

# CHILDREN VICTIMS OF HOSPITAL FIRE

**ONE CENT**  
While you are voting "No" on the booze bills vote "No" on the others and on the constitutional amendment. They are all reactionary.

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**WEATHER**  
Tacoma: Unsettled, probably rain tonight and Friday.  
Washington: Same west, fair east portion.

# Initiates Bill to Abolish Parties In State

## PETITIONS TO BE SIGNED ON ELECTION DAY

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 26.**—"There never has been a time when the voter has realized the foolishness and the danger of blind partisanship as he does today."  
So declared Councilman Oliver T. Erickson this morning before he left for Olympia to file an initiative petition abolishing partisan elections from governor down.  
ERICKSON, IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN WILL ORGANIZE VOLUNTEER WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO CIRCULATE THE PETITIONS FOR NON-PARTISANSHIP ON ELECTION DAY.  
"We expect to get 100,000 signatures to this petition," Erickson said.  
"The day has come to throw off the shackles of political slavery and Washington will be the first state in the Union to lead the progressive march."  
"It will require only 32,000 signatures in the state to initiate the measure. It will then be presented to the legislature which under the law, must either accept it, or refer it to the people's votes."

## ALLEGED SMUGGLER ARRESTED

A systematic scheme for smuggling booze into Tacoma through employment on the Milwaukee railroad, was nipped by the police and special officers of the railroad Thursday morning, when they arrested Elmer Larsen as he stepped from the dining car on the Columbian, crack train from Chicago.  
The arrest followed discovery of eight quarts of whisky in a suitcase concealed in pots and pans and rubbish in a closet in the diner, where Larsen has been employed as third cook.  
The officers have been watching this train for some time.  
They claim to have information that Larsen obtained employment with the railway for the sole purpose of bringing in liquor for higher-ups in Tacoma.  
They also say he has made three former trips bringing booze from Chicago, but have failed to get evidence against him.  
Larsen had the bottles in a suitcase bearing the name of Fred Wild, former saloon keeper, now proprietor of a soft drink parlor at 24th and East L street. It developed that Larsen is Wild's brother-in-law.  
Larsen denied, however, that he was bringing the liquor for Wild.  
He is being held both on a state charge and a city charge.

## POLITICAL MEETINGS

**REPUBLICAN**  
Thursday.  
2 p. m.—With Mrs. A. B. Cornell, 319 3rd st. S. E. Puyallup. Speaker, Miss Margaret Upper.  
2:30 p. m.—With Mrs. S. Schurman, 618 South Steele. Speaker, Mrs. Frances K. Haskell.  
2:30 p. m.—With Mrs. Don B. Rohen, 3019 South 11th. Speakers, Col. Albert E. Joab, Senator Walter S. Davis, Judge Fremont Campbell.  
2:30 p. m.—With Mrs. S. F. Markham, 1043 South 86th. Speakers, F. B. Brockway, H. F. Magill.  
7:30 p. m.—With Mrs. Janet Mitchell, 516 East 28th. Speakers, G. Thompson and candidates.  
8 p. m.—With Mrs. Cora Ainey, 3912 North J. Speakers, Emil Stenberg and candidates.  
8 p. m.—Park M. E. church, 27th and Wilkeson, women's meeting. Speakers, C. E. Stevens, Guy E. Kelly and candidates.  
8 p. m.—Kapowsin, Odd Fellows hall. Speakers, A. O. Burmeister and candidates.  
8 p. m.—Rosedale, Boosters' hall. Speakers, Frank Latham and candidates.  
Puyallup, Commercial club. Speaker, Emil Stenberg.  
**DEMOCRATIC**  
Thursday.  
8 p. m.—Dem. headquarters, 932 Pacific ave. J. T. Sovereign, former Master Knights of Labor.

