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RALSTON'S REMOVAL BIG VICTORY FOR PEOPLE AND "PRESS"

Score No. 2 in the interests of the people. On March 10 The Press printed an editorial in which it recited the fight successfully conducted and carried to a finish, for the increase in the wage scale, by labor and the women's clubs and The Press. That was score No. 1 for the people. On March 23, in a first page editorial, this newspaper demanded the removal of City Engineer J. C. Ralston, on the ground of incompetency. Since then it has carried on a daily campaign of exposure of the inefficiency of the city engineer's office, and has insisted on the appointment of a new engineer. The initial editorial statement of the campaign was: "THE PUBLIC GOOD DEMANDS THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER TOLERATION OF THE INCOMPETENCY OF CITY ENGINEER J. C. RALSTON, AND THAT A CHANGE BE MADE IN THE OFFICE BEFORE THE TAXPAYERS BECOME MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED." At last night's council meeting score No. 2 was chalked up. By a vote of seven to three Ralston was removed, and thus in two weeks action has been accomplished through the publicity of The Press which had been urged for a year before. The council did well to remove Ralston. There is no occasion for sentiment and no excuse for personal feeling, one way or another. It was simply a case where the city had to protect itself from inefficiency and immense financial losses. Spokane has some great engineering works under way, and the city must demand the services of the ablest engineers. This is no time for the mayor's office to continue to play politics. The proper kind of a city engineer should be selected as soon as possible. The mayor is enough at fault for not removing Ralston on his own initiative.

The next branch of the city government which must be submitted to a housecleaning is the police department. To those who are expressing the opinion that charges are not materializing, The Press rises to remark: Don't worry. The facts are being collected. Enough already has been published to show that the police department is the shame of Spokane, but the campaign there has only been begun. Be Patient. And when all the evidence has been submitted, this newspaper may have another demand to make of the city government.

While the council took one very good action last night, they took another excessively bad one, to-wit: Laying the charter election and commission form of government plan on the table—burying it. Of course to a certain extent it is natural that the city fathers should not look with beaming countenances on a plan which necessitates their disbanding as a body, but if they were deeply versed in political lore—if they had a tenth of the political wisdom of one who is now cavorting through Italy—they would get behind the commission plan with enthusiasm. Why? SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT PLAN IS GOING TO BE ADOPTED. If they help it, they may have a political future. If they oppose it, they are political dead ones. See the logic of it? Well, the council buried the charter election plan. That ends the matter so far as the august municipal body is concerned right now. IT BEGINS THE MATTER WITH THE PEOPLE. This proposition has been delayed long enough. Now is the time for aggressive action, and continuous action until the first and second elections have been held. The Press will now begin the active campaign for the early adoption of the improved Des Moines style of city government. Plans are under way for immediate action.

MAYOR MUST BE FAIR OR FACE IMPEACHMENT

COUNCIL DELIVERS ULTIMATUM

MAYOR MUST MAKE DECENT APPOINTMENTS OR WILL GO AFTER HIM NEXT.

WANT COMPETENT MEN

NO MORE CUSSINESS TO BE TOLERATED BY CITY FATHERS.

At noon today no appointment of a city engineer or corporation counsel had been made by Mayor Pratt, to fill the vacancies created by the city council last night in the removal of City Engineer Ralston and Corporation Counsel Burcham. The mayor, it was said last night, would reappoint Ralston, in case of this step is taken, or some appointment of spiteful character, such as that of James T. Burcham, is made, it is probable that the next step in the city hall scrap will be the launching of impeachment proceedings against the mayor. With a fair man for corporation counsel, one that is inclined to give all branches of the city government impartial treatment, and a competent man for city engineer, the council will probably sheathe its pruning knife for the time being. But should the mayor, by making odious appointments, desire to prolong the fight, the guns will next be trained in his direction. The blame for all the trouble in the

departments at the city hall is placed by the council on the mayor and in the view of the council is upheld by a large section of the community. Mayor Pratt at noon entered the city auto with Commissioners Mudge and Armstrong. They declined to say where they were going, but it is believed that matters pertaining to the selection of men for the vacant chairs in the mayor's cabinet were under consideration.

ODDS AND ENDS

"THEN IT HAPPENED" Our Daily Discontinued Story



After a farewell embrace Jack Montessoro tore himself away. "I am going for the marriage license, Agnes," he smiled, "and I'll be back in a jiffy." So saying he stepped through the door of the elevator shaft— (The End.)

