

### Congress Will Seek to Allay Japan's Fears

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Amendments to the Burnett immigration bill, to meet, if possible, Japan's objections to the present draft, will be introduced in congress within a few days, leaders announced today.

### Electric Lights Bad for Trees?

Whether electric illumination is beneficial or destructive to vegetation became the subject of a strenuous debate in the council chambers today, when a dozen business men came forward to argue over the installation of ornamental street lights on Alinsworth avenue.

Marshall K. Snell wanted the council only to install three lights to the block instead of four, because the illumination, he said, would interfere with the growth of trees and shrubs.

John Schlarb, Alex Fulton, George Laws and others, argued that electricity was being used these days to assist in development of vegetation.

"Well, it hurts evergreen trees, anyway," said Snell. The council decided to reduce the number of lights from four to three.

There will be another hearing in two weeks. The circuit would extend on Alinsworth ave. from North Steele to South 16th streets.

### MATHER RESIGNS TACOMA PASTORATE

Rev. O. T. Mather severed his pastoral relations with the Bethany Presbyterian church Sunday to take up church work in another pastorate. His duties in Bethany have held him here longer than any other pastor in this district.

**TODAY'S CLEARINGS**  
Clearings ..... \$ 255,559.92  
Balances ..... 28,818.62  
Transactions ..... 1,122,775.64

### LOVE WIFE GOES ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

NEW YORK, April 24.—Mrs. Ida Shiffen Walters Rogers, the "love wife" who poisoned her two children, is to be put on trial today in the Bronx county court on a charge of murder in the first degree.

Mrs. Walters—which was the name of Mrs. Rogers at the time of the poisoning—gave her two children, John, 2 years old, and Joretta, 8 months old, bichloride of mercury. They died between Christmas and New Years, 1914.

The tragedy barred the love story which resulted in the divorce of Lorlys Elton Rogers, a prosperous lawyer, from his wife and his marriage to Mrs. Walters. A little girl was born to them last September.

### HALIBUT TRAWLERS COURT THE VERY THING THEY FEAR



On the Pacific halibut banks. A two-man dory laying trawls. The lines are often half a mile long, the thousands of hooks baited with herring. At left: Getting the gear into shape aboard a schooner, while running to the Alaskan banks.

By Jack Jungmeyer.

"I have seen 10 of my shipmates lost at sea." John J. Carroll, modern Viking of the Pacific halibut fleet, was telling me why the men of his breed court the thing they fear.

"Most of us," he said, "are the sons of sea rovers. The call of wild weather and the perilous unknown is in the blood. We are halibut trawlers because that kind of fishing gives us the best reward for the

chances we take and the work we do." Thirty-three of his 47 years John Carroll has spent on the halibut banks of the north Atlantic and the Pacific, most of the time in an open boat.

Stalwart, taciturn, independent, seasoned like a good mast, he is typical of the 400 halibut men of the Northwest Coast, the brawn of a great industry.

"What I tell you about the halibut fisher you can set down as gospel," he assured. "And you'll find few enough of 'em that'll talk to a man outside their own. They're a close-mouthed clan. The sea makes a man so.

They're Not Barbarians. "The public regards us as a drunken, brawling lot of barbarians. That's as far from the fact as the picture of fishermen drawn by Rudyard Kipling in his ridiculous 'The Old Man of the Sea.'"

"But let the public ponder this: There isn't a halibut fisherman going out of Seattle or Gloucester who'll not gladly risk his life for a man overboard. "If the Carnegie medal outfit would hear of the many heroic rescues performed by halibut men just as a matter of course, there'd

be hardly an old timer amongst us who'd be overlooked. "In addition to the ten shipmates I've seen lost—an effort was made to save every one of the poor fellows—I have seen ten others hauled dripping to the decks after the most magnificent fights for life a man ever saw.

"There'd been plenty of excuse for not having tried at all, maybe, but a fisherman—to him there's no excuse for letting a mate go. "In addition to that, there are just three crimes for a halibut man:

"To lay down on the job while he's got a leg to stand on. "To take his clothes off to get a bit of sleep when he's on the banks. "And to refuse a friend in need a half of all he's got.

"By that code you won't find many criminals amongst the trawlers, because they don't stick by us if they can't gladly obey these laws of the clan." John Carroll like the rest of his breed, makes light of the dangers to be faced daily in supplying the halibut market.

