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# A CHAMPION AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH

## PRATT MUST REPORT ON GAS

Demanding to know why the gas company has paid no tax on the Roger Williams franchise for nearly four years, the city council last night adopted a resolution offered by Councilman Cartwright requesting that the mayor and the corporation counsel make a report on this proposition.

## CARNEGIE GAVE AWAY \$19,664,325

Greatest "Giver" of the Year—Crime and Accident Record.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has allowed his purse strings to hang more loosely than any other multimillionaire, in 1910, according to statistics printed today in the Chicago Tribune. These figures show that the ironmaster has given \$19,664,325 for public benefactions during the year. The total amount of such gifts during the year is \$141,604,538.



SPOKANE CAN'T AFFORD TO "CELEBRATE" THIS WAY.

Here's a picture of degrading New Year's eve revelry. This sort of thing has been carried on many times in Spokane—more so in former years than in the past year or so. But even one year ago tonight young girls were seen intoxicated in big restaurants, and men and women acted in a way many of them would be ashamed of even thinking about the rest of the 12 months. Instead of degrading time, Spokane can have a cheerful, skylarking, happy, uplifting time if the people so will it, and they won't need to fill themselves full of intoxicants, either. Which kind of a time will it be? It's a safe bet that Spokane is much better on New Year's eve than many another big western city. Press reporters will be out with the crowds tonight, and Monday a report will be made of conditions as they found 'em.

## FAIRLEY HELD UP BILL OF ARMSTRONG'S

City Comptroller Bob Fairley has held up the bill of George Armstrong, president of the board of public works, for \$5 for desk rent for T. H. Young, paving inspector.

## 8 CRUSHED TO DEATH

(By United Press Leased Wire.) MATTEAWAN, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Two Americans and six Italians were killed today in a fall of slate in the Lick Fork mine of the Red-jacket Coal company.

## MOISSANT KILLED IN THE SOUTH

Machine Got All Tangled Up in Air—His Adventurous Career.

Aviation deaths in December: Cecil Grace, British, supposed drowned in North sea on attempted return flight across English channel, Calais to Dover. Marquis Marie Paulia, passenger, and Alexandre Lafont, instructor at Antoinette school of aviation, killed in France when their machine dropped 200 feet as they started on a Paris to Brussels flight. John B. Moissant, American, killed in New Orleans.

## PROGRESSIVE UNION IMPORTANT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 31.—Founders of the Progressive Union, an organization of insurgent republicans and democrats of northwestern Washington, today declared that the union will come to be an important factor in the destinies of the new congressional district, which is to be composed of the northwest counties.

## QUAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt in this city at 4:20 o'clock this morning. The vibrations lasted several seconds. No damage has been reported.

## LABOR CONDEMNS CONTEMPT LAW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 31.—Basing their action on the sentencing of two editors of the Seattle Star for contempt, because the Star criticized the use of the injunction by Judge Gilliam, the Everett labor council is on record today denouncing the contempt law and the two frequent use of the writ of injunction.

## MAY PEACEFULLY ADJUST SEWER DEAL

There was joy among the committees in charge of the North Side sewer referendum when Judge W. A. Richardson announced that, after consultation with Attorney A. M. Craven, he believed the referendum petition filed last Tuesday against the sewer will stand under the new charter.

## TROOPS READY FOR TROUBLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Troop C, federal cavalry, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., was ordered to the Sonora border at noon today, upon receipt of advice that trouble was expected there between the Mexican government troops and insurgents who have mobilized on the Arizona side.

## THREE JAIL MATRONS

The city council did the right thing last night when it passed the ordinance, at the request of Chief of Police Doust, granting two more police matrons for 1911.

## IT'S A PRETTY GOOD WORLD

Buzz! Tingaling! Buzz! That's the way The Press telephone has been going all day today. It started last night, and has been keeping it up ever since.

## FEAR DOUBLE CELEBRATION

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BELLINGHAM, Wn., Dec. 31.—The gladness of the local grogery for a period of two years will be the occasion for a double celebration tonight (it is feared), and it is believed that Bellingham's uptown will be literally torn down and thrown out of the windows.

## 53 PAY DAYS IN 1910; DID YOU GET WISE?

How many paydays in a year, supposing you get paid every Saturday? Well, that's an easy one. Fifty-two weeks in a year; 52 paydays in a year.

## NEW COMMANDANT HERE.

Major Shattuck the new commandant of Fort George Wright, arrived in this city yesterday to report for duty in place of Major Bartello, who has been appointed to the seventh infantry regiment.

## WHAT SOME SPOKANE PEOPLE WANT

What do you want most of all that the New Year should bring you? The Press has interviewed a number of the leading citizens of the city and has asked them what they wanted most of all. Of course in a good many instances it was not necessary to interview the people mentioned. The Press already knew what they wanted. Anyway, here is the result:

—A chance to build more hospitals without advertising for bids. Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton—More chances to vote. Mrs. Dey—Greater success for the Spokane Orphans' home. Emergency Surgeon John O'Shea—A new emergency hospital. President C. M. Fassett—Enlargement of the chamber of commerce next season. Al Jenkins—Success for the Western Bowling congress. Residents of the Cannon Hill district—A favorable decision on the paving suit. President Joe Cohn—Another pennant for the Indians. Colonel Andy Mulligan—A bill passed through the legislature authorizing boxing matches in the state of Washington.

Police Judge M. A. Mann—A job with the Baker stock company. And the man who worked The Press Good Fellow stunt—A chance to do it again next year and make 500 children happy instead of 350. Miss Maxine Elliott, playing at the Auditorium yesterday and today, is traveling in a private car that is fitted up as a complete miniature hotel, and for which she pays fifty dollars a day.

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## LATE NEWS BULLETINS

MANILA, Dec. 31