JEFFRIES ON ROAD WORK

(By United Press Leased Wire) ROWARDENNAN TRAINING CAMP, Cal., April 6.—The preliminary training of Jim Jeffries was confined today to road work with "Farmer" Burns as the pacer. The big fellow worked off some flesh while linking along the roads of the hill country and began the work of strengthening his bellows for the independence day scrap. This afternoon Jeff planned to play handball on the new courts. Jeffries will do a week of road work, handball and baseball playing before he takes up light sparring. "Bob" Armstrong, the colored fighter, arrived here late last night, and will become one of the leading living punching bags for the champion when he begins his sparring work.

a boy, and feeling just as young as any youngster. "She says that marriage is heaven. "Then she must be extremely delighted." "Why?" "Because she's in her seventh heaven."

Fearing that the world was about to come to an end, because of all the comets flying around, a North Yakima woman wrote her epitaph in the sand on the banks of the Naches river yesterday. Here is what she wrote: "Mrs. Ruby Woolfield, April 5, 1910, has gone to her rest."

The mayor now has a good chance to make good. If he selects an able corporation counsel and an able city engineer it'll make an excellent impression. If he doesn't—

NEW YORK, April 6.—Mrs. Alice McAloon has been divorced from W. A. McAloon, known on the stage as Andrew Mack.

SCHEDULE FOR COEUR D'ALENE LANDS

Joe Yorkshir of South Hillary had, among other claim holders, received a schedule of lands in the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation, which will be opened to entry May 2. The papers are full of interesting facts for all who have been fortunate enough to secure rights to the lands, and it's a ten to one bet that they know most of the facts and figures given by heart. The appraised value of the agricultural lands of the first class runs from \$6 to \$8.80 per acre. Timber lands are appraised as high as \$8 per acre, and grazing lands as low as \$1.25 per acre.

(By United Press Leased Wire) TOKIO, April 6.—Prince Tsaito of China and Japanese Consul General Midzuno of New York embarked on the liner Chiu Maru at Yokohama this afternoon for America. Midzuno will return to New York where he was stationed previous to his departure for Japan several months ago.

LIVING PROBLEM--SOLVED

HOW JOHN AND CONSTANCE YOUNGLOVE, OF THIS CITY, DID IT—JOHN WRITES THE WHOLE INTERESTING STORY FOR THE SPOKANE PRESS.



"CONSTANCE HERSELF BAKES PIE." CONSTANCE SOLVES THE HOUSE EXPENSES

BY JOHN YOUNGLOVE. CHAPTER VI. Any one who pays bills will realize what it means when I say our groceries and meat together have cost us about \$2.50 per week during the past winter. Light and gas bills have been low. The expense of clothing has been reduced to a minimum. All the time we were having our experiences in home-making. Constance was studying the reduction of housekeeping expenses. Through nothing away is her solution. We have been guided in part by considering the habits of our thrifty, foreign-born population. We knew the Italians, for instance, lived at slight expense principally on macaroni. We chose spaghetti. Continued on Page Seven.

WOMEN, FOLLOWING RAISE IN MEAT PRICES, ATTACK SHOPS AND MEN

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, April 6.—An extra detail of police were placed on beats in the vicinity of Second avenue and One Hundred and First street, in the upper east side, today, following a housewife riot yesterday when the price of meats unexpectedly jumped two cents. During the melee a number of persons were beaten and five, including two policemen, were set upon by the mob of women and scratched and mauled so badly that the victims were taken to hospitals for treatment. The riots were quelled by the police reserves from the East One Hundred and Fourth street station. The trouble started in the afternoon, when about 300 women massed in front of the Isaac Freeman butcher shop, on One Hundred and First street, near Second avenue. The women, many of whom carried babies, began a fusillade of over-ripe fruit and decayed eggs. While excitement was at its height,

Y. M. C. A. FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

BIG EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RAISE \$90,000

With a pledge of \$16,000 by the 15 members of the board of directors, the preliminary steps toward the great financial campaign to be launched by the Y. M. C. A. of April 12 to 15 has had a most encouraging beginning. The campaign is being handled in a most systematic manner. A large committee of 100 citizens has been formed and divided into teams, 10 men in each team, governed by a captain. The campaign proper has not yet been started. The men of the committees are at present on the quiet hunt for the largest subscriptions. Two \$1000 subscriptions, fifteen at \$500, fifteen at \$300, and fifteen at \$200 are needed. The remainder of the amount will be made up of popular subscriptions. Letters have been sent out to all persons of whom money will be solicited informing them of the purpose, and during the days of the campaign proper officers will be secured downtown and there will be some general hustling. This campaign is for the purpose of raising \$90,000, which will cover a mortgage of \$40,000, a floating indebtedness of \$10,000 and the repairs and alterations of the building and general indebtedness of the institution for the next three years. The subscriptions may be paid quarterly each year. The campaign executive committee is composed of A. F. McLaine, chairman, Robert Strahorn, Mayor N. S. Pratt, F. E. Elmendorf, Thomas H. Brewer, W. S. Gilbert and R. B. Paterson, ex officio of campaign. The captains of the ten teams are W. M. Burns, J. C. Cunningham, W. S. Gilbert, George A. Lovejoy, E. C. Blanchard, S. R. Stern, F. E. Elmendorf. Board of trustees: R. B. Paterson, president; W. S. Gilbert, vice president; W. M. Burns; F. E. Elmendorf, treasurer; R. O. McClintock, T. D. Bassett, D. R. McClure, D. S. Prescott, J. C. Barline, Thomas H. Brewer, James C. Cunningham, A. Yeaman, W. H. Shields and C. L. Keam.

