

EVEN THE COURTS CANNOT PUT "DOLLARS" ABOVE PEOPLE

Late yesterday afternoon the editor of The Seattle Star was sentenced to four months in jail, for criticizing the use of the injunction by courts. In the fight between a Seattle traction corporation and the people of Duwamish valley, over attempted enforcement of an increased fare rate, the company secured a temporary injunction, restraining the people from refusing to leave the cars on not paying fares. The Star criticized the court for this action, and because the criticism was printed before the injunction was made permanent, the newspaper was charged with contempt.

In the opinion of The Spokane Press, conditions in this great nation of ours would soon be infinitely better if a similar situation should develop in every big city, and if one editor of one independent newspaper in every city should stand ready to go to jail, in order that THE SUPREMACY OF THE PEOPLE, AND NOT THE SUPREMACY OF THE COURTS, MIGHT BE PROVEN FOREVER.

There cannot, must not, be two masters. Either the PEOPLE or the COURTS are paramount in this country. The judges are not primarily at fault. They are, in a manner, themselves victims of this subtle, tremendously evil "SYSTEM," which has been developed by the great corporation interests, for the control of public affairs for private benefit.

That judge in Seattle, sitting on his "throne of justice," probably could have taken no other action. The right to criticize the court during the pendency of a case is forbidden by the state constitution, it is said. But the Seattle Star was morally right in attacking an injunction which served to put corporation dollars above the rights of the people.

The "SYSTEM" has molded the laws to suit it, and the judges have to enforce those "system-molded" laws. BUT THAT SYSTEM MUST BE DEFEATED AND THOSE LAWS MUST BE CHANGED. The Star states that it will carry the fight to the highest court in the land. The Press desires to heartily endorse such a decision, to declare that, if occasion should arise, this paper also stands ready to offer just criticism of court decisions, and to venture the belief that the people of Spokane are heart and soul with the people of Seattle, in their fight to stop injustice at the hands of a traction corporation, or any other public service corporation.

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REBELS DRIVE TROOPS OF DIAZ BACK IN PANIC

TO PRISON IN FIGHT FOR PEOPLE

Editor of Seattle Star Sentenced for Criticizing Injunction Ordered in Traction Fight.

By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Leroy Sanders, editor of the Seattle Star, who yesterday was sentenced to four months in jail when adjudged in contempt of court, today issued this statement from the county jail:

"The people of Seattle know where The Star has stood, and today all that The Star wishes to say in the way of comment is that The Star stands today where it has always stood—for men as against dollars, for right as against wrong—for laws made by honest men as against laws made by dishonest dollars. And the fight will go on."

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—For criticizing the use of the injunction by courts, Leroy Sanders, editor of The Seattle Star was sentenced to four months in jail; Hugh Allen, managing editor, to one month, and the Star company ordered to pay a fine of \$300, by Superior Judge Mitchell Gilliam late yesterday.

The sentences were the result of citations for contempt of court issued by Judge Gilliam.

The case grew out of a traction company fight waged between the people of the Duwamish valley, just outside of Seattle, and the Stone-Webster interests street railway company, known locally as the Jacob Furth concern. They refused to pay a higher fare, claiming that the raised rates, in most cases, made it impossible for them to work in the city and live in their suburb, where the majority of them own homes. The state railroad commission declared the rates excessive. Cars were stoned nightly and people were ejected by the company's bouncers. The company

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THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO BUY FOR XMAS PRESENTS

Is puzzling many of us just now. A careful reading of the advertising columns will solve the problem. Gifts of all sorts, for everybody, at any price you may want to pay, are told of. Read the ads—carefully and thoroughly—and your Christmas worries will be much reduced.

MILWAUKEE'S MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DANCE--GIRL WRITER FOR THE PRESS ATTENDS AS WORKING GIRL AND TELLS WHAT IT'S LIKE

Lucy Price Goes Unescorted and Found It a Place Where She Would Take Her Younger Sister Next Time—Evils of the Common Dance Hall Removed—No Artificial Attempt at the "Uplift," No Patronage—The Young People Feel That It's Their Club; It Belongs to Them.