"But if it wasn't for the chances," he says, "and the unfathomable that lures the trawler, the life would be too tame."

### FLASHES

LONDON.—Strictest possible secrecy is being used today in connection with the session of parliament behind closed doors, called for the purpose of devising a new scheme for collecting recruits. The king has signed an order preventing publication of guesses over the session.

SEWARD, Alaska.—Government railroad work north of Anchorage is almost at a standstill as a result of the strike called Saturday by the Anchorage labor union.

PITTSBURG.—Twenty-four thousand miners in 70 coal mines in the Pittsburgh district went on strike today because the companies failed to include a 5 per cent increase, agreed upon recently, in Saturday's payroll.

BUENOS AYRES.—Practically all the newspapers of Buenos Ayres are applauding President Wilson's attitude regarding the German submarine situation.

LONDON.—A German aeroplane flew over Dover this morning, but was driven off by land batteries before it could drop any bombs.

BERLIN.—Ten German aeroplanes successfully bombarded the aerodrome at Oesel, in the Baltic district, yesterday, destroying several air craft of the allies.

SHANGHAI.—It is reported that more than 1,000 sailors and soldiers on the steamship Hsin-Yu lost their lives Saturday evening when the steamer collided with the cruiser Hai Yung.

LONDON.—Three thousand hostile troops have forced the British to evacuate Quatia, Egypt. It is officially announced. The British were repulsed in a simultaneous attack at Bucidar, a nearby village.

### THURSDAY A HOLIDAY

By unanimous vote, the city council today declared next Thursday a half holiday, in honor of the opening of the Northwest league baseball season.

The city hall will be closed all afternoon, and all employees urged to attend the big Stadium game between the Tigers and Great Falls teams.

Mayor Fawcett will pitch the first ball, and President Ernest C. Wheeler of the Commercial club will attempt to catch the mayor's delivery. It is hoped that 15,000 persons will be attracted to the game.

### LEGAL NOTICES

SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Controller, Room 203 City Hall Building, not later than 10 o'clock, Wednesday, April 26th, 1916, for the following: About 40 tons of cast iron. About 2 tons of wrought iron. About 3 tons of transformer steel laminations. 150 amp lamp frame with brass cases. Bids must cover all items listed. The City Controller reserves the right to reject any and all bids. J. F. MEADS, City Controller. April 21-22-24, 1916.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, City Hall, City of Tacoma, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. on the 3rd day of May, 1916, for furnishing labor and material for paving alley between Steele and Prospect Streets from North 14th Street to North 15th Street, with concrete pavement, in Local Improvement District No. 5024, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works. Amount of bond required will be the same as contract price. Proposals must be made on printed forms furnished by said Commissioner and accompanied by certified check for five per cent of the amount of proposal, made payable to the order of the Clerk of the Commissioner of Public Works. Work to be completed within 10 days after signing contract. Work to be completed within 30 days after signing contract, but if said work be not completed within 30 days after signing of contract, said contract shall become void as per specifications.

The successful bidder shall agree to accept, at par, in payment of said application and work, any and all of the bonds issued in pursuance of Ordinance No. 6319 and shall have no claim whatever on account thereof against the City of Tacoma, except solely upon such bonds and solely from the special assessment made and levied under said Ordinance created. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all of the bids. OWEN WOODS, Commissioner of Public Works. April 22-24-25-26-27, 1916.

LOCAL Improvement District No. 5025.—Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Ordinance No. 6089 of the City of Tacoma, a roll has been placed in my hands for the collection of the 1st annual installment of the assessment levied for constructing a six (6) inch wooden water main on North 24th Street from Washington Street to Stevens Street. Said installment may be paid on or before May 10th, 1916, but if not paid on or before said date added interest, penalty and costs will attach. CHAS. D. ATKINS, City Treasurer. April 10-17-24, 1916.

LOCAL Improvement District No. 5019.—Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Ordinance No. 6088 of the City of Tacoma, a roll has been placed in my hands for the collection of the 1st annual installment of the assessment levied for constructing a twelve (12) inch cast iron water main on Center Street from the alley between Sheridan Avenue and "O" Street to Wilkeson Street, together with the necessary wyes, tees, crosses, hydrants, etc. Said installment may be paid on or before May 10th, 1916, but if not paid on or before said date added interest, penalty and costs will attach. CHAS. D. ATKINS, City Treasurer. April 10-17-24, 1916.

