers. We called its introduction "Just Plain Sculduggery." The definition of sculduggery is mean, underhand plotting; dishonest treatment; disreputable work.

On Monday we followed this statement with a denunciation of City Attorney Stiles for helping frame and standing sponsor for and recommending to the council such a legal abomination.

At the weekly legislative session of the council yesterday Judge Stiles proved that he is a man of considerable calibre. He came in with a request that he be permitted to correct some of the bad spots in the ordinance. Instead of attempting a foolish and evasive defense, as many public officials would have done, he admitted he was in the wrong and sought to rectify his mistakes.

That was not an easy thing to do. None of us likes to eat humble pie. It is natural to want to make others think that we are just about infallible. That is the human in us.

And that is why we say we have a great deal of respect today for Judge Stiles. In contrast to the four city councilmen he looms out like a policeman in a circle of four-year-olds.

We do not agree with him yet on certain phases of the power ordinance matter. There are many points about it which we think still need fixing. Perhaps we are wrong about some of them. If he can show us we are, we will try to back-water as gracefully as he did. If not, possibly he will volunteer to correct them, too.

But in any event, we haven't any mean words for Judge Stiles.

"WHERE THE BULLETS FLY," AS SEEN BY ROBERT MINOR



"I sketched the above picture just after the French had rushed the German lines at a point on the eastern front. At the moment French soldiers were taking possession of a trench in which were a dozen bodies of Germans killed by the fierce bombardment that had preceded the charge."—Robert Minor, noted American cartoonist who is on a sketching tour of the war front for the Tacoma Times.

Proprietor of Savoy Now Arrested In Dunbar Case

Charged with accepting the earnings of a fallen woman, Jack Anich, proprietor of the Savoy hotel on Pacific avenue, was arrested today on the complaint of the prosecuting attorney.

The arrest came as the result of testimony offered in the trial of Harold Regan, a jitney driver, by Marie Dunbar, an 18-year-old girl.

Regan is charged with living with her and forcing her to give him all her earnings by threats.

Anich, who has been in the hotel business in Tacoma 25 years, is held on a charge similar to that against Regan, and the Dunbar girl is said to be the woman in the case.

His bond was reduced today from \$2,500 to \$750 cash bond.

First Arrest.

Judge Card dismissed all attempts on the part of Attorney C. L. Westcott to show Marie Dunbar's past record. A petition for an extension of time was granted so that more witnesses could be subpoenaed.

The Savoy hotel occupies the triangle end of the Betz building on lower Pacific ave., overlooking the Northern Pacific passenger yards. It was modernized recently and has been considered one of Tacoma's best hotels.

Spire Davis, retained as attorney for Anich, said today that Anich had been one of the city's best citizens for the past 25 years. He had always been in business here and had never been known to be in trouble before, he said.

He would say nothing about the relationship of his client and the woman in the case.

\$2,000 TAX ON GAS CO

Peddlers of vegetables, fish and foodstuffs were dealt with harshly by the city council today, during further debate over the 1916 license code.

The Tacoma Gas Co. was tagged to pay a \$2,000 annual tax. John D. Rockefeller and his competitors in the gasoline business will have to begin buying a license Jan. 1 for the right to sell their fluid fuel.

Secretary and president of the Retail Grocers' association appeared before the council and started a heated argument over the licensing of food peddlers.

"These peddlers are taking advantage of the legitimate profits of the grocers," declared McPherson.

"They jump in here with wagon loads of fruit and vegetables that are unfit for grocers to handle, and peddle them about the city at bargain prices. We don't want to interfere with the farmers, but we want these peddlers put out of the way."

"You bet, soak it to 'em," ejaculated Commissioner Mills.

The council finally agreed to charge a license of \$150 a year for peddlers with two-horse teams, and \$130 a year or \$40 quarterly for those with one-horse teams.

The Tacoma Gas Co. has never paid a cent of revenue to the city for the privilege of selling gas here, the council learned with surprise today. City Attorney Stiles had fixed a tentative rate of \$400 license in the ordinance, but the council jumped the sum to \$2,000.

Gasoline supply stations on private property, where machines have to cross the sidewalk to get service, will hereafter pay \$50 a year license. Pump stations on the curb will pay \$10 a year.

TWO ARE SEVERELY INJURED

Samuel T. Loose, tea and coffee salesman, 1004 Sixth avenue, was injured perhaps fatally, and Charles Sather, 520 East 35th, proprietor of a grocery store at 3510 McKinley, was severely hurt at noon today when Loose's big touring car smashed into the side of a street car at Sixth and K streets.