(Editor's Note—Possibly the newest experiment by municipal government, and certainly the most unique, is that of Milwaukee in conducting a municipal public dance. As we all know, the public dance is a problem that is growing in its seriousness in every American city, and Milwaukee hopes, with her municipally conducted and controlled dance, to solve the problem, for herself at least. But what is the Milwaukee dance like? This question is interesting to all young people and to all people who are interested in young people. The Press saw a story in it and commissioned Miss Lucy Price to go to the third Saturday night dance given by the Wisconsin city and write her experiences. Miss Price tells the story in the following article, written especially for this newspaper.—Editor)

BY LUCY PRICE.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—I came all of 400 miles to Milwaukee to go to a public dance.

I went to the dance without any escort. I went plainly dressed, in clothes such as any honest working girl with little to waste might wear. I went to see what a public dance of the people, run by the people for the people, might be like. I wanted to see it—this dance given every Saturday night by the city government of Milwaukee—from the standpoint of the girl from the factory; of the girl from behind the counter of the department store.

It was well worth the 400-mile travel, and the 15 cents it cost me to get into the dance hall. For I not only saw what a dance "of the people, by the people for the people" was like, but I had a splendid time as well. And I came away convinced that if I had a younger sister I would take her with me next time I went to a municipal dance.

Milwaukee seems to have solved the dance problem. The Saturday night municipal dance seems to be the solution. In establishing this

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FLASHLIGHT PHOTOGRAPH OPENING GRAND MARCH TAKEN AT THE THIRD SATURDAY NIGHT MUNICIPAL DANCE.

ARE ALL THESE SANTA CLAUSES, REALLY?

A small boy walked along Riverside avenue with his mother this morning. He was just a little bit of a tad, not more than six or seven years old, but he was a wise little geek at that.

As he trued along the avenue he took note of everything he passed, notably the fellows dressed up in Santa Claus garb who were busily hammering on little iron pots swinging from tripods: the Salvation Army solicitors.

And he noted the discrepancy in their appearance—some long, some short, some thick and some thin.

Finally, after pondering over it in his midget mind for awhile, he asked his mother:

"Say, mama?"

"What, my dear?"

"Are all these Santa Clauses, really?"

"Yes, dear."

"I thought you told me there was only one 'really' Santa."

"I did, dear."

"And you told me he was fat and jolly."

"Yes, dear."

"Then, where'd all these skinny ones come from?"

For a moment the mother was nonplussed. Then she had a bright

idea, and answered: "Why, dear; these are only Santa Claus' little boys. They work for him before Christmas so all the children can see what Santa Claus looks like."

"Does Santa Claus look like them, mama?"

"Yes, dear."

"Then I guess you needn't take me down to see the 'really' Santa; he's too homely."

And then the man in the red suit, before whom the youngster had paused, banged on the little iron pot more loudly than ever.

WASHINGTON—Chandler P. Anderson of New York today was appointed counselor of the state department to succeed the late Henry M. Hoyt.

YOU CAN EAT NEW PEAS WITH KNIFE NOW; WON'T ROLL

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Luther Burbank, the fruit, vegetable and flower wizard, has verified K. H. McFarland's invention of a non-rolling pea. McFarland lives at Narzilles, Ill.

The new pea is a variety of the common garden brand, and is so developed as to have a gyroscope principle embedded in its make-up. There is also a suggestion of Col. J. J. Astor's patented non-rolling steamer chair.

The manufacturers of rimmed knives, designed expressly so peas will not roll off, are greatly alarmed, for the new pea is guaranteed not to roll off the smoothest knife blade made.

On the other hand, proprietors of tourists' hotels hail the innovation with delight, and are sending in large orders for the safe and sane peas. As soon as the first shipments arrive they will discard their stock of rimmed knives.

? DO YOU KNOW ?

That Death Valley, Cal., is 278 feet below sea level?

That the tide rises 17 feet at Eastport, Me., and one foot at Galveston, Texas?

That approximately 400 counterfeiters are arrested annually?

That Sault Ste. Marie has the busiest canal in the world?

That there were 8764 saloons in Greater New York during 1909?

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ROCKEFELLER'S OIL INCOME IS \$19.25 PER MINUTE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil income is \$19.32 a minute, according to the quarterly dividend of 10 per cent amounting to \$10,000,000 on all the stock which has been authorized by the directors. It was estimated today that Rockefeller since 1881 has received \$180,000,000 in Standard Oil dividends in addition to \$100,000,000 as equity profits of the concern. Since 1882 the company has disbursed \$709,812,620 out of its profits of \$1,129,442,064, leaving a surplus of \$419,679,444.

HEBREW STORE MEN CAN KEEP OPEN ON SUNDAYS

Hebrew merchants can keep open on Sundays.

