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### WEATHER

Tacoma: Probably rain tonight  
and Saturday.  
Washington: Same.

You can never tell. Perhaps the man who says the most fool things now used to get off something bright and sensible when he was a baby.

# GEN. SCOTT SUCCEEDS GARRISON

## SENATE HABIT OF SECRECY IS UNDER ATTACK

By Gilson Gardner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—A tremendous struggle to overthrow the ancient method of doing things in the dark is impending in the U. S. senate. The "executive session" is used to prevent the public from hearing anything about the qualifications of appointees selected by the president, and the secret roll call which determines whether a man is confirmed by the senate is one method of dodging responsibility to the voters.

**Comes to Head in Rublee Matter.**  
The fight to abolish the secret executive session has reached a climax in the case of the appointment of George Rublee to the federal trade commission.

Rublee was selected by President Wilson last summer while congress was not in session. Now the senate must confirm or reject his appointment.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire (the state from which Rublee was appointed) has asserted his "rights" as a senator to oppose Rublee because the latter is "personally objectionable." Under the pleasant fiction known as "senatorial courtesy," it is usual to refuse confirmation to any appointee who is "personally objectionable" to another senator.

**What Polls Shows.**  
If, however, a record roll call vote could be secured on any appointee, senators would not dare to vote against a good appointment merely because some senator demanded it as a "courtesy."

I have just polled the entire senate on the question of whether the senators will favor making the Rublee appointment roll call a matter of public record, as was done once before in the case of Winthrop More Daniels through a fight forced by a few progressive senators who refused to be bound by the "secret session" gag.

Thirty-six of the 96 senators have replied to the request that they state their position for or against making this roll call public. Of these, 22 senators favor turning on the light. Among them are both the Washington lions. They are:

**Want Fight in Open.**  
Ashurst, Borah, Chamberlain, Cummins, Hitchcock, James, Jones, Kenyon, Lane, Lea, Martine, Myers, Newlands, Norris, Oliver, Overman, Poindexter, Sheppard, Sherman, Thomas, Tillman, and Works.

The question has been made even more vital by the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis as justice of the U. S. supreme court and the secret fight to be made before the sub-committee of the judiciary committee to prevent his confirmation.

The public will want to know the grounds on which the senators opposed to Brandeis base their refusal to confirm, and those favoring the appointment will make every effort to throw open the senate doors so that the whole fight, including the final roll call, may be made in the open, where it ought to be.

## KAISER'S SON WRITES ON DEADLY WINTER FIGHTING

Prince Oscar Tells Own Story of How Germans Fought "History's Greatest Battle" in Snow and Mire of Northern France



GERMANS IN SNOW COSTUMES FIGHTING IN THE CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT OF FRANCE.

The kaiser's son has just written a wonderful description of "the winter battle in the Champagne"—the greatest continued fight in all history!

As commander of the Third Army, Prince Oscar of Prussia, had untold opportunities to witness this tremendous onslaught where, he says, French spirit coped with German doggedness until blood ran in rivers down the snows and dead bodies choked the ways!

The horrors—and the glories of bravery, too, that were on all sides in these days of striving are really marvelously described and most unforgetably set

forth by Prince Oscar in a booklet he has just written for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the men of the Rhine province who fell in the Champagne.

This royal document has just been received in this country and beginning tomorrow this paper will publish a translation of it in its columns.

The greatest continued battle in the greatest of all wars!

Written by an army commander who is son of Germany's kaiser! You will not want to miss this! **TOMORROW! IN THE TIMES!**

## TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—After designating Gen. Winfield Scott as acting secretary of war, President Wilson today began considering successors to Lindley Garrison and Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who resigned last night as the result of disagreement with the president's preparedness program.

The resignations followed the receipt of a note from Wilson asking Garrison to draw a careful distinction between his individual views and the views of the administration when speaking before the national chamber of commerce.

Wilson accepted the resignation immediately. He will name a democrat as Garrison's successor and will announce the name of the appointee within a day, the White House intimated.

**Not a Candidate.**  
A dark horse appears likely to get the appointment. Gen. Scott's appointment is for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Receiving the newspaper men today Garrison at New York said: "I have retired from politics absolutely. I am not a candidate for the governorship of New Jersey and would not accept it if handed the election certificate."

"Get it out of your heads that my resignation was a political move. I have made no plans except to resume my law practice."

**WHO WILL IT BE?**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Who will President Wilson name as secretary of war? This is the question which is uppermost in official circles today following the resignation of Lindley M. Garrison.

Among those who are most prominently mentioned are Secretary Lane of the interior department; Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, and Swager Sherley, chairman of the house fortification sub-committee.

