

Weather—Probably rain or snow tonight and Saturday.

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# JEALOUS JAP WOMAN BETRAYS HOLDUP MAN

## Leader of Street Car Robber Gang In Hands of Police.

There is little doubt but that two dangerous holdup men are behind the bars in the persons of Wilson Cassidy and Jack Burch, captured yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Pugh and Long, and Detective Macdonald. The police are not so sure about Jim Casaderbio, an Italian waiter, Burch's partner. As is usual in such cases, a woman was behind it. This woman was a Japanese and exceptionally good looking. She has been living with Cassidy in the Dixon lodging house, corner of Post and First. Like any other, a Japanese woman is susceptible to the green-eyed monster, jealousy. And a Jap woman scorned, it has turned out, can be just as relentless an enemy as a white woman scorned.

The woman found out that Cassidy was favoring another woman of his own race, so she hunted up Deputy Sheriff Pugh and told him that Cassidy had confided to her that he was a holdup man and was leader of the three men who have been holding up streetcars and pedestrians. He had boasted to her the day after the holdup of a Washington Water Power streetcar in which Dr. W. H. Cummings, who grappled with one of the thugs, was shot, that he had done the shooting. With this clew Pugh secured Long and Detective Macdonald and followed Cassidy, who for the past two months has been a familiar figure to the police. They have felt curious as to what he

## FIENDISH FATHER

LACROSSE, Wis., Feb. 28.—In the county court August Mundstock, a prosperous farmer, admitted that he had punished his foster son, Arthur, 16, by jabbing him with a pitchfork.

The boy's body, from neck to knees, was covered with wounds and scars.

Mundstock confessed that he had punished him this way for 10 years. The prisoner was fined \$75 and costs.

## KEPT BOOKS ON HIS FORGERIES

Roy Wesley Asbury was brought from Portland yesterday by Patrolman Bunker, to face a charge of wholesale forgery. Asbury was arrested in Portland on the same offense, but those persons who cashed his forged checks did not desire to prosecute. Asbury's capture was due to a girl with whom he had been carousing and automobile for two days. He piled up an auto bill of \$46.50 and gave a forged check for it. Besides that check, he forged others in Portland amounting to \$69.50. In Spokane he cut somewhat of a swath and passed checks on the Chronicle for \$10; Martindale Clothing Co., \$25; H. H. Burns, \$5; Log Cabin saloon, \$7; Jack Wilmut saloon, \$7; and the Colportage association, \$10.

Asbury kept a strict account of all the checks he passed and the police have been greatly assisted thereby and owe him a vote of thanks. Some of those who cashed the bad checks did not report them and were surprised when they found the police were in possession of the fact and the figures. From check books taken from Asbury it is evident he also operated in Seattle, for on the stubs in the books he has noted checks amounting to \$82 in small sums.

All of the checks he passed in Spokane were drawn on the Traders bank and signed "George M. Blackman."

## Yes: The Railroads Will Have To Cut Wages



# RAILWAYS YIELD NINE HOUR DAY

## Spokane Operators Notified That Victory Is Won Without a Strike.

A clean victory has been won for the interstate nine hour law, designed for the relief of overworked railway operators, and there will be no strike, according to official advice received by Spokane operators from St. Paul this morning.

The Northern Pacific accepts the nine hour law provision to go into effect March 4 without the contemplated reduction of wages. By this agreement the minimum scale of a \$75 per month average will be maintained, and a nine hour workday assured.

The only reservation made by the company is the right to work what is called split shifts. This means that an operator going to work in the morning may be laid off for one or several hours during the day when there is nothing to do. This exception will permit small stations to be maintained without increase of operating forces, as the men will be required to put in their nine hours on time only when there is actual necessity of having an operator on duty and will not be drawing pay for the time they are off.

In offices of any consequence, however, the men will be relieved of the 12 hour shifts without decrease from the wage scale now paid. This rule affects all operators except relay men on the Great Northern, who secured eight hours some time ago.

Another indication that the victory is general came last night in a call from Pres. Perham, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers at St. Louis, for 500 operators wanted on Eastern lines. These roads made no effort to fight the nine hour law and the extra men they will need, coupled with the united show of resistance to a reduction of wages in the West, forced the Hill system to abandon its policy of cutting wages sufficiently to make up the additional expense of hiring extra operators.

The Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Illinois Central, C. B. & Q., Milwaukee, Wisconsin Central, Santa Fe and Southern Pacific are among the big lines calling for more operators in order to comply with the law.