Loose sustained internal injuries, besides several broken bones. Sather was bruised and suffered minor injuries. Both men were still unconscious at a late hour. Loose is in a highly dangerous condition.

The accident occurred within a block of Loose's home. A Sixth avenue car, inbound, started across K just as Loose's machine reached the intersection. Loose applied the brakes, but his machine slid across the street on the slippery pavement, and crashed into the center of the car.

Both front wheels of the auto were torn off, and the engine crushed in. A large hole was torn in the side of the street car. Both occupants of the auto were rushed to Tacoma General hospital.

What's Doing

Today
"Buy - at - Home" exposition opens; Arcade store building; 13th and Broadway; afternoon and evening.

Exhibition of photographs taken on Mountaineers' trip around Mt. Tacoma; lecture by J. H. Weer; Y. M. C. A. auditorium; 8 p. m.

Address on "Progress and Prejudice," by Ralph S. Stacy, before Young Men's Commercial club; at club rooms; 8 p. m.

Address by Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon before Rotary club of Tacoma; preceded by dinner; 6 p. m.; Tacoma hotel.

Moose charity smoker; Moose hall; 8 p. m.

Charity ball by Eagles; at Eagles' hall; 8 p. m.

Tomorrow
"Buy - at - Home" exposition; afternoon and evening; Arcade store building; 13th and Broadway.

SOUNDS LIKE DAYS BEFORE THE WAR
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The police raided the Pankhurst suffragette headquarters and seized the type used in publishing the Britania, the suffrage organ previously called the "Suffragette."

FIVE MARRIED MEN BEFORE GRAND JURY

Obed Patty.
Together they gum-shoed to the scene of the nefarious activities. Arrived there, anger conquered discretion, and, picking up a huge rock, Mrs. Alderman hurled it through the drug store window. She and Marshal Obed then flew precipitately, while hubbub reigned among the married men within.

That was several nights ago. Finding that the rock thrown had not broken up the "gang," the amateur sleuth, Tuesday notified Prosecutor Lindberg.

Wednesday the five accused were not appearing in court, and that there was no harm, but they were not appearing in court.

She investigated—and confirmed her worst fears. And then she made her discovery known to the town marshal.

ENGLAND CHANGES GENERALS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Sir Douglas Haig yesterday became commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Flanders. Field Marshal Sir John French, on his own request, was relieved of the command, and has returned to England.

He has been created Viscount of the United Kingdom as a reward for his 16 months' service at the front and becomes commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom.

The change was not unexpected. Sir Douglas Haig is a tried army man, with many years active experience.

Other important changes in the military staff are pending. The complete new personnel of high officers will be in charge at the beginning of the spring drive.

Claims Husband Went Joyriding

Mrs. Anna Thornberg started suit yesterday in the superior court for a divorce from William Thornberg, whom she charges with joy-riding with other women, and assaulting her in their automobile when she mentioned bringing a sick brother home.

MAY SEND AUSTRIA STIFFER NOTE YET

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Another demand, more peremptory than the last one, that Austria disavow the torpedoing of the Italian liner Ancona with the loss of American lives, is being considered by the administration today.

It is understood the note will insist on immediate compliance with the American demands.

HANDED TO PENFIELD
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Austro-Hungarian government's answer to the American note in connection with the sinking of the steamer Ancona was handed today to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, it is understood.

In brief, the answer states that

- Talk o' the Times -

Dissatisfied with the terrible \$300 fine which a merciless judge inflicted on him, Vogelbaum, cloak swindler, is going to appeal to a higher court for leniency. Thus are our sacred liberties safeguarded against judicial aggression!

Von Bittenfeld, official censor of American news at Berlin, is slated as von Papen's successor at Washington. Watch the eastern newspapers get even with one censor!

It's really touching to see how solicitous the allies and the central powers are over the future of Greece and Rumania.

The way for Henry Ford to get

the men out of the trenches on schedule is to open headquarters in Holland and advertise in the French-English-German-Austrian-Italian and Russian papers that he will trade a flivver car for every army rifle delivered to him on Christmas day—only one to a customer.

Those British troops in Arabia must have a soft snap. We see where they retired twice in one night.

Secretary Garrison says conscription in America is coming if his war plan fails. Nothing doing here, Lin. We are married and previously conscripted.

Sahara just two weeks and two days away.

ITALY WILL ENTERTAIN KING PETER

ROME, Dec. 16.—The royal villa at Caserta is being prepared for King Peter of Serbia, who will arrive here within a few days.