## MOTHER OF "HELLO GIRLS" IS WORKING TO GET THEM BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS

(Newspaper Enterprise Association)  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 26.**—After their daily work at the switchboard, telephone operators employed by one of the big companies here, will return to homes supervised and cared for by a woman especially employed for this purpose.  
Miss Tessie Deutsch is the social supervisor. She inspects conditions at the homes of operators, gives needed advice for their betterment, visits sick employees and helps them in misfortune.  
Miss Deutsch sees applicants at their homes before they are employed, and finds good homes for girls from other cities.  
Once a week Miss Deutsch inspects the company's lunch rooms and sees that they are sanitary.  
Miss Deutsch hopes to establish a gymnasium and later a girl's boarding home for out-of-town employees.



TESSIE DEUTSCH  
Social supervisor of telephone operators.

## 27 LOSE LIVES IN DISASTER

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**FARNHAM, Que., Oct. 26.**—At 1 o'clock today it was reported that at least 27 lives had been lost in the fire which had destroyed the Roman Catholic hospital at St. Elizabeth hall and stables during the night.  
Twenty persons were injured in jumping from the upper stories, about a dozen of them children.  
The fact that survivors are scattered in homes all over the town makes the work of compiling a list of the missing difficult.  
When the fire broke out there were 318 persons in the building, the majority of whom were children. They were saved by heroic work on the part of the firemen and citizens.  
Yesterday morning firemen were called to the same institution when a fire broke out in the basement. It is now thought this must have broken out again last evening with such disastrous results.  
The loss is estimated at \$250,000 with about \$30,000 insurance.  
Several other dwellings adjacent were badly damaged by water and smoke.  
Nearly all inmates of the building were asleep on the third floor.

## DESCRIBES KILLING BRUTE HUSBAND

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 26.**—Blushing deeply and with eyes downcast to escape the stares of a curious courtroom crowd, Mrs. Margaret Beutinger today told in dramatic fashion why she shot and killed her husband, Christopher Beutinger, a wealthy coal broker, after he had forced his way into her bedroom.  
"He was a most brutal man when amorous," she testified. "From the time I married him until the night I shot him he continually made demands upon me that were impossible for me to fulfill. When I refused he would threaten to kill me."  
Big as Jack Johnson.  
The jurors cast sympathetic glances at the pretty little woman in the witness box as she continued her story.  
"He was built like Jack Johnson," she continued. "He was a huge man physically. He weighed about 250 pounds, and, of course, I was afraid of him."  
Frequently Mrs. Beutinger paused in her recital to send a reassuring smile at her five little children, the white haired little Billy Beutinger chewing gum vigorously and his pretty little sisters, grouped about her sister, Mrs. Herron, a few feet from the witness chair.  
Prompted by Attorney McCarter, the woman on trial for her life gave the jury a story of a married life full of horror from the time when she left her home on the island of Jamaica to marry Beutinger, then a quartermaster's clerk in the war department at Washington.  
"He beat me when we were in Washington," she said. "En route to the Philippines we stopped in Chicago. He made me get out of bed one night there because my physical condition made it impossible for me to yield to him."

## TELL OF VERDUN DRIVES

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**VERDUN, via Chantilly, Oct. 26.**—Battling in rain, mists and clouds of smoke, the French recaptured Fort Douaumont in less than three hours in the brilliant offensive that swept the crown prince back from Verdun.  
The entire operation was witnessed by General Joffre, commander in chief of France's armies.  
From an observation post in one of the Verdun forts the correspondent watched the French infantry launch the attack at 11:40 Tuesday morning after three days of unprecedented artillery preparation.  
It was 3 o'clock when Fort Souville telephoned that the French had reached Fort Douaumont and were fighting about its entrance. French officers waited with cool confidence for the next word.  
"We have surrounded Fort Douaumont," came a message at 5 o'clock.  
For an hour we peered out over the distant battle field, on the alert at the same time for some news from the telephone. Suddenly sharp gusts of wind lifted the mists and the smoke clouds, revealing the tri-color of France floating at the summit of Douaumont.  
The French chose the moment when the Germans were weakest through the transfer of troops and cannon to the Somme and because of the unrelenting work of destruction wrought by French guns.  
The French Verdun offensive is backed with more organization and preparation than preceded the Somme offensive. Both offensives, proceeding simultaneously, are calculated to crumple the entire German front.

