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After 32 years in business in Tacoma, we close our doors forever, Jan. 1st. Having a number of bottled wines and liquors of both imported and domestic, we will close it out at less than

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All these goods are guaranteed by us to be of the very best quality. Come early and you will be served right.

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JUDGE RULES AGAINST BANK; COUNTY GAINS

Fixing a precedent in all future bank taxation cases, Judge Card handed down a final decision today in favor of Pierce county in a suit brought nearly two years ago by the Scandinavian-American for reduction in taxes.

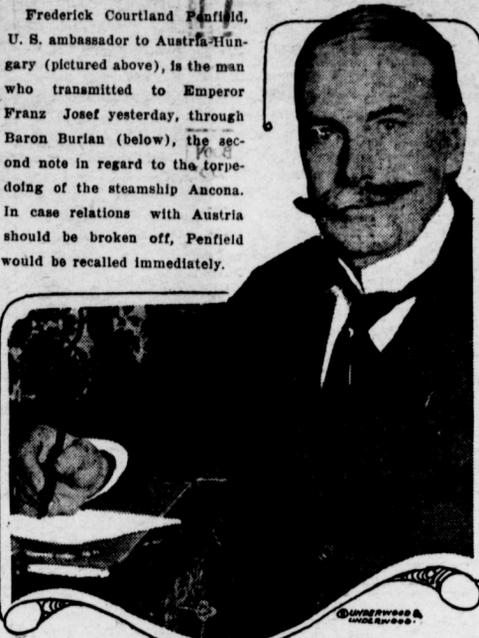
The decision will mean an increased income to the county treasury of \$7,500. It will also mean that the capital stock of banks in the future will be assessed, less the value of the real estate, and that all property owned by a banking corporation for more than five years will not be considered as an asset.

The case was started during the Bull Moose administration and was carried to the supreme court for settlement of a point of law, being returned to the superior court last month for trial. The Scandinavian bank claimed double assessment, demanding that a \$150,000 mortgage on the building should be subtracted from the total valuation of the property.

Deputy Prosecutor Phelps said today that the decision was important in that all banks in the state would be affected. He cited the Bankers' Trust Co.'s case as an example where the county would have had to make a rebate of \$2,500 in taxes had the decision been reversed.

DIPLOMATS WHO HAD HANDLING OF NOTE

Frederick Courtland Penfield, U. S. ambassador to Austria-Hungary (pictured above), is the man who transmitted to Emperor Franz Josef yesterday, through Baron Burian (below), the second note in regard to the torpedoing of the steamship Ancona. In case relations with Austria should be broken off, Penfield would be recalled immediately.



BARON BURIAN

MAKE READY FOR POULTRY SHOW DEC. 28

A discordant clatter of banging hammers and buzzing saws in the Betz building, 15th and Pacific, told today of early preparations for the annual poultry show Dec. 28 to Jan 1, of the Tacoma Poultry association.

Coops and booths are being prepared for the big show, and because of the expectations of a larger exhibit than ever before, practically the entire floor space of the big building is being utilized for the birds.

Besides hens and pullets, cocks and springs, there will be a big exhibit this year of pigeons. Harry Olson of Parkland, who has one of the most extensive collections of pigeons in the west, has charge. Olson won more than half the first prizes in the pigeon class at San Francisco this summer, and he will have all the prize winners on exhibition here. The show is to open next Tuesday and continue all week.

LITTLE FEAR OF A BREAK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—There is less apprehension here today of diplomatic break between Austria and the U. S.

It is unofficially reported that Foreign Minister Burian is going to Berlin to confer with the Germans before answering the American note. It is expected the German influence will be favorable to America.

SHRINERS WAX FLOOR FOR HOP

Tacoma Shriners will visit the Buy-at-Home exhibition in the Arcade building tonight. Only two more days of the show remain. It will close Christmas eve.

Hundreds of manufacturers and members of various fraternal orders visited the show last evening. A special musical program was given.

Complimentary tickets will be given to Tacoma housewives today by their grocers. Several hundred were distributed yesterday. The Shriners will add a special feature to their night by clearing a space in the hall at 10 o'clock for a dance.

Bandits Holdup Xmas Shoppers

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—Bandits began the usual bold Christmas series of robberies last night by holding up three different persons in the heart of the business section in the midst of thousands of shoppers.

John Hansen, laborer, was robbed of \$45, his Christmas savings. The robbers escaped. O. McIntosh and Mrs. H. C. Nestor were relieved of small amounts in the center of the business section.

No Bad Feeling, Says Von Papen

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Capt. Franz von Papen sailed last night on the liner Noordam for Rotterdam where he will be given safe conduct to Berlin.

