

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 Chicle 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.

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.

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. Fox and dogs chased around the aisles, the pupils jumped upon their desks and the teacher screamed. The hunters finally relieved the pressure and lassoed Mr. Reynard.

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 stand-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.

The Hassam Paving company is paying its men on this work at the rate of \$2.25 a day, when the ordinance distinctly says that \$3 shall be the wage rate for all men employed on city work, and that eight hours a day shall be worked. Not only is the Hassam company violating the provisions of the law as to the wages to be paid, but it is also overworking entirely the eight-hour day law.

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SPOKANE POSTOFFICE UNIQUE

Spokane postoffice is distinctive, did you know that? It has something on all other offices in the department—namely, a package chute outside of the building. It is on the east side, Lincoln street, and all you have to do is to walk up to it and open the lid, letting your package drop directly to the mailing room.

Troy Wants a Manager. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Fearing that the great wheel of progress will slip unless they get busy pretty soon, the Troy management has offered the managerial reins to Charley Booley, last year with Uta.

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 conservatism ever had," and incidentally referred to the clerk 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.

David Stine, who sold the trunk to Mrs. Kersch, and Albert Link, the expressman who hauled it to the hotel, both testified that the trunk had been sold and delivered before 4 o'clock on the afternoon of June 20, the hour which Johnson was murdered. Their testimony was given to bear out the theory of the state that Webb and Mrs. Kersch conspired to kill Johnson for his money.

Lawrence O'Neil, a saloon man from Spokane, was another important state witness. He testified that Webb, while in Spokane, spoke of Johnson and remarked that he was "fat," meaning that he had much money. Webb, while on trial, denied that he had met Johnson in Spokane. The state has practically completed its case, and early this afternoon it was expected the defense would start the presentation of its side of the case tomorrow.

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 Buiat, a millionaire seedman of Philadelphia. Buiat'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. Buiat died last night. The girl is his granddaughter. She was en route from Los Angeles to this city at the time of his death.

A NOON EDITION FEATURE.

Want a job, for yourself or someone else? Read the noon edition of The Spokane Press. Every day now a list of situations open to men and women in this city is being printed, free of charge, on the first page of the noon edition, on the streets at 11:30 o'clock. Costs only 1 cent. All who want to employ men or women can find them by sending information for this free want ad bureau.

23 MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE

Rescue Parties Searching at Bluefields, West Virginia.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., December 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.

Koegler Captain for Rochester. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Conrad R. Koegler of New York city was elected captain of the 1911 football eleven of the University of Rochester.

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.—Metoswin, 115 years, a member of the tribe of Koomkapi, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Pachito, of Los Angeles. His funeral will be held under the rites of the Catholic church. Metoswin 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.—E. E. Miller, man, furrier, reported to the police today that robbers had entered his store and took 4300 mink skins and other valuable furs. He said the store practically had been cleaned out and estimated his loss at \$21,000.

Tri-State League in Danger. HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 14.—According to a statement made by a Lancaster official, every Tri-State franchise but Trenton and Lancaster is for sale.