REUTERDAHL TELLS WHERE BLAME RESTS

RALSTON THE BOY THAT PRESENTED ORIGINAL PLAN OF SPRAGUE AVENUE FILL

On the floor of the city council last night Councilman Ostrander alluded to the fact that the name of Arvid Reuterdahl appears on the set of plans for the Sprague avenue fill as evidence that possibly Mr. Reuterdahl and not Ralston was the man, Ostrander was with Ralston in the fight on Reuterdahl by Mayor Pratt's office last summer while Reuterdahl was water commissioner, which resulted in Reuterdahl being removed from office. People who were intimately acquainted with Reuterdahl and the water improvement plans designed by him say that he was the squarest and most competent engineer that ever worked for the city. Reuterdahl said today: "The effort on the part of Councilman Ostrander to connect my name with the drafting of the Sprague avenue fill is an unworthy move. I am no more responsible for this abandonment than is any citizen who has never set foot inside the engineer's office. "I tried to do what I could to get Mr. Ralston to adopt safe and feasible plans for the fill and presented four different designs that I thought would stand, among them one with concrete retaining walls that he since adopted. He had a favorite plan of his own, whence it came I cannot say, and we were given orders to dress up that plan and write specifications for it. "This was not the Strack plan, as announced, but a plan that Mr. Ralston fathered himself and adhered to in spite of the advice of myself and others in the office that the plans were no good. My name appears on the plans because of my being at the head of the drafting department at the time. But so far as being the author of the plans Mr. J. C. Ralston is the gentleman that must shoulder the blame. "I have refrained from entering this controversy, but the uncalculated insinuation on the floor of the city council could not be passed by unnoticed."

The Laymen's Missionary banquet next Friday evening will be given in the Princess roller rink instead of the Armory, as was first expected. Governor M. E. Hay and J. Campbell White of New York will be present at the banquet.

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, April 6.—The coroner today refused to reveal the contents of letters which Mrs. Bertha Beyer, a wealthy widow, had written shortly before she committed suicide at her home at Mineola, L. I., yesterday.

SOCIALIST MAYOR AND HIS POLICY

WHAT NEW SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT PROMISES TO DO FOR MILWAUKEE.

(By United Press Leased Wire) MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 6.—Mayor-elect Seidel called a meeting of socialists for this afternoon to outline the new administration for Milwaukee. He assured the people that the socialists did not mean to attempt anything revolutionary. He declared that he intended always to



VICTOR BERGER, Socialist Leader.

call meetings of the other socialist office holders before taking any independent action with regard to the city's affairs. "I should be sufficient guarantee that he and his brother socialists are not planning anything that would injure the best interests of the city. Four socialists have been elected to city offices, besides a number of socialist aldermen. Here are some of the subjects which the socialists are pledged to introduce: Home rule. Initiative and referendum for the city. Better schools. Municipal ownership. Penny lunches. To compel the street car company to sprinkle streets. To inaugurate union labor conditions for all labor.

MILWAUKEE, April 6.—Emil Seidel, working today as usual as a pattern maker, will in a few days throw up his job and sit down at the mayor's desk in the city hall to direct the affairs of the city. Seidel is the new socialist mayor-elect. Socialists today declare the victory in Milwaukee was one of the most important their party ever won. The big labor vote in Milwaukee was turned almost solidly in Seidel's favor and the pattern maker ran far ahead of the other candidates.

MISBRANDING OF A DRUG

THE CASE OF RADAM'S MICROBE KILLER

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The United States department of agriculture has published a bulletin telling of the proceedings in the supreme court of the District of Columbia in the matter of "Radam's Microbe Killer." Government agents seized and analyzed 12 cases of the "killer." The label said the remedy was a "certain cure for all diseases, and is guaranteed to be perfectly harmless." The only known principle that will destroy microbes in the blood without injury to the system. The government said this label was "false, exaggerated and misleading," and that the further claim that the drug was a cure for anemia, asthma, blood poisoning, cancer, consumption, diabetes, diphtheria, la grippe, malaria, yellow fever, paralysis, pneumonia, whooping cough and other diseases was false, and that the drug as prepared was not a cure for these diseases. The court ordered the United States marshal to destroy the "killer," and fined the partners of the firm of Dean Swift & Co. of Washington, in whose possession the drug was found, the costs.