Von Papen said he was leaving with the best of feeling for Americans and that he and his fellow officer, Bredel, would be given a clear slate when the war had been completed. Von Papen expressed satisfaction at being able to return.

CANADA TO SEND THOUSANDS MORE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, at a banquet given last night by the New England society, said that Canada is ready to send several thousand more men to aid the allies.

MAY AID AUSTRIA TO ANSWER NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Newspaper opinion seems to favor the idea that Germany will come to Austria's aid in settling the second American note regarding the sinking of the steamer Ancona.

BANKERS URGING BRITISH TO SAVE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A manifesto signed by the leading bankers of England was issued to the people yesterday. In part, the manifesto stated that money of the allies would result in ultimate victory, but that the resources of the empire must be conserved.

HOWELL WILL RUN AGAIN FOR OFFICE

Secretary of State I. M. Howell announced yesterday in Tacoma that he would be a candidate at the next election to succeed himself. He has served in the present office for six years, assuming it during the administration of Governor Hay.

ADMIT ACTRESS IS ILL

ANDERNEZ, France, Dec. 23.—Sarah Bernhardt's physicians today admitted that she is seriously ill, but reported improvement in her condition. She expects to visit London in January.

PANTAGES

"COLONIAL DAYS" "CREO" THE MYSTERY "REAL OF THE NAVY"—NO. 18 FIVE OTHER BIG ACTS



YOU CAN MAKE THIS PICTURE A REALITY BY SENDING HOME OR TO YOUR FRIENDS, A Columbia Grafonola and some Columbia Christmas Records. No other gift can assure so much in genuine delightful pleasure and entertainment, for so long a time at so little cost.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TERMS AS LOW AT \$1.00 PER WEEK.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS. Shaw Supply Co., Inc. Kodaks—Phonographs— 919 Pacific Ave. 915 Pacific Ave.

Even Stage Hands Are Not Let In On Secret



So carefully does Herr Bolke guard his act "Creo" at the Pantages theater this week that even the stage hands and the other performers of the bill are as much puzzled as the audience when it comes to solving the mystery. From a plaster bust, placed on a slender pedestal, then draped and painted to resemble a woman, Herr Bolke apparently creates an attractive young woman before the eyes of the audience—at any rate the young woman does materialize and the bust and pedestal disappears. Where she comes from is Mr. Bolke's secret. The entire bill at the Pantages this week is above the average.

EMPRESS CHRISTMAS GIFT IS ALL READY FOR TACOMA

Tacoma's Christmas present has arrived in the city and will be delivered Christmas day when the Wilkes stock company begins its engagement at the Empress theater in Roi Cooper Mergue's successful play, "Under Cover."

VILLA'S BROTHER ARRESTED IN U. S.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 23.—Hipolito Villa, brother of Gen. Villa, was arrested here last night on his way to New Orleans where the wives of the brothers are living. The arrest was made on a telegraphic warrant charging Villa with defrauding Victor Caruso out of \$50,000.

EMPRESS THEATER Will Open XMAS MAT. With Wilkes Stock Co. in 'Under Cover' Seats Ready Now Phone Main 804 Prices 15c to 50c

CHINESE REVOLT GAINING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—An open declaration of warfare against Yuan Shi Kai is expected by local Chinese, following a cablegram that one of the governors had resigned.

Generals in charge of the garrisons demanded an immediate execution of Yong Doo, one of the emperor's immediate friends. Local Chinese are all republican in sentiment and favor the revolution.

GREEKS TO GET A NEW PREMIER

ATHENS, Dec. 23.—Gounaris or some other neutralist will probably be chosen premier tonight in the place of Skoulandis, who wants to retire.

A report received here from Salonika claims the Allies are massing in southern Serbia. This is believed to foreshadow an invasion of Macedonia within a fortnight. In the meanwhile the allies are entrenching.

VARNA STILL BULGARIA'S

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The fate of Varna is clouded today by conflicting reports. The stories indicated it is being heavily bombarded by the Russians.

A Petrograd message indicated that Varna remains unoccupied. Russian torpedo boats are reported to have chased a Bulgarian vessel under fire from shore batteries.

PEACE IS NEAR

EL PASO, Dec. 23.—Peace in northern Mexico seems close at hand today. Villa leaders flocked to the Carranzista standards. Chihuahua is reported in the hands of Carranza. He is establishing a firm control of Juarez.

Workmen Icebound On Alaska Road

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—At least 1,500 men working on the government road at Anchorage, Alaska, are ice-bound, according to a report made today by Secretary Lane. Supplies, including several hundred pounds of Christmas turkeys, are held up at Seward.

Realty Building Begins Peeling

Large pieces of stucco work on the Pacific avenue face of the National Realty building crashed to the sidewalk at an early hour this morning, nearly striking pedestrians.