A canvass of the operators' vote in St. Paul last night showed practically the same result as that voted in Spokane—a unanimous stand against a reduction. The company asked for another conference, the result of which is that the operators get the shorter hours without a battle.

There were 27 railroad representatives before the interstate commerce commission yesterday ready to offer further argument in favor of extending the date of putting in effect the nine hour law, but the Northern Pacific's action indicated that their efforts were unavailing.

The meeting of the Spokane railway telegraphers of the Pasco and Idaho divisions at the Pedicord hotel last night was attended by 41 delegates, all representing solid sentiment against accepting the reduction. As a result of the meeting a local lodge of the railway telegraphers will be formed in this city next month.

# TWO YEARS AND \$75,000 FINE FOR M'KINLEY

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Horace McKinley, the noted land fraud agent who was recently brought back to Portland from Mukden, Manchuria, where he had escaped from the federal authorities after conviction on the charge of conspiracy, was sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of \$75,000 this morning by Judge Wolverton of the federal court.

The extent of the sentence was a surprise, as it was generally believed in Portland that McKinley had made certain immunity arrangements with Heney by which he was to exchange his testimony for a lighter sentence.

## Two Hundred Years If He Had Married

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 28.—"Had I married I believe I would have lived 200 years," says Charles C. Clusker, 98 years of age and a bachelor, the oldest living Elk in the world. "It is my greatest regret that I never found a wife. Now I am too old."

Clusker was born in Kentucky and was one of the great army of fortune hunters who crossed the plains to the new Eldorado in '49. He had the usual quota of hairbreadth escapes, and made and lost several moderate fortunes.

He carries his age remarkably well. One would not suspect him to be more than 70. He is ruddy of countenance, surprisingly active, and says he has always used liquor moderately.

## BRADLEY WINS LONG CONTEST

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 28.—W. G. Bradley, republican, was elected U. S. senator from Kentucky this afternoon over J. W. C. Beckham by a vote of 64 to 63. He is this state's second republican governor. The contest has lasted for months.

## SINKING STEAMER REACHES PORT

SEATTLE, Feb. 28.—Leaking like a sieve, her bilge pumps refusing to work and water gaining in her hold at the rate of six inches an hour, the steamer Santa Clara drifted into port and docked at pier No. 4. Then over 200 passengers heaved a sigh of relief, the first in nearly 48 hours, for during that period it was a race with the water.

The Santa Clara sailed from port last Sunday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock for Valdez and Seward with over 200 passengers aboard. Six hours out of the straits the engineer reported to the captain that the ship was leaking fast. The steamer was turned about and a run made for Seattle.

## FAIR COMMITTEE GETS INTO HARNESS

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair committee of this county that will look after the Spokane exhibit, met informally at the Silver Grill at noon today for the first time. Geo. H. Collins is chairman. The rest of the committee is Charles Heberd, Gus Meese, Julius Zittel, David Brown, J. F. Williamson, Sam Glasgow, H. W. Greenwood, R. A. Jones, R. F. Hutchinson, J. C. Ristan, E. F. Cartier Van Dissel, H. W. Collins, E. D. Sanders, L. M. McLean.

The committee will meet again Friday to take up regular work in connection with the exhibit.

The case of the Blanchards, who made the mistake of starting a roughhouse in the Banquet lodging house, where two policemen happened to be sleeping, has been postponed until tomorrow.

## FELL DOWN STAIRS

Edward Fitzgerald, real estate man, with offices in the Rookery building, fell downstairs on the third floor about 9 o'clock last night and was taken to the emergency hospital. He had been feeling sick all day. Mr. Fitzgerald was not much better this morning and was taken to the Deaconess hospital.

## MORE ROOM FOR ENGINEER

Work started today on building a \$1,000 addition to the city engineer's office over the police station on the north of the present engineering quarters. The new addition will be used for a drafting room.

Information has been received that Robert E. Strahorn, president of the North Coast railroad, is very ill at Los Angeles. He went South several weeks ago for the benefit of his health.

# CLOTHING DEALERS INTEND TO CLAMP THE LID

Clothing store proprietors along Main av. next Sunday intend to go about getting evidence against cigar stores, candy stores and other places of business where are found open. This decision was arrived at yesterday when Justice Hinkle assessed the costs against A. S. Kickman, D. Epstein, I. Davis and H. Aronson, charged with keeping open on Sunday.