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

Stanton & Hill Co. have rented 21 houses and two apartments in 30 days.  
E. J. Broseman, architect, has just finished plans for a number of modern houses. Albers Milling Co. is finishing a \$10,000 warehouse and planning a new concrete wharf.  
A business block has just been completed at South 39th and Yakima, and \$17,000 worth of improvements have been put into Siler block, 1510 Broadway.

## SERBS AND FRENCH SCORE VICTORIES

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**PARIS, Oct. 26.**—Serbian and French troops scored several victories in the fighting near Monastir, it was officially announced today.  
The Serbs captured a height along the Cerna river and French cavalry occupied the bridges at Zvareda.  
**TODAY'S CLEARINGS**  
Clearings ..... \$ 405,272.31  
Balances ..... 60,427.41  
Transactions ..... 1,022,140.65

## Yes, It's Moving That Bothers Us

Bang, bang, bang, whack, z-z-z-z-z-z, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!  
This is the pandemonium that drowns the racket of the typewriters in The Times office this week.  
Times is getting ready to move from its Ninth and Commerce corner into its own comfortable, modern newspaper plant at 819 Pacific avenue.  
Bang, slam, bang, bang, bang, Crash!  
(That was the counter that used to run down the length of the business office. It just ran out of the front door.)  
Cr-r-r-ash! Hey! look out; wait a minute; wha'cha doing! Hold 'er!  
(That was the editor, saving himself by a flying leap from an

## HUGHES LEAVES ON HIS FINAL 'DRIVE'

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**NEW YORK, Oct. 26.**—Charles E. Hughes began his final drive of the campaign today. He left at 8 a. m. on his fourth and final stumping tour—a strenuous eight day session, which will carry him into Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Indiana for 34 separate addresses.

## REFERRED BILLS WILL BE DEBATED

Men and women voters are invited to hear a discussion of the referendum measures at the Commercial club Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. J. A. Shackelford will be one of the speakers for the bills and A. R. Titlow and Dr. A. V. Hoyt will speak against them.

## Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you put a padlock on your potato bin?  
Nothing has quite such poor results as the goose that lays the golden egg.  
To which would you rather belong—a regiment or a union?  
So would we.  
Not that we care a small Persian coin, but Washington himself wasn't exactly enthusiastic about his army. In a general order he stated:  
"The British are exceedingly careful to restrain every kind of abuse of private property, whilst the abandoned and profligate part of our army, lost to every sense of honor and virtue, as well as their country's good, are by rapine and plunder spreading ruin and terror wherever they go, thereby making themselves more to be dreaded than the common enemy they come to oppose."  
Soft coal, unlike an egg, can't be made hard by boiling it.  
What has become of the up-to-date girl—  
Who wore a tailored shirt-waist,  
Who carried a chatelaine watch,  
Who helped get up tally-rides to American lake,  
Who wore her hair pompadour,  
Who danced the two-step,  
Who wore a straight-front corset?  
**NUTTY KNOWLEDGE**  
The butchers of Voozoo, Africa, never wrap up a rhinoceros when a customer buys one.  
A rubber cradle that stretches as the infant grows up has been invented by a Jersey City motorman.  
**YE AXE TO GRIND**  
How doth ye busy candidate Butnonhoie ye resident, As, mixing much from dawn to late, He shouteth loud ye good intent.  
**FROM OUR EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT**  
FOR RENT—Steam heated room and meals.—Roscommon (Mich.) Bugle.  
Cook—colored, all around, wants steady job.—Cleveland (O.) News.  
Baron Yarrrenk Kharkow Auliyadoff shrdlu mfwyp kgkw d o doff of Dayenport was in town last night.—Iowa City (Ia.) Citizen.  
**AND IT WASN'T LOADED**  
CLEVELAND, O.—This city has been terrified by an empty revolver. Three boys, alleged auto bandits, under arrest, said they never loaded their revolvers because "they might go off."