Police Sergeant Needham, with a squad of officers, erected a temporary fence in front of the skyscraper. During the night several pieces of fancy stucco work dropped off, but the avalanche of clay and cement ceased shortly after daybreak. Heavy rains recently, together with a slight frost last night, are believed to have loosened the stucco.

TAKE LOOK AT THIS, DOC WALL

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—More than 85,000 Chicago school children are suffering from influenza-la grippe, as a result of the wave of the disease which is sweeping over the middle west, according to a report made yesterday by the health department.

PANIC ON FERRYBOAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The ferries Piedmont and Santa Clara narrowly escaped a collision today in the heavy fog which covered the bay.

Several hundred women aboard both vessels became panic-stricken when the Piedmont struck the Santa Clara a glancing blow.

REFUSES TO PROSECUTE IN BABY BOLLINGER CASE CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—States Attorney Macley Hoyne today refused to prosecute Dr. Harry J. Halseiden, for not operating on Baby Bollinger. Attorney General Lucy had requested that Hoyne cause the grand jury to investigate the case.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS

Price Paid Producers For Meats, Butter, Eggs, Poultry
Livestock—Cows, 5 1/2 @ 6 1/4; hogs, 6 1/4; lambs, 6 7/8; dressed hogs, 5c; steers, 6 1/4; heifers, 5 1/2 @; dressed veal, 8 @ 12c.
Butter and eggs—Ranch butter, 28 @ 29; strictly fresh ranch eggs, 23 @ 25c.
Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 17 @ 18c; ducks, 12 @ 14c; squabs, 22 @ 25c; springs, 16 @ 17c; turkeys, dressed, 20c lb.
Selling Prices to Retailers For Butter, Eggs and Cheese
Cheese—Washington, 17c; Tillamook, 17 @ 18c; Domestic Swiss, 21c.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, 36c.
Butter—Washington creamery, 22 @ 23c.
Wholesale Meat Prices
Fresh Meats—Steers, 10 @ 11c; heifers, 10c; hogs, trimmed sides, 16c; mutton, wethers, 11 1/2c; lamb, 12 1/2 @ 14c; ewes, 10 @ 10 1/2c; whole hog, 11c.

FRYE & CO. MARKETS

Location of Our Markets
FRYE & COMPANY
17th and Commerce Streets.
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Look for the U. S. Purple Stamp. It signifies Purity and Quality. Our meat kept in sanitary cases in perfect condition by our cold air system.
We Give Penny Change

Council Passes License Measure

Changing the moving picture license rate for the fourth time since it has been under discussion, and reducing the proposed tax on green-goods peddlers, the city council today finally passed its new license code for 1916. The rates will go into effect Jan. 1.

The movie taxes were reduced today from the figures announced Monday. By the final rate, five-cent movie houses will pay 18 cents a year a seat, but no license shall be less than \$50 annually. Ten-cent houses will pay 30 cents a year a seat, with a minimum of \$75. For every five cents charged over 10 cents, for admission, the city will levy a tax of six cents a year a seat.

Movie Men Resigned. A 500-seat limit is fixed by the ordinance, in such a way that all houses having 500 or more seats will only pay the tax demanded of a 500-seat house. Thus, the large downtown houses having more than 500 seats will pay \$150 annually. The present rate is \$75 for all movie houses. A delegation of movie men appeared before the council and voluntarily suggested a new scale of rates which they say would bring in more revenue than the scale adopted. They asked for a flat rate of \$75 a year, plus one-half cent a seat a month. The petition was signed by Clarence Summerville, Melbourne theater; H. T. Moore, Colonial; William McNeish, Bijou, and A. Anderson Apollo.

No Newsies to Work For One Whole Hour

Between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock on Christmas day, the streets will be void of newsboys. It will be the first time in years that such a condition has prevailed.

The strange phenomena is explained by the fact that the Broadway Public Market between the above mentioned hours will be dishing out barbecued beef and cranberry pie to the newsies.

SHIPPERS LOSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today refused to refund millions of dollars to shippers of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce for alleged excessive switching charges made by the railroads during the last four years.

AX WILL FALL MONDAY

Commissioner Mills announced today that he would give out a list Monday detailing the names of 11 firemen and five policemen who will be dismissed Jan. 1, in conformity with the budget provisions for 1916.

Rain Plays Hob With Honeymoon

HOT SPRINGS, Dec. 23.—President Wilson and his bride were forced to remain indoors today because of the bad weather. Wilson cleaned up his executive business.

DENY GERMAN SUCCESS

PARIS, Dec. 23.—French reports deny that the Germans were successful in recapturing Summit Hartmann's Wellerkopf. The French left wing advanced, it is claimed.