King Victor Emmanuel is also preparing to offer an asylum to the Montenegrin royal family in the event the Austrians overrun Montenegro.

The Italian queen is a daughter of King Nicholas of Montenegro.

FLASHES

SAN FRANCISCO—"Coun" von Koolberg, confessed double-crosser, admitted today that a band of German longshoremen had planned a series of bomb destructions on large steamers due to leave port.

BERNE—Representatives of every Protestant church in Europe called on the German chancellor today expressing concern for the Armenians.

CHICAGO—Valued at \$25,000,000, 38 lake reamers were removed from service today in accordance with the Panama canal act which disallows railroads owning steamers to use them in competing with their own lines.

PARIS—Austro-German forces are planning a new attack on the Russians to throw them out of Galicia.

SALONIKA—A million Serbian women and girls are facing the danger of starving or freezing to death within the next few weeks.

EMERYVILLE, Cal.—Famous Emeryville race track grandstand and clubhouse was completely destroyed by fire last night.

HIGH ROTARIAN TO ADDRESS CLUB

Following a banquet at 4 o'clock tonight in the Tacoma hotel, Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, of Vancouver, a high Rotarian official, will speak before the members of the Tacoma Rotary club.

U. S. PLANS JOBS FOR ALL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Extension of the work of the department of labor to such a development of natural resources in the nation as will tend to make opportunity for workers greater than demands for work and keep them so, is recommended by Secretary of Labor Wilson in his annual report to congress today.

To this end, and in order to enable the department to improve its work of labor and settle them there under favorable circumstances.

"It will not be enough to hunt 'manless jobs' for 'jobless men,'" he said. "Any efficient public employment service of a national character must go beyond that. Unless it does, the causes of involuntary unemployment will continue to express themselves to the great prejudice of the wage workers of the United States and to the harm of all industrial interests."

Not Revolutionary.
Legislation for the development of natural resources need not be revolutionary, he declared. Nothing more is required than a judicious utilization of government lands.

Extensive areas of unused farming land in most of the states might be acquired by the government, he suggested, for promoting labor opportunities as advantageously as other areas have been acquired for the creation of public parks.

For such a policy he says the homestead laws seem to afford a legislative basis.

Equipment for farming and education in farming, as well as a place for farming, are needed, he said.

"Rotary Fund."
To meet this need he urged congress to provide a "rotary fund" for leading purposes; that is, a fund to be used over and over again and maintained through the joint activities of the departments of the interior, agriculture and labor, by repayments of loans.

"By their educational pro-

cesses the departments of the interior and of agriculture could make efficient farmers of inexperienced but otherwise competent workers seeking that vocation.

"By its marketing plans the department of agriculture could guard borrowers from the 'rotary fund' against commercial misfortune in disposing of their crops."

"By its labor-distribution functions the department of labor could bring the right men to the right places on the soil and settle them there under favorable circumstances."

"And by their several appropriate functions these three departments, co-operating under appropriate legislation, could multiply demands for labor in rural re-

gions and minimize labor congestion at industrial centers.

"It is a reasonable prediction that such a policy would develop in country and city an economically independent and socially progressive population. The results would be analogous in our time to those of the homestead laws at an earlier period."

For the purpose of enabling the department to place unemployed persons and to meet the perplexing problem of seasonal work, Sec. Wilson urged congress to give the interstate commerce commission authority to authorize exceptional rates of railroad fare for such purposes in cases approved by the department of labor.

Slosh! Look at Sporting Ed's Seven Blunders

We asked the sporting editor what he thought the Seven Blunders of Tacoma were.

He gave us a supercilious look and snarled, "Spouse you mean the seven errors, don't you? They aren't called blunders."

"We explained patiently to him that we meant BLUNDERS, not errors; that we were talking about our great Seven Blunders of Tacoma contest and not a baseball team."

"He came back by asking why we asked for seven rather than six or eight or any other number."

"Because that's the classic number," we told him.

"That led us off into another long argument, because he didn't know that classic meant. He thought a classic

was the Epsom derby or a world's series game or something like that.

Finally we did get the idea through his skull. He said he'd write up his list.

He did. Then he brought it to us. We pass it on to you just as it stands:

THE SEVEN BLUNDERS OF TACOMA.

1. Remaining in a state that's going dry Jan. 1.

2. Remaining in a state that's going dry at all.

3. Going dry Jan. 1.

4. Going dry at all.

5. Going dry.

6. Going.

7. Dry.

What's your list?

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings \$405,754.66

Business 45,713.02

Transactions \$451,467.68