LOCAL Improvement District No. 5023.—Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Ordinance No. 6087 of the City of Tacoma, a roll has been placed in my hands for the collection of the 1st annual installment of the assessment levied for grading the alley between Sheridan Avenue and "O" Street from South 16th Street to South 17th Street, together with the necessary curbs and gutters, a roadway sixteen (16) feet in width, and a parking space on each side thereof, two (2) feet in width, connecting with the necessary plank, together with the necessary storm water drainage. Said installment may be paid on or before May 10th, 1916, but if not paid on or before said date added interest, penalty and costs will attach. CHAS. D. ATKINS, City Treasurer. April 10-17-24, 1916.

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### Californians Start Crusade to Check Gasoline Price Boosting



Committee of California legislators which drafted resolution asking Governor Johnson to call special session of legislature to declare gasoline a public utility, thus bringing it under jurisdiction of railroad commission to fix a standard price for gas. Standing, left to right: Assemblyman Harry A. Wishard, Peter C. Phillips and Richmond P. Benton. Sitting, left to right: Assemblymen Alfred Bartlett, Charles W. Lyon and Senators Henry H. Lyon.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 24.—"Swat the gasoline hog!" is the battle cry which is sweeping California and promises to be heard in the state legislature with sufficient clarity to lower the price of gasoline in California.

Started by the Los Angeles Record, steps are being taken by legislators and civic bodies to reduce the present inflated price of gasoline to somewhere near a moderate figure and to arrange for protection against future increases.

The people are taking the stand that gasoline is a public necessity. They are asking the legislature to declare the gigantic gasoline and oil companies in this state to be public utility corporations, subject to regulation by either the state railroad commission or the public utilities commission. They want this action taken regardless of what federal authorities may do.

In reply to queries regarding his attitude in the movement, Governor Johnson said he would co-operate as far as his power permitted, but expressed the opinion that the matter was one for the federal government to handle. Los Angeles, however, is going ahead with its fight. Mass meet-

ings use 500,000 gallons of gasoline each day. Each cent increase in price adds \$5,000 to the daily bill of auto owners. Already they are paying \$40,000 a day more than they were paying last fall. There are 167,000 automobiles in California. It is estimated that

Howse's eleventh cavalry arrived today after 20 days' campaigning, bringing the first inkling that a clash with Cavia's Carranzistas was narrowly averted at San Porja. The Garrison formed to charge and Howse rode down the lines waving his hat. Howse withdrew 10 days ago. He was only 45 hours behind Villa at one time. He found carts containing Villa's litter and bloody bandages. The reports were that Villa was slightly wounded in the calf of the leg and seriously wounded in the head. Howse's detachment went 20 miles farther south than any of the detachments.



### It's a Dandy The Boys' Magazine

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### Overwork, Underpay Break Down Health Of Working People

By Gilson Gardner

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Overwork and underpay are the principal forces at work in breaking down the health of American workmen and women.

This is the conclusion of the U. S. public health service in a bulletin just published, dealing with the effects of modern industrial conditions upon the lives and happiness of 30,000,000 American wage earners.

Dr. B. S. Warren, surgeon and Edgar Sydenstricker, statistician, of the public health service, are the authors of public health bulletin No. 76 entitled "Health Insurance, Its Relation to the Public Health," which shows the conditions in American industry today.

This report recommends a plan for compulsory health insurance for wage-earners, to be administered by the state and federal governments.

Its outstanding feature, however, is the indictment of present-day social and economic conditions. "Each of the 30,000,000 workers in the United States loses on the average about nine days every year on account of sickness alone," says this report.

The causes of the disease are given as follows: Inadequate Diet Blamed. The occupational hazards of disease; irregularity of employment, unhealthful conditions of living; the employment of women in industry under modern conditions of work, particularly of married women; and the economic disadvantage at which a large proportion of wage workers and their families are placed as the result of low wages and insufficient annual incomes.

The report makes it clear that "economic disadvantage" as a cause of disease overshadows all the rest.

For example, inadequate diet is set down as the first of "unhealthful conditions of living," and the report says: "Less Than Half Have Enough. "Income statistics published by federal and state governments in the last few years indicate that a considerable proportion of the