**Garrison in Seclusion.**  
It is known that the president intends to select a man who is thoroughly familiar with the details of the military situation, so that the national defense plans may be carried forward without a hitch.

Garrison, whose resignation was accepted by President Wilson last night, is in seclusion in New York today. He was taken to the home of George Leary, a dredging contractor, immediately on his arrival from Washington.

**Refuses to Talk.**  
The former secretary refused to discuss his resignation and parried all questions.

**Withheld Support.**  
Correspondence between the president and Garrison indicated the break occurred because Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the war secretary's continental army plan. Also, because Garrison opposed the administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

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For the first time probably in the history of Tacoma, the sea gulls left their customary haunts along the tideflats and waterfront and visited the residential district of the north end during the recent snow.

Large flocks of the birds flew over Stadium high school to the neighborhood about the Tacoma General hospital. Jack Bowler, local authority on birds, said they were forced to beg food from the residents, as their supply was cut off by the deep snow. It was the first time, he said, he had ever seen them leave the water.

## SEA GULLS ON A VISIT

## Roller Skating Club's Season, Like All Other Good Things, Has Ended

By D'Loss Sutherland

The grand high jinks of the Roller Skating club No. 4 of the African Methodist Episcopal church came to an end last night amidst the soothing strains of "Tippety" on the concertino in Morse Hall's rink.

The club had been skating all winter. A special night has been kept each week for the colored club folk of the city and last night they were all out.

Clubber D. W. Gibson was at the window and Clubber J. H. Doage punctured the tickets at the door.

**Instructors Arrive.**  
Lee Rucker, Ray Robsen, Everett Gibson and Chester Longress, each dolled up in a fireman's cap and gloves, acted as instructors. Mah Lord, how them boys could skate.

They arrived early to get the kinks out of their skates and to prepare for the difficult task of showing some of the feminine members the Dutch Roll and other difficult strokes.

They cavorted around like Pavlova or Charlotte, the Teuton Top, sometimes on one skate, sometimes on two and sometimes where their skates weren't. The early gatherers congregated near the large stove and from this comfortable spot marveled at the control of mankind over a roller skate.

**Then an Eclipse.**  
But the popularity of these four instructors soon got kicked in the neck, for a gentleman appeared in knickers and hose. The hose were green with two white stripes near the knee. He

was one of those devotees of the art who took it so to heart that he owned his own skates.

If you think this person was unnoticed you should have seen the gallery. He skated alone.

There was also a young lady who was dolled for the occasion. She was dressed just like the Norwegian expert who gives exhibitions at the Arena rink in Seattle.

She had a military suit, sashed with silver braid and a little skirted hat, all in a bunch. She also skated alone.

**Then Pigeon Walk.**  
At eight bells, a gong was rung and the skaters slipped into low. The concertino banged into "Tullip Time in Holland" and then the swell stuff began. Dancing the pigeon walk on skates may not sound like a check from home, but believe us, the members of that roller club sure got some thrills out of their efforts.

**Vote Season a Success.**  
The more matured members and the kids mingled soda pop with the comforting heat of the stove. Gallions of the stuff disappeared and everybody kept their heads.

From time to time the gong whanged and the concertino hit a new tune, while the skaters followed the different instructions of the electric sign, such as "Gents and their partners," or "Ladies alone," etc.

Amidst much kidding and laughter the skaters tired one by one. Late in the evening the club officials declared dividends and the party turned out the lights and went their different ways, strong for a new club next year.

## WHY NOT LET OUR CITY IN ON THESE MILLIONS?

Tourists drop from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in Los Angeles every year, it was estimated for the Times correspondent today by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Part of this money they would like to spend in Tacoma and the northwest, but the allied Southern railroads have pretty successfully prevented it.

Secretary Wiggins of the chamber estimates that from 60,000 to 100,000 tourists return east annually from San Francisco by way of the Southern California route, many of them cheated by the lower rates out of a visit to the northwest.

The allied Southern railway lines return east from San Francisco by way of Tacoma, which is the shorter route, they go through Southern California and home by way of New Orleans.

It costs tourists from \$17.50 to \$21 more to go back east by way of Tacoma.

The figures compiled by the state public service commission show that 97 1/2 per cent of all tourists take the Southern California return route, and the northwest gets 2 1/2 per cent.

**TODAY'S CLEARINGS**  
Clearings ..... \$285,666.11  
Balances ..... 22,802.22  
Transactions ..... 725,098.22

## ARREST YOUNG RECOB

Six hours after Detective Price Recob had been reinstated yesterday by Chief of Police Smith, his son Frank, age 19, was arrested in El Paso, Tex., it developed today.

Young Recob was wanted here for alleged complicity with his partner, Vern Siedelman, in taking two young Tacoma girls on a joyride and for an alleged assault on one of them, a 14-year-old girl.

