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SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1909

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30 CENTS PER MONTH

BILIKEN GIRL WON'T ACCEPT

DECLINES SPOKANE OFFER IN HER AID

ANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Miss Florence Pretz, creator of Billiken, "God of Things as They Ought to Be," has positively refused to accept the Spokane Booster club's offer of \$1000 if she would resume her art studies.

LAST STAND OF DICTATOR

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 14.—Provisional President Estrada has abandoned the defensive, and is massing his forces for an attack upon the Zelayans, according to today's advices.

ROBBER FOILED IN HIS PLOT TO ROB A WOMAN

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 14.—It is learned today that Mrs. Anna L. Cummings, who was found unconscious last night in a disreputable part of the city, with jewels estimated to be worth more than \$5000 and bonds and notes valued at more than \$20,000 in her possession, had been drugged with chloral with the evident purpose of robbery.

LATEST FINANCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Today's market closed with Americans in London irregular, mostly rather above parity.

"THE CHRISTMAS CAROL" DON'T FAIL TO READ IT

The second installment of the world's finest yuletide story, "The Christmas Carol," is printed today. If you want to get the real Christmas spirit, read it every day.

BALL HEAD RESTS WITH ROBINSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Stanley Robinson, owner of the St. Louis Nationals, held the balance of power today when the magnates met to elect a successor to the late Harry Pulliam, and to decide the three battles which have been waged over the candidacy of John M. Ward for the office of president of the National league.

WHAT WALLA WALLA WANTS

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 14.—With her cemetery filled, Walla Walla faces a shortage of burying space. The city council will consider some plan to enlarge the present cemetery.

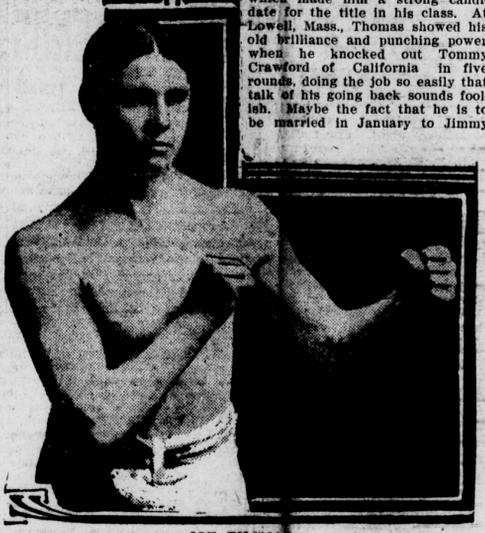
BIG FERRY STRANDED

FORT BURWELL, Ont., Dec. 14.—The car ferry Ashtabula grounded on the shore off this point at noon today, and is flying distress signals.

LODGE ATTENDS FIRST FUNERAL

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the new lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose will attend the funeral of its first member to die since the order was established in Spokane.

THOMAS BACK IN OLD FORM



JOE THOMAS

NEW QUAGMIRES FOR R. A. BALLINGER

Senator Heyburn Concerned Likewise--Collier's Sensation.

By special delivery Collier's Weekly sent to all the big newspapers this week another sensational article on the Ballinger-Cunningham-Alaskan situation.

SAND OFFICERS CALLED HIM BAD NAMES

Before a courtroom crowded with spectators, mostly workers, the second day of the Samuel T. Crane trial commenced this morning, and dragged along uneventfully until the noon recess.

WHY \$18,000 ON REPAIR WORK?

AND WHERE WERE THE REPAIRS DONE?—FINE WORK BY PRESENT BOARD.

Under the present board of county commissioners, the taxpayers of this county have saved over \$28,000 on the three items of poor farm, courthouse and health office expenditures.

Figures compiled by Chairman F. K. McBroome of the present board show that the health office expenses have been cut in half, the poor farm expenses reduced almost the same proportion, while the courthouse repair bill for 1908 was just 10 times that of 1909.

THAT MINCH HEAD GOT BIBBER'S GOAT

Holiday and other spirits abounded in the mind and person of a well-dressed individual who entered Davenport's last evening about 9 o'clock.



PARIS APACHES FIGHT DOGS WITH DOGS; CANINE AIDS HELP HOUSEBREAKERS

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DEATH REVENGING CRIME OF CONGO--KING LEOPOLD DYING

Once again, and probably for the last time, King Leopold of Belgium comes before the public gaze; this time on his last bed, when smooth cynicism and unctuous rectitude will be of no avail.

NIGHT BULLETINS

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 14.—The First State bank at Kiefer, Oklahoma, closed its doors today as the result of the failure of the Farmers National bank at Tulsa yesterday.

CRANE CASE IS STILL ON

The trial of Samuel T. Crane, the attorney, still continues before a jury in Judge Hinkle's court and will not conclude before noon tomorrow.

WILL DISCUSS FRANCHISE TONIGHT

At its regular meeting tonight the city council will take up for passage the franchise for the connecting line to be built by the Great Northern railroad to the new line of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle.

SIX MEN TO GUARD MANN

Volunteer services—Judge Takes Black Hand Warning Seriously

BE READY FOR 'EM

Six men last night volunteered to guard Judge Mann's home if he thought there was any danger of attack, as intimated in a threatening letter received yesterday from Chicago.

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