THE EVIL OF CASHING PAY CHECKS IN SALOONS--- WHY NOT PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES IN CASH?

BY M. MILTON WINANS. Thousands upon thousands of dollars, that are needed in home comforts and necessities; dollars that belong to mothers and children clothed in cheapest calicoes, and sometimes rags, are finding their way into the pockets of the liquor dealers here in Spokane every year simply because working men in this prosperous city beautiful are paid in checks instead of cash for services in fields of industry and labor. Workingmen's credits are dissipated; their homes are lost and hard working fathers, with calloused hands, willing hearts and good intentions, live in poverty akin to pauperism and sometimes inherit a drunkard's grave. Did you ever stop to think it over, Mr. Employer?

There is no place where recognition for a workman's pay check can be secured with as little difficulty as in the saloon. Banks are generally closed and supplies of ready cash too low for the cashing of checks, else the holder of the little slip is not sufficiently known to obtain that accommodation in other places of trade than the saloon, when the laboring man, with his soiled and crumpled pay check is done with his work at the end of the week or on pay night at the end of the month. In short, when it comes to taking chances on his check, he is "turned down" by all save the white aproned dispenser of liquors down at the nearest saloon. He would be a "lightwad," indeed, who would not buy a drink, or a round of them, for that matter, from the man who would thus return money for his yellow slip of paper. One drink leads to another and then another. Workingmen, on pay night, seldom travel alone, so there are the comrades, who have had their checks cashed, too. One of them is next to throw his coin on the bar and call for the round of drinks, and then, still another to do his share of the "treating." Here, perhaps, the bartender, with an eye to business, just to show his "good will," and his "generosity," is there handy with a check, he is "turned down" by all save the white aproned dispenser of liquors down at the nearest saloon. He would be a "lightwad," indeed, who would not buy a drink, or a round of them, for that matter,

to you, boys, good luck to you, I hope you'll live forever and I'll never die—drink hearty." It is hard to leave right after that, for a peculiar false spirit of reciprocity that comes from a swaying head holds the unfortunate laboring man there at the bar. He feels the coins in his pockets—generally it is the cunning scheme of the man behind the bar to cash checks in silver dollars, half dollars and quarters, just to make it look as big as possible, and down there in the tattered pocket, as the man grows unsteady from the effects of his beverages, it feels like a million. "Surely," he thinks, "I can spare the price of another round." He does, and again someone else in the crowd buys and thus the night wears on. His wife is waiting with her steaming supper at home for him to come. Anxious faced children peer out into the darkness watching and waiting for "papa" to come home, but "papa" is up there in the saloon nearest to his work, and he is buying another drink. The supper at home grows cold and only then does the wife take her little ones from the window to eat of gold victuals, while they gaze in silence at "papa's" vacant chair. Another peep back at the saloon. The workman, who, two or three hours ago, was leaving his work, shyly tucking his check down into his pocket, prospecting on how many needed things for home he could buy and how much of his debts he could pay with the money it was worth, in maudlin tones is singing in discordant chorus and

imaginary glee with his comrades, and the bartender is still smiling on, and passing out the drinks. Perhaps if those men had been paid in cash not one of them would have so much as stopped for a single drink, but they are reckless and thoughtless now. They do not think of the little heads nodding sleepily, of little eyes drooping heavily from weary watching for "papa," who doesn't come home. They are not thinking of wives, heavy hearted and weeping over hopeless indebtedness and the rent that is due, while they recklessly squander the money that would pay it. Not till their calloused fingers, numb and perspiring, begin searching for the price of another "round," in pockets that are empty, do they remember, and then it is too late. They are another week, perhaps another month, behind in the payment of their bills, and all because they were paid in checks that only the saloonkeeper would honor. This is an unfortunate circumstance that is all too well known in Spokane, just the same as it is in so many other cities all over the United States. It need not be put to another test in order to learn its truth and genuineness. Some saloons in Spokane will not take a chance on men whose checks have been cashed going away without patrolling the place. It has been found very profitable to them to make the fact known that they will cash checks there, and in handing out the cash on them, 10 cents or so of the amount is covered with a chip good in trade at the bar. That is the commission the house reaps for the accommodation and it amounts to thousands of dollars every year in trade that they would not otherwise enjoy. Go out among the people who are paid in checks and you will find scores of them who will tell you that if it were not for the fact that they were almost compelled to cash their checks in saloons there would be far less drunkenness among them; more comforts would be in their homes and there would be more money saved. It is a poor business house that cannot bring forth the equivalent of their pay-rolls in cash when it comes time to pay. So think it over, Mr. Employer, and see if you cannot pay your help with cash.