Following the suspicious circumstances in connection with Recob's escape Nov. 3, when officers went to the Recob home to arrest him, his father was dismissed from the police force on suspicion of having aided in the getaway.

**Boy Has a Wife.**  
The coincidence of the detective's reinstatement and the arrest of the boy on the same day, following closely upon the acquittal of Siedelman in the superior court two days ago, caused considerable comment in official circles today.

The police were not ready to say who gave the tip which led to the discovery of the boy's whereabouts.

When arrested in El Paso, Frank Recob was accompanied by a wife. They were going under the alias of "Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts."

**Waives Extradition.**  
Recob was not married when he left Tacoma. His wife is believed to be a Seattle girl and is said to have put up the money for their escape.

One officer went inside to search the house while another remained on watch outside. Mrs. Recob is said to have called the latter into the house for a moment, while the boy made his escape through the back door.

**Denies Any Connection.**  
Police Chief Smith today denied that Detective Recob's reinstatement was brought about by his giving information as to the whereabouts of his son.

"Detective Recob did not know where his son was," said Smith. "I obtained a tip from other sources, and learned by telegraph that the boy was in El Paso."

## Hoquiam! Take Your Hats Off to An Anti-Pork Town

Hats off to Hoquiam, a town that's anti-pork!

Congressman Albert Johnson recently introduced a bill asking \$125,000 for a federal site and building in the Grays Harbor city.

Yesterday 10 of its leading citizens wired him \$50,000 would be sufficient.

"More would be pork," they added.

What an example for other cities! What an editorial on patriotism and good citizenship!

What a rebuke for Johnson! The Times nominates Hoquiam for honorary membership in the S. A. P. B. P.—the Society for Abolition of Public Building Pork, and the congressmen who vote for it.

Both have served reformatory terms before, the police say. A long-barreled revolver was found in the boys' room in a downtown hotel.

**Arrest Boys On Suspicion**  
Suspected of knowledge of recent crimes in Tacoma, Earl Harrison, age 22, and Robert Bartlett, age 18, were arrested last night and are held by the police pending investigation.

**What's Doing**  
Today  
Tacoma Bait and Fly Cating club holds first anniversary meeting; evening.  
"The Bird of Paradise," Tacoma theater; evening.  
Tacoma schools commemorate Lincoln's birthday with programs; afternoon.  
Rummage sale by Women's Clubhouse association; Tacoma building; afternoon.

**TOMORROW**  
Lincoln's birthday, bank holiday; postoffice open only 8 a. m. to noon.  
AUTO STRIKES WOMAN  
E. H. Ewen, 6204 Sheridan avenue, notified the police by telephone last night that he had struck and slightly injured a woman at 11th and Tacoma avenue with his automobile.

## FLASHES

**CALGARY**—A restaurant was wrecked today when it was reported that proprietor had dismissed several ex-soldiers and had hired Germans as waiters.

**LONDON**—German aeroplanes dropped several bombs Wednesday night on the barracks and factories at Ramsgate, near London, with slight damages.

**NEW YORK**—The schooner John Bossert was destroyed by fire today five miles off the coast.

**PORTLAND**—The Columbia river has risen more than seven feet and property is threatened by floods because of the ice jams.

**WOODFORD, Cal.**—Several drums of benzola exploded today when a train was derailed near here. The train caught fire, but no one was hurt.

**OTTAWA**—At the rate of 1,000 men a day, the recruiting station has continued pouring men out for European service during the last month.

**Footprints In Woods Tell of Poison Mystery**  
CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Physicians today found poison in the stomach of Miss Marion Frances Lambert, 18-year-old high school girl, who was found dead in the woods near Lake Forest.

The footprints of a male companion accompanied those of Miss Lambert into the woods. Officers are trying to find the man who accompanied her to her death.

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## Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you planted radishes yet?

It certainly is magnificent the way the railroads will support a popular, democratically-ruled Commercial club. Five of them that run trains into Tacoma took 27 memberships, an average of five and two-fifths each.

Notice how the standpat papers which have been hooting for weeks at the administration's continental army plan today rise in pain and anguish to lament the "stubbornness" and "folly" of the president for differing with Secretary Garrison, advocate of the continental army idea?

We know a preacher who says there are some things he likes about the devil. Among these

qualities are that he is aggressive, never a quitter, always minds his own business and turns his hand to anything to get ahead.

The sporting editors are greatly alarmed for fear Tacoma will lose its ball team; are you?

The lady next door says that if we miss the Women's Clubhouse rummage sale we'll be sorry.

**Register:**  
Thus far the federal trade commission has succeeded in dropping all the charges of unfair competition lodged with it. You don't catch that commission hanging on anything that means real work.