County Prosecutor Barnhart was appealed to but demonstrated no intention of becoming active again with any closing order. He told the merchants to go get the evidence.

# PAY EVELYN \$15,000 TO QUIT HARRY THAW

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The romance of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and Harry Thaw is over. Today all pretense was dropped. Evelyn moved from the Park av. house where she has been staying since the first trial. This means that she will go to Europe at once.

It is positively stated that her allowance will be \$15,000 per year. She will not return to the United States. She will never attempt to see Harry Thaw again. For two weeks she has not gone to Matteau.

On the occasion of her last visit Harry and Evelyn quarrelled violently. It is reported that shortly after reaching Europe divorce proceedings will be instituted for annulment of the marriage. Mrs. Thaw will not contest in consideration of the annuity. Today she admitted her plans for the future were very undecided.

"I had hoped the newspapers had forgotten me," she said.

# PLAYS VILLAIN IN REAL LIFE

An actor who gave the name of Charles Altman was taken from his room in the Cadillac hotel about 8 o'clock this morning where he had been beating his "common law wife," Clara Williams, with whom he has been living for a year. The room looked like a shambles. Blood was on everything. The woman had a deep cut in her forehead where she had been struck, presumably with a chair.

She told Detective Lister and Patrolman Sanborn, who went to her assistance, that Altman had been beating and kicking her since 1 o'clock this morning, when he came in drunk. He had beaten her until she fell exhausted. Then he dragged her around by the hair. She said that she has stood his abuse for many months because she feared he would carry out his threats to write to her parents and tell about their relations. She says her parents are respectable and wealthy.

# THE OTHER SIDE OF THE "BUM" QUESTION

A few days ago The Press published the story of a wanderer who admitted himself to have fallen from the estate of an educated man to that of a confessed bum. He entered a plea for those of his kind when they seek for charity.

Here is the other side of the case, presented by a Spokane citizen who has had experience that he believes qualifies him to form a dispassionate opinion:

Editor, Press—In your issue of Feb. 25 I read an article written by a hungry man who says he is educated and went to college. I am not, and I want to say that a man who is down and out as he says he is has no kick coming and no sympathy is due, whatever he may say in regard to people on the street refusing to dig down in their pockets and giving up to him when he asks for their money.

Now, I want to know what he expects? Does he think he can spend what he earns in riotous living and then have others help him? I say no. The man who dances must pay the fiddler.

As times have been in the past five or six years no man should be broke or hungry, if he has taken care of his earnings. But that is the trouble with the American workman. He doesn't know enough to take care of what he earns, but spends it in having what he terms a good time. In this I am speaking from my own experience.

I came to Spokane June 5, 1889, and for nine years of that time was just such a man as the one who wrote the article mentioned. One of his kind lately struck me for 25 cents to eat with, but when I offered to pay for his meal instead he said, "O hell, I can get all I want to eat. I want a drink."

Now I know what it is to want a drink of whiskey as well as a good many others, but I don't care for it now. Ten years ago I got married. I did not have a dollar at that time, but the little woman I got had \$100, so we started.

I quit bumming around nights and spending money foolishly, and today I have two nice homes, so you can see that I am dealing in facts. It doesn't make any difference how much a man may earn, if he spends it foolishly he will always be on the bum and cursing somebody else because he is hungry and cold. Thomas C. Coyle.

## ONE MORE VICTIM OF WHISKEY

Timothy Devine, a laborer, died of heart failure early this morning in the Dempsey saloon, where he had been drinking. Emergency Physician Woodard, who was summoned, pronounced death caused by alcoholism. Devine had been drinking heavily since Sunday, when he came in from a railroad camp. Nothing among his few effects indicated who his relatives might be.

## FIRST ELECTRICAL INSPECTION ARREST

The first arrest under the electrical inspection ordinance was made yesterday on complaint of Inspector Halladay, who secured a "John Doe" warrant for a person who was putting an electric sign up at the entrance of the N. P. hotel without first having secured a permit of the inspector's department. When the arrest was made the man gave the name of T. J. Powell. He is not a resident of the city.

## JAPAN WILL SEND WARSHIPS TO CHINA

TOKIO, Feb. 28.—Japan is said to be contemplating sending a number of warships to Macao, China, to release the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, which is being held by the Chinese for alleged treaty violation. So far China has not heeded Japan's requests that the vessel be released.

