

TACOMA STRIKE SETTLEMENT LIKELY

T. R. & P. Asks State to Rewrite Tacoma Franchises

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ONE CENT
English physicians are experimenting with a parasite which they hope to exterminate flies.

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Fair tonight and Thursday, light frost tonight.
Washington: Same west portion, heavy frost east.

CASE MOST VITAL, SAYS CITY ATTORNEY; MAYOR AFTER LEGISLATURE AID

Opening one of the most far-reaching municipal fights ever started in Washington, the Tacoma Railway & Power Co. has petitioned the state public service commission for an order abrogating all clauses in its franchises that find it to pay the city of Tacoma anything directly or indirectly for the privilege of operating.

WHAT T. R. & P. COMPANY ASKS
Discontinuance of charge for paving, repairs and maintenance, on streets occupied by car tracks.
Elimination of gross earnings tax to city.
Discontinuance of 50 per cent charge for construction of city bridges over which street cars run.
No further charge for street improvement work or maintenance, where cars operate.
Force all city employees to pay cash for transportation instead of riding on free tickets.
Any other relief which the commissioner may deem proper.

Mayor A. V. Fawcett has today sent a personal letter to each Pierce county candidate for the state legislature, asking if he will support legislation during the coming session, looking toward the repeal of the public service commission law so far as it applies to cities of the first class, and toward restoring to such cities the power to enforce franchises and contracts made by public utility corporations.

City Attorney Harmon declared today that the T. R. & P. case is one of the most important that has ever been filed against the city.

The constitutional guaranty of home rule for cities of the first class has been practically abrogated by the public service commission law of the state and in its political evolution in the last few years these cities have been stripped of all semblance of control of public utility corporations.

RUSSIAN GUNBOATS SHELL BULGARIANS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PETROGRAD, Oct. 4.—Russian gunboats have steamed down the Danube river and are bombarding the Bulgarian left flank near Rasova in Dobrudja, it was officially announced today.

Mayor Fawcett declared Wednesday that this case was another argument in favor of home rule for cities of the first class.

At the same time, the fighting in Dobrudja and Transylvania, where the Rumanians are on the offensive, is growing more violent.

"Mr. Pratt"

He's a typical New Englander, in the novel of the same name by Joseph Lincoln.

GEORGE T. EARL TO BE 3D V. P. OF N. P.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The position of chairman of the Northern Pacific board of directors was left vacant by the directorate meeting today.

WILSON MEETS HIS FIRST OFFICE BOY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ALLIANCE, O., Oct. 4.—"Well Willie," gasped President Wilson in surprise when his special train stopped here today and a prosperous looking business man clambered out of the crowd.

It's Awfully Discouraging



Just when you think you've got something to shout about the cruel facts make you look like a pitiful chump.

REPORT RUMANIANS IN FLIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
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(United Press Leased Wire.)
SOFIA, Oct. 4.—Bulgarian forces have occupied the Rumanian town of Malakkalafat near the Danube.

LONDON'S VERSION

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BUDGET STILL IN AIR

A great press of routine work in the city council Wednesday prevented any further consideration of the budget at the morning session.

SLAV LOSSES HEAVY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
BERLIN, Oct. 4.—The Russians suffered enormous losses in a renewal of their attacks west of the fortress of Lutsk yesterday.

MEDIATOR SURE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT ENDED

Federal Mediator William Blackman was hopeful Wednesday that a settlement of the longshoremen's strike will be reached, despite the statement of Capt. Gibson, president of the Waterfront Employers' association, that peace negotiations are off.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SEATTLE, Oct. 4.—The waterfront strike is on again today in full blast, despite the optimism which prevailed here for the past 48 hours, looking toward a settlement.

U.P. MAKES 15.65 PCT.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The annual report of the Union Pacific railroad today indicated earnings of 15.65 per cent on common stock during the year ended June 30, against 10.98 the previous year.

Gene Ahern Draws Laugh For the Fan



Gene Ahern, creator of "Squirrel Food" and author of "Ain't Nature Wonderful."

HERE'S A FACT TO POSTCARD TO YOUR FRIENDS BACK EAST

The St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co. is building a large steam plant which will eventually permit it to burn all its refuse and derive a profit from it and which will at the same time furnish the Carstens Packing Co. and other large plants steam at about half what it is costing them.

Ahern has been traveling with the players who were fighting out the great baseball battles of the east.

SPEECHLESS, TACOMA CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO USE VOICES

By Mabel Abbott
He didn't know what "talk" meant.
He didn't know things had names.
He didn't know his mouth was good for anything but to eat with.

Life is not easy to understand even for those who can hear and speak.
He was deaf; and, having been deaf from the very beginning of his little life, he was also dumb.

strange-looking seats.
And there was a lady, and put them against her throat. He felt her throat move and felt a queer little buzz in his fingers.

birth. Many of them could hear and talk once.
Others can still hear partially.
For these, the struggle is much simpler.

sentence to tell her the boy behind him was in mischief; and I heard him ask, with difficulty, but quite intelligibly if he might sharpen his pencil.
I saw children pick out the day of the month and of the week on a calendar, tell time by the clock, read my lips as I spoke simple words, and obey Mrs. Weeks' commands to "shut the door," or "come," or "go," without any gesture to aid them.

Real Children Now.
They go on the playgrounds with the other children.
They cannot hear the bell, but they can see the others coming and going, and they come and go, too—children among children.

Greetings, has your duck-hunting friend brought you around a pair yet?
Oh, nothing, only—ours hasn't either.
Day by day Controller Shoemaker is making it more apparent that Atkins is a splendid commissioner of finance, except that he doesn't know much about city finances.

while Greece is hot!
The more we read of Hughes' speeches, the more we think he needs whiskers.
The man who knows his possibilities is better than he who knows his limitations.
Like a certain city commissioner we are not very good at figures, so we have been puzzled by a statement in a Tacoma paper of last night to the effect that a certain woman was 46 years old and had lived with her husband on Anderson Island for 50 years.

Talk o' the Times