

LOOKS VERY BAD FOR MRS. KERSH

HILL PAVING CO. HAS NEW SCHEME

Being anxious to get their money out of the Browne's addition paving job, the Hill Paving company, through Frank Allen, their attorney, today filed with the board of public works for adoption, a typewritten resolution authorizing the withdrawal of the bond for \$10,000 deposited by the Hill company as surety for the completion of certain brick paving not finished when the bond was given.

WILL FIGHT TO CLEAR NAME

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 14.—Firmly resolved to fight to clear his name, Joseph Gardner, former head of the Consolidated Chile Company, who disappeared two months ago, leaving a trail of debts and four charges of forgery, was brought back to Seattle from Virginia by Deputy Sheriff Stringer. He is free on \$10,000 bail.

REFERENDUM KILLED IN PROPOSED CHARTER

PROPERTY OWNERS WILL FIGHT \$500,000 SEWER TO THE LAST DITCH—MEETING TODAY.

HOW THE REFERENDUM IS KILLED IN THE NEW CHARTER. Article III, Section 19—Ordinances, When Effective. Ordinances making the annual tax levy and appropriation, ordinances relating to local improvements and assessments therefor, ordinances making appropriations and ordinances containing a statement of their urgency, shall take effect immediately on their passage.

has concluded to go ahead with its petition and at the same time circulate a further protest by the property owners to the city council, agreeing never to pay a cent of the sewer assessment until forced to by the courts.

Article XII, Section 120—The provisions of this charter with reference to elections, recall of elected officers, direct legislation and charter amendment shall be in force from the date of the adoption of this charter.

TWO MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION

RAVENSDALE, Wash., Dec. 14.—Two men were killed and two fatally injured in an explosion of coal gas in the mines here yesterday. Ivan Cole and L. Maurisch were instantly killed and A. F. Johnson and L. Smith, who were rescued a few minutes after the explosion, will probably die.

REAL FOX HUNT IN A SCHOOLROOM—There was a fox hunt in Monticello, near here. The dogs were in hot pursuit of the fox, and, cornered, he leaped through the open window of a country schoolroom, with the dogs after him.



Santa Clauses We Would Like to Meet



PAYS MEN ONLY \$2.25 PER DAY

Claim Part of Work is Spent on W. W. P. Line—Men Pay \$1 for Jobs. A political pull is a great thing. This has been illustrated in many ways during the Pratt administration, but never more clearly than in the case of the paving work on Indiana avenue, where the Hassam paving company, which has a standing-in with the city hall bunch, has been allowed to beat the ordinance regulating the rate of wages to be paid to laborers employed on city work.

MRS. CUDAHY MAY FIGHT WILL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Coincident with the discovery of secret properties that bring the total estate left by Michael Cudahy to \$20,000,000, the divorced wife of Jack Cudahy, son of the late millionaire packer, arrived here today. Mrs. Cudahy refused to discuss reports that she intends contesting the will in order to protect her children's interests.

TO DEMAND 25 CENTS EVERY TIME HE REFUSES A DRINK

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—Larry McLean, the big catcher of the Reds, will soon make a new proposition in regard to his salary if he is to play with the team next year. Larry says he will insist upon being paid at the rate of 25 cents for every drink he refuses during the coming year.

PINCHOT ATTACKS BALLINGER REPORT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Attacking the majority report of the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee, and calling upon congress to place itself on record, Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States, today discussed the recent so-called "whitewashing" of the secretary of the interior. Pinchot, in the course of his statement, characterized Judge Ballinger as "the most dangerous enemy conservation ever had," and incidentally referred to the clergy bill given Senator William Lorimer of Illinois by an investigating committee.

STRIKE NOT SETTLED

(By United Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The striking garment workers, although they have been suffering from hunger and cold, rejected the peace plans offered by the employers. The strike will continue indefinitely.

SHORT SEASON

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A season opening April 12 and closing October 8, was tentatively agreed upon at the meeting of the American league here today. The schedule will be drawn up and formally adopted at the February meeting, it was decided.

HATTIE LE BLANC FREE GIRL

Jury Acquits Her of Murder—Crowd Cheers Verdict.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 14.—Hattie LeBlanc was acquitted of the murder of Clarence Glover by a jury here. The verdict was reached after short deliberation. When the court had completed its instructions to the jury, Miss LeBlanc was asked if she desired to make a statement. "I didn't kill Clarence Glover," she said tremblingly. "I want to go home with my father."

SPENDING \$100,000 EVERY MINUTE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—House of representatives is spending \$100,000 every minute was a statement made by mathematicians here today. It was calculated that in the first seven working days of the present session the house appropriated \$191,000,000, which is the total of the rivers and harbors, Indian and pension supply bills.

TESTIMONY IN TRIAL GOING AGAINST HER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—Positive testimony that the trunk in which the body of William Johnson was found, had been purchased by Mrs. Carrie Kersch previous to the hour Johnson was murdered by Jesse Webb, was brought out by the prosecution today in Mrs. Kersch's trial for complicity in the New Grand Central hotel murder of last June.

GIRL WHO RAN AWAY WITH WAITER MADE A MILLIONAIRE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Roberta De Janon of Los Angeles, Cal., was made a millionaire today by the provisions of the will of Robert Buiet, a millionaire seedman of Philadelphia. Buiet's millions were bequeathed to the girl under certain restrictions calculated to protect her from adventurers. Miss DeJanon last year ran away with Frederick Cohen, a waiter in a Philadelphia hotel where she lived. Buiet died last night. The girl is his granddaughter. She was en route from Los Angeles to this city at the time of his death.

23 MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE

Rescue Parties Searching at Bluefields, West Virginia. BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Twenty-six miners were killed and 23 entombed in the Green mine at Tacoma, Va., according to a report received here this afternoon. A terrific explosion occurred at the mine. It is reported that 22 of the men working in the lower levels were killed outright and five others have no avenue of escape. Rescue parties have been organized and rushed to the scene of the disaster. The reports of the number of dead have not yet been confirmed.

WOULD SELL FORT WRIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Jones of Washington introduced a bill to sell the Spokane military reservation, and use the proceeds for the Colville-Spokane Indian school.

INDIAN DIES, AGED 115

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 14.—Metowir, 115 years, a member of the tribe of Kew-kapi, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Pochito, of Los Angeles. His funeral will be held under the rites of the Catholic church. Metowir was born in 1795 on what is now the Mesa Grande reservation, near San Diego.

STOLE SKINS WORTH \$21,000

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A police man, furrier, reported to the police today that robbers had entered the store and took 4800 mink skins and other valuable furs. He said the store practically had been cleaned out and estimated his loss at \$21,000.