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## HOW ABOUT THAT \$26,000?

### City Officials Fail to Give Statement of Salvage.

The sensation of last night's council meeting came toward the close of the session, when the spectators had dwindled away and the newspaper reporters were beginning to fold their copy paper and file it away in their inside pockets in the belief that the long grind of routine work was at an end.

The storm was precipitated by Charles W. Mohr, councilman from the Fourth ward, and not a member of the Pan Tans, who for the fourth time in three months arose to renew his resolution as to the discrepancy of \$26,000 in the salvage that was removed from the Washington street to the Mission avenue bridge, according to the statement of Engineer Ralston.

Mohr's resolution asks that the city engineer and the board of public works be required to make an itemized statement as to the salvage by the meeting next Tuesday night, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mayor Pratt, to whom the last resolution, still unanswered, was addressed.

In the discussion of the resolution by Councilmen Mohr, Lamart, Daik and Funk considerable feeling was manifested over the seeming utter disregard of the orders of the legislative branch of the city government manifested by the executive heads of the city. There was strong talk that a necessity seemed to exist for the city council enforcing its orders by the removal of a few of the heads of departments, and the feeling seemed to be ripe that something that had to be done soon in the matter of the salvage report or there will be a change in city engineers and the personnel of the board of public works.

## MURDER TRIAL THE PRISONER, HIS WIFE, THEIR CHILD; A SCENE

Ed Scholl, the aged rancher who in the twilight of a summer's evening, under the shadow of the towering Mount Baldy, slew his neighbor, Henry Falkstraw, was placed on trial for his life this morning before a jury in Judge Webster's court.

Near the stooped form of Scholl sat the wife who for nearly a quarter of a century has shared his sorrows and hardships in the pioneer life of the mountainside. She is still faithful and ready to die, if occasion requires it, that her husband might again be free.

In the rear of the old couple, tossing his cap in the air and kicking his little legs around with the freedom of a boy at school, sits the adopted son of the Scholls, a boy of eight years, who seems wholly oblivious to the character of the offense with which his foster father is charged. The little fellow was the idol of the old man's heart, as having no children of their own they took the lad in the latter years of their life and accorded him the affection that grandparents usually do their own.

A jury was secured this morning to try Scholl, consisting of R. K. Zettler, 1120 Frederick avenue; H. Woodcock, 511 Providence avenue; V. N. Fisher, Fairfield; H. W. Bliss, 118 Altamont; H. S. Wellwood, Mead; C. H. Hoyt, S1017 Napa; William Bodler, S230 Spokane; J. S. Williamson, R F D 3, Spokane; S. P. Olin, E27 Walton; G. E. Bolkom, Spangle; E. Cheesman, Medical Lake; Frederick Berk, 316 Empire.

J. H. Bowers, who with R. L. McWilliams is conducting the defense, made a statement to the jury to the effect that Falkstraw had threatened to kill Scholl earlier in the evening and that when they met Falkstraw approached Scholl and said, "Now I've got you." He said that a clear case of self defense will be established.

## SHIP GOES TO THE AID OF PEARY TO HURRY RETURN--IS FULL OF PRESS REPORTERS.

(By Marconi Wireless, via Cape Ray. By United Press.)  
POINT RICHIE, N. F., Sept. 15.—The Canadian cable steamer Tyrian, en route to meet Commander Peary at Battle harbor, arrived here today bearing a large delegation of reporters. Captain Dickson sent this message to Peary: "I have been ordered to meet you at Battle harbor. Please accept my congratulations. My ship is at your disposal if you care to return to Sydney aboard it."

The Tyrian was rushed to be at the disposal of Peary when it was announced the Roosevelt was disabled and could not make more than five miles daily.

## SAVES LIFE OF MANIAC AVIATOR CURTISS TO NEW YORK

(By United Press.)  
PARIS, Sept. 15.—Glenn H. Curtiss, American aeronaut who won the international cup at Rheims and the grand prize of \$6000 in the meet at Brescia, is said to have left for New York today. Before leaving he said he probably will participate in the Hudson-Fulton celebration, when a number of aviation contests will be held.

## FINANCIAL BUDGET FIGURES MUCH LARGER

In the consideration of the financial budget of the city for 1910 it will be found that the fixed charges for interest on bonds and outstanding warrants has greatly increased over the amount needed during the present year. To care for \$500,000 of bridge bonds and over \$500,000 of water extensions now beginning means \$40,000 additional interest to be paid during the coming year.