## TO WED SOCIETY FAVORITE

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—This morning papers announce the engagement of Henry Laid Corbett, grandson of the late Sen. Corbett and head of the Portland Hotel Co. banking interests in Portland, to Miss Gretchen Hoyt, of New York. Miss Hoyt is well known in social circles of New York.

## BOGUS BILL MEN CAUGHT

Joe Elig and Mark Tallow were arrested at the Golden Clothing Co. last night where they had tried to dispose of a bogus \$20 bill of the "Traders and Planters" bank.

## MINISTER WU HERE

SAN FRANCISCO Feb. 28.—Wu Ting Wang, Chinese minister, with his suite arrived here this morning enroute to Washington.

The Spokane Y. M. C. A. has received an acceptance of the invitation tendered Gov. Mead to deliver an address at the annual meeting of the association here March 10. A banquet table will be set in the gymnasium, where there is sufficient room to accommodate all members over 16 years old. J. C. Barline will preside, and in addition to the governor, Mayor Moore, Harry Stone, general secretary of the Portland association, and F. D. Hopkins, Spokane secretary, will deliver addresses.

# BOMB THROWN AT SHAH KILLS HIS BODYGUARD

THERAN, Persia, Feb. 28.—In a desperate but unavailing attempt to kill the shah today three out-riders were killed and many soldiers wounded. As the shah was passing through the street a bomb was thrown at him, but he escaped. Soldiers who formed his escort were knocked about, and the three out-riders riding closest to the automobile were killed.

Two bombs were hurled at the shah and he owes his life to the fact that he had sent a closed automobile ahead of his carriage. The assassins were located on top of a house and hurled two bombs. One exploded in the air and the second under the machine.

The auto was blown to bits and spectators hurled in every direction. The injured number 21.

Police at once broke into the house from which the bomb came but the men escaped. The driver of the shah's carriage stopped when the first bomb exploded and soldiers hurried the shah back to the palace. He had received many threats against his life lately.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The state department has received a cable confirming the story of the attempt on the shah's life in which a number of persons were killed but the ruler escaped unhurt.

## BLOCK THE SIDEWALK

J. S. Payne, of E29 Montgomery av., yesterday complained to Street Commissioner Omo about the Musser Lumber Co. blocking the sidewalk at Pearl st. Mr. Omo took the matter up with the company and was promised that so far as possible the street would be kept open, although it is necessary just at present to block it at times when lumber is unloaded.

An addition to the factory is being built and when this is completed there will be no further necessity for a blockade at any time.

# YOUNG BOY HAS LEFT HOME

Mrs. Anna Mitchell, 01213 Madison st., notified the police yesterday that her boy, Stallard, aged 14 years, left home Feb. 13. He is described as large, height 5 feet 10 inches, fair complexion, brown hair and dark eyes. He wore a dark suit of clothes and gray overcoat.

## KILLED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE SUICIDE

E. A. Sperling shot and killed Frank Sherman, an Adams county farmer, near Othello yesterday. Sperling and his wife have been living on Sperling's ranch and after a quarrel between them Sperling is reported to have taken the gun and started for the barn, saying he intended to commit suicide. He met Sherman, who attempted to take the gun from him. A shot was fired that tore out Sherman's left side.

Sperling has been arrested and the case is being closely investigated. Mrs. Sperling is prostrated by the tragedy.

## UNION SELLING SEWER CONTRACT BONDS

Thomas Maloney of Federal union No. 11,624 today is selling 6 percent interest bearing coupons to raise money for the federal union to carry on its sewer work. The coupons are payable annually and are guaranteed by the city bonds with which the city will pay for the work. Already about \$1,000 has been raised.

Almost all members of the union have signed an agreement to go to work on the union's contracts when they are called, and if any money is lost on the contracts to make up the loss pro rata among the members. Any profit made will be turned into the union treasury.

## GREAT INVENTOR VERY ILL

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Thomas Edison is in a very critical condition at the Manhattan eye, ear and throat hospital. He passed an easy night and the doctors believe recovery is probable. His pulse and temperature are normal. Members of the family are at his bedside.

## CITY LEAGUE MEETING

A meeting of the circuit committee of the City League has been called for this afternoon in the offices of George Ferris over the Hypotheekbank.

## STUDYING SHAKESPEARE

The elocution class of the Woman's club met yesterday and decided to alternate their devotion to voice culture and physical culture. The club is now studying Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

R. Foster, of Tekoa, notified the police last night that he lost a draft for \$160 on a Sandpoint, Idaho, bank, yesterday while making the rounds.