## FLASHES

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.**—That Chinese shipping man, operating under the American flag, may become a factor in trans-Pacific trade is indicated today by the placing of an order with a British olumbia shipyard for two liners by the China Mail Co.  
The firm contemplates purchasing two other steamers later on.  
**SAN RAFAEL, Cal.**—If a man ruins his mother-in-law, is he cruel to his wife? This is the question put up to Superior Judge Zook for decision by Mrs. Clara Conley, who is seeking a divorce.  
**SAN FRANCISCO**—Robert Rhea sued the Western Auto Electric Co. for damages when he "barked his shins" on a desk in the company's office and it threw him into a fit of apoplexy.  
**PORTLAND, Me.**—It's nothing to see a man wandering around looking for police headquarters, but it's something else to see police headquarters wandering around looking for a man. New York cops have just built a \$70,000 police headquarters harbor ship.  
**CINCINNATI, O.**—Chickens 700 of them, have been provided for the dinner to be given here today for President Wilson. Not chickens of the Broadway type, but fried southern style.

### Endeavor to Maintain

Having gained a reputation for careful, conservative management, we shall steadfastly endeavor to maintain it.

### PUGET SOUND BANK

## Sand? Well, Then Wilson Furnished It, Says Playwright

BY MILTON BRONNER.  
**NEW YORK, Oct. 26.**—"I would call the great national drama now being enacted before 100,000,000 Americans 'The Day's Work.'  
"I should cast Woodrow Wilson as the leading man and the hero, if I were considering it as a melodrama.  
"I should cast Hughes for what we call the comedy heavy.  
"Roosevelt would be slated for what in the old theatrical days we called 'the cutwood robber.'  
"Cutwood" was a cloth drop representing a forest scene and it was easily dropped down between two stage trees. The robber was the fellow who skulked across in front of this to staccato music.  
In our play the leading heavy is the man of wealth and the leading juvenile is the man who is working for the average day's wage.  
I was talking to Augustus Thomas, the foremost living Amer-



AUGUSTUS THOMAS.

ican dramatist, in his quiet study at the top of the Empire building. It is here that he writes his plays and here that he works as art director of all the great Frohman theatrical enterprises.  
I asked him as a playwright to put in form what he thought of the political play now being staged before the American voter. The above is his answer.  
It was, of course, given jocularly. Then Thomas became serious. He feels very keenly that the present contest is of the greatest importance to the average American. To my surprise, he told me that he had worked as a youth as a clerk in the railroad yards in his home town of St. Louis and at 19 had been master workman of No. 9 Missouri Assembly of the old Knights of Labor.  
"I saw how the boys worked, the switchmen, the firemen and the engineers. I am strong for them."  
When a man has for years written plays that have made great audiences laugh and cry, when in "Alabama" he wrote a play that Henry Watterson said did more to end sectional feeling than all the editorials he himself had ever penned—then saying things with a "punch" comes natural. Here are just a few that Thomas put over the plate:  
"I am for Wilson for president because under his leadership for the first time in 20 years the soul of the nation has been articulated."  
"He has begun and greatly advanced a restoration of government to the people; he has taken from its throat the grasp of plutocracy, and from its pockets the fingers of special privilege."  
"Under him the expansion and contraction of the nation's currency, especially the contraction, has been placed in the people's control."  
"Under his application of the income tax great individual accumulations of wealth—many of them the result of legislative favoritism—are at last paying a more nearly proportionate share of the nation's expenses."  
"Under Wilson the farmer producer who buys at retail prices and must sell at wholesale, has at last a banking right to borrow, as well as other producers, who buy at wholesale prices and sell at retail."  
"Under Wilson the man who chain childhoof to factory machines can no longer make the government a silent partner in exploiting their product."  
"In his public utterances Wilson has gladdened the decency of the nation by substituting for class tirade, personal abuse and vituperation, the orderly discussion of measures, tendencies and ideals."  
"In this great European war he has preserved a true neutrality, as the rabid dissatisfaction of the partisans on both sides attests."  
"With changing circumstances in Mexico he has skillfully changed method and counter-check, but never abandoned the guiding principles of helpfulness, charity and justice."  
"In this crucial period of the nation's life, the party which is showing unexampled capacity for constructive work and is moving forward at rapid pace must not be replaced by a standpat, evasivated and embalmed cadaver facing backwards, and mounted on a dead horse."  
"Hughes says our present prosperity is founded on sand. I agree. Wilson furnished the sand!"