It will require \$201,230 to carry the interest charge of the city of Spokane in 1910. This will cover the total old and new bonded debt, amounting in all to \$4,138,000. In addition to the bonded debt there will be \$168,000 of water extension warrants—\$108,000 of which will be expended in the water extensions now under way and \$60,000 of which is the estimated amount that will remain after

\$500,000 of the water extension warrants now outstanding are taken up by the bond issue authorized by the people last May.

The new city bonds, the sale of which is now in the hands of the sinking fund commission, consists of \$500,000 of bridge bonds, chiefly for the building of the Monroe street bridge; \$500,000 of water extension bonds; to take up warrants for water extensions that have been accumulating for two years, and \$400,000 voted by the city council recently to finance the bulk of the water enlargement plans recently ordered, making a total of \$1,400,000 of new bonded debt that will exist in 1910.

The total bonded debt of \$4,138,000 is divided between water bonds, amounting to \$1,900,000, and general fund, bridge and park bonds, amounting to \$2,238,000.

## LOST PURSE BUNGO GAME PLAYED HERE

### CROOKS ARE GETTING THEIR "HAND IN" FOR FAIR.

Falling for the old "lost purse" bungo game, that has been worked by the bunco steers for years with the greatest success on "suckers," Emil Myer, a transient in the city, is minus his watch and chain this morning. Had he had money within reach, that would have been some too.

Emil became acquainted with one of the two bunco men who worked the game on him, at the Pedicord hotel, and started out with him to buy a drink.

On the way to the saloon Myer's companion "found" a purse filled to bulging with silver and bills. These he quickly distributed among his pockets and ditched the purse. An instant later his confederate, bunco man No. 2 hurried up to the lucky finder, asking excitedly: "Did you find a purse?"

"Why, no," was the answer from the first, while Emil's eyes bulged with expectation.

"Well, I lost my purse just an instant ago right about in this spot and you are the only two men who have come this way. One of you must have found it," retorted No. 2.

"Can't believe me, eh? Then search me!" was the bold bluff of Emil's partner, and sure enough the search was made. Bunco man No. 2 went all through his confederate's pockets, then turned suspiciously to Myer.

"Search me, too!" shouted Emil. "I haven't got it!" Perhaps the thoughts of the delay in reaching that drink was getting on Emil's nerves; anyway, he paid little attention to the search but held his chin indignantly in the air the while. When it was all over and both men were gone with a sort of hollow sounding, "Good day, old sport," Emil's hand brushed down across his watch pocket. That was his awakening, and mumbling the word "Stung!" he went briskly about hunting the police, for his watch was gone.

## MORE LABOR WAR

(By United Press.)  
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15.—The Pressed Steel Car Co. is again confronted with another strike. Refusing to work unless several bosses and sub-bosses are discharged, 3000 foreigners quit work today. Recently 5,000 returned to work after two months of bloody strike.

## NO TRACE OF MURDERERS

(By United Press.)  
UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Despite rewards aggregating \$250 for the murderer of Teresa Peropica and Freddie Infusino, the police admit today they are no nearer a solution of the case than they were when the children were kidnaped.

Fannie Infusino, who was wounded in the arm by the fiend, gave the police a detailed account of the kidnaping and shooting. The police say they believe Fannie knows the identity of the murderer but will not tell because she is afraid.

## HITCHCOCK TO SEE TAFT NOW

(By United Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Postmaster General Hitchcock arrived here to confer with Taft when the president reaches this city. The police are taking unusual precautions to prevent harm happening to Taft.

## A REAL AMERICAN PRINCESS

(By United Press.)  
DINGWALL, Scotland, Sept. 15.—Anita Stewart, the New York heiress to the millions of the late "Silent" Smith of Wall street, today became a princess in her own right by special patent of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, when she was married to Prince Miguel De Braganza, of Portugal, at noon today on the great estate recently leased by her mother, Mrs. James Henry Smith.

The services were held at St. Lawrence Catholic church. The bishop of Aberdeen officiated. Costly decorations were used and there were many presents.

## NEW HEROES



## CANNON'S "QUORUM"

Councilman Schiller tells an incident that came under his observation while in Washington, D. C., that further illuminates the methods of Speaker Cannon. Schiller was in the house of representatives one day to see Congressman Peindler of this city. A motion was put and a member raised the question of no quorum present. Out of a membership of more than 300 Schiller estimated about 40 in their seats. The speaker was interested in seeing the motion carried. In response to the claim of no quorum Cannon arose, made a dozen motions with his gavel, as if counting, banged the desk with his weapon of authority and declared: "Quorum present; go ahead."

The house, with its 40 members present, went ahead.

## BANKERS TO DECIDE TAX LEVY OCTOBER 4

(By United Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—The American Bankers' association will this afternoon elect its officers for the ensuing year. All business was suspended by bankers this morning and the work of the clearing houses and trust companies was discussed. Edward Perling of New York was the principal speaker at the meeting. The topic was "Trust Company Resources and Revenues."

Vice President Sherman, who was scheduled to speak last night was unable to do so, being called away on business.

## AGNES STEWART IS CAUGHT

Agnes Stewart, the state's principal witness against John Fitzgerald, held for trial in the superior court charged with living from the earnings of a fallen woman and for tampering with a state's witness, has been apprehended in Helena, Mont. She hastily left the city after Fitzgerald had been arrested again two weeks ago, charged with beating her in an effort to drive her from the state.

Requisition papers are being gotten out in Olympia by the sheriff's office here and the woman, who is being held in the city jail at Helena, will be brought back to testify against Fitzgerald, whom she charges drove her to a life of shame and lived from her earnings. She first fled to Great Falls and then to Helena after leaving Spokane.

DOG GIVES FIRE ALARM  
GREENFIELD, Ind., Sept. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Vanmeter were awakened at midnight by the barking of their little dog, who was pulling at the bedclothes. They found the rooms filled with smoke. Decorations were ablaze, the fire having started from a lamp that had been left burning on a piano.

## Thrilling, Fascinating: Verne's Great Novel, "Finding the Pole"

Tomorrow The Press begins publication serially of Jules Verne's thrilling and fascinating romance, "Finding the North Pole."

"Finding the North Pole"—Verne wrote it more than a generation ago, as a story, a thing of fiction. But it has come true on him. Just as his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" came true in the submarine, and his "Round the World in 80 Days" has been shown easy of accomplishment.

But none of this famous and gifted French romancer's creations has been borne out so fully, so much in detail, as his "Finding the North Pole" 35 years after he wrote it.

As in the present controversy between Commander Peary and Dr. Cook, there is a fight in Verne's story between two rival explorers for the glory of finding the pole. In the end, as in the present case, well, you'd better read the story in The Press.

The novel describes—vividly, as only Jules Verne can—the hardships and dangers of polar exploration, and makes clear to the readers with what bitterness one explorer, who has overcome all hardships of nature, will regard a rival explorer who threatens to snatch from him the glory of realizing his life desire.

There is a surgeon in the story, the efficient aide to the chief of the party, just as Dr. Cook was Peary's brave and efficient aide before their friendship was broken.

In rapidity of action and tenseness of interest, this old story of the great French romancer, which begins in tomorrow's issue of this newspaper, is not excelled by anything he himself wrote, and by few stories of adventure written by others.

## LOCAL UNIONS URGE USE OF MORE HOME PRODUCTS

An attempt to have Spokane to-beaconists handle more cigars of local manufacture and to patronize home industry more thoroughly is being made by the Central Labor union. It is the result of an article appearing in The Press a few days ago, showing that, though Spokane is the second greatest cigar smoking city in the west, the majority of the cigars come from the east.

The matter was taken up at a meeting of the Central Labor union last night and a committee was appointed to visit the cigar dealers and members of the Royal Arch with the above request.

It is pointed out by prominent union labor leaders that while the chamber of commerce and the 150,000 club seem conscientious in their work for the benefit of home industries and ever urge that home industry be patronized, they sel-

## JAPANESE LEAVE BUTTE

(By United Press.)  
BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 15.—The Japanese trade envoys, who have been the guests of the business men of this city, left this morning for St. Paul. Last night the commissioners attended a banquet given by the merchants' association at the Silver Bow club.

## BIG CORN TO BE EXHIBITED

G. T. Carr of Liberty Lake, Wash., has entered for the Spokane Interstate fair next week some Evergreen corn 11 feet in height and with ears 18 inches long. This is believed to be the best corn grown for market this year in the Inland Empire.

## PORTLAND'S BIG MILL BURNED

### Loss Between \$250,000 and \$500,000 ---Largest Mill in Northwest.

(By United Press.)  
PORTLAND, Sept. 15.—After destroying the Portland flour mills, the largest plant of its kind in the northwest, and spilling thousands of dollars' worth of grain, fire which started from an explosion at the mill was controlled shortly before noon today. So far as could be learned no employees were killed, but the ruins will be searched.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15.—Fire which destroyed the Portland flour mills, located on the water front of this city, with a loss of \$250,000, started at 9 o'clock this morning. At 10:30 o'clock the flames, uncontrolled, threatened adjacent elevators and wharfs, on which were piled thousands of dollars' worth of grain.

Seventy employees of the mill are believed to have escaped, although it is impossible to ascertain while the fire raged whether all had escaped. The firemen and police will begin a search of the ruins as soon as the embers cool.

The mill was owned by the Portland Flour Mills Co. Should the elevators and piers be consumed, the loss will reach a half million.

A general alarm was sounded shortly after the start of the fire. Despite the efforts of a score of engines and fireboats, the mill was soon a mass of flames, and only desperate work on the part of the firemen kept the blaze from spreading to adjoining manufacturing plants. The fire burned downward.

The building was the largest mill in the northwest, and was equipped with the most modern machinery and an automatic sprinkler. This is believed to have broken when the explosion of the dust collector on the sixth floor started the fire.

## THEFT OF \$3000 PEARL NECKLACE

(By United Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Police are investigating the loss of a \$3000 string of pearls by Mrs. S. D. Lederman, wife of a realty man. She took luncheon at the St. Francis, where Miss Jennie Crocker lost a string of pearls valued at \$30,000 several months ago.

## HAVE YOU GOT THE SODA HABIT?

Ever heard about the soft drink habit? Of course, you've heard of the hard drink habit and other disagreeable things, but perhaps the soft drink habit has not been presented to you before.

You may have it, and not be aware of the fact.

If you have, it's probable that you have to leave your office at least once a day, and most probably three and four times, on "important business." This business is to walk a few blocks, turn in at a drugstore or soft drink emporium, and imbibe a coca cola, root beer or ice cream soda. You begin with two or three drinks a week during hot weather, and quickly increase the ratio.

A Press reporter took a little excursion yesterday from soft drink joint to soft drink joint. There are not too many of them in Spokane, but they are all rushed for drinks. In nearly every place a handsome young man is employed to draw the cold drinks, and a hazy of pretty girls serve the drink to appreciative customers.

"Three best sellers," said one blond young mixer of soft drinks, "are root beer, coca cola and chocolate ice cream soda. A few years ago vanilla soda used to lead, but it is nearly a back number now in sodas, although it still is first in ice cream."

By the time the reporter had made the rounds he was full of soft drinks, ranging from root beer to chocolate egg shakes, and his stomach felt like a restaurant in a rush day. So he ordered a bromo seltzer at the last soda emporium, and then felt ready for bed. This soft drink habit is serious business.

## BEATEN AND ROBBED

After having been beaten half insensible and robbed of all his money, then left to wander aimlessly about the streets with the blood running in streams from terrible wounds about his face, a Finnish laborer, who seems to have forgotten his name, was found dazed in an alley on Big Island here this morning. The police declare he was attacked and robbed either back of the Elm or the Island bars early this morning, as they claim to have information that a robbery of this nature occurred in that vicinity.

The detectives are working in the case and while the victim is much the worse from drinking and from the effects of his beating, it is believed that he will be able to identify the men who robbed him, should they be captured.

## CHILDREN GET LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Children in the Orphans' Home of Spokane, on Liberty avenue, have been honored by a letter from the president of the United States. The letter was received today, and was in response to one written by Mrs. Dey, the superintendent. The letter from President Taft stated that he could not promise to visit the home, as his movements would be under the direction of the committee here. Mrs. Dey will try to arrange to bring the children downtown to see the chief executive.

## WANTS GRAFT CASE STOPPED

(By United Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Attorney J. Hamilton Lewis, who is conducting the defense in the trial of Police Inspector McCann, charged with grafting, moved that the case be taken from the jury, on the ground of insufficient evidence by the prosecution. The prosecution combated the motion. The court took the matter under advisement.

NAPA, Cal., Sept. 15.—Forest fires which have been raging in the mountain counties abated today, and the situation is improved. A shift in the wind saved thousands of acres of timber.