An opinion was rendered by Corporation Counsel F. B. Morrill this morning, in which he sets the Hebrews apart from the rest of the population in regard to observance of the law—that is, if the Hebrew happens to be a merchant.

For the corporation counsel rendered his opinion this morning in regard to the Sunday closing law, and the effect of the aforesaid opinion is that while people of all other faiths, who may be shopkeepers, have to observe Sunday as the Sabbath and keep it holy by closing their places of business,

while the Hebrews, who observe Saturday as the Sabbath, may keep open on Sunday.

The opinion was rendered in the case of a Hebrew merchant who was arrested for keeping open on Sunday and who showed to the satisfaction of all parties concerned that he made a practice of keeping his store closed on Saturday. The effect of the opinion is that all the law requires is that one day of the week shall be observed as the Sabbath.

GALLIPOLIS, O.—The Ohio river is practically closed to navigation from this city to Pittsburg, Pa.

SANTAS' WHISKERS TORN OFF

"Sister" Bilkiss Attacks Salvation Army, Tearing Down Money Pots.

After denouncing the Salvation Army street collectors as grafters and fakers and overturning three of the pots in which money was being collected, and tearing the false whiskers off one make-believe Santa Claus, Sister Flora W. Bilkiss, Spokane's Carrie Nation, was arrested by the police at the corner of Howard and Riverside this morning, and taken to the city jail in the patrol wagon with a Bible under her arm and singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone and All the World Go Free."

The incident attracted a crowd

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MEXICAN FORCES ARE VERY WEAK

Madero Is Splitting Government Troops and Gaining Ground.

(By United Press Leased Wire) EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 17.—A general advance of the insurrectionary forces that for weeks have been concentrating near Ojinaga began today, and the cavalry of the insurgents clashed with Mexican federal troops at Hacienda, 14 miles from Ojinaga. It is reported that the rebels drove Diaz' troops from their position and stamped the federal cavalry over the international line into the Big Bend country in Texas. This engagement is said to be the beginning of a movement by Francisco Madero to divide the government troops in Chihuahua.

In western Chihuahua General Navarro's forces are demoralized as a result of weeks of guerrilla fighting. The morale of the government troops is very poor and it is reported that many of the privates desert to the insurgents after every clash.

It was learned today that General Hernandez, with reinforcements from Chihuahua, was cut off by a superior number of rebels and unable to effect a junction with Navarro. Messages indicate that the rebels number 45,000 men and that they are preparing to strike a decisive blow.

ELECTION WAS MISTAKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Samuel W. Moore of Atlantic City is an unhappy man, although he was recently elected coroner by a big majority. He was preparing to take charge of the office when the secretary of state notified him the election was a mistake and the old coroner holds over another year.

RAT TURNS ON GAS FAMILY IN PERIL

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 17.—A rat came near being the cause of the death of a whole family here. In fleeing from a cat in the home of Charles Osborne, the rat hit a couple of coals on a gas range. The escaping gas awakened Mrs. Osborne, who found the other members of the family in a semi-conscious condition.

The cat is dead, but the rat presumably is none the worse for its escapade.

THE EXTRA GIRL

BY JOHN COPLEY.

She was one of the holiday extra girls at the biscuit doll counter. Tall and slender—sort of brought a frail reed to one's mind, this girl, and pale.

Very large and rather moist-looking eyes, this holiday extra girl had, too.

The powerful lights overhead burned garishly; the air was stifling. Indeed, where is there a big shop during the Christmas holiday rush where the air isn't stifling?

The extra girl at the biscuit doll counter had the most tranquil voice you ever heard.

The whispering of the soft wind through the leafy maples and the

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ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THESE KIDS HAPPY?

200

"Two hundred happy kids on Christmas morning!" That's the slogan of the Good Fellow club. And we're going to make good on it, too, fellows. We're going to have ten score of happy youngsters in this town on Christmas morning who would not have been happy if we hadn't started this little Santa Claus game of ours.

But I want to ask you a question. And that is: "Why can't we make it 300 happy kids?"

BY A. GOOD FELLOW.

HAPPY

I believe we can. In fact, I know we can if all the good fellows who would like to help, but who have not yet gotten into the game will get busy right away. In fact, if all the good fellows of Spokane would come to the front we could just as well make 1,000 kids happy Christmas morning.

Are you "in" on it yet? If not, why not get in? It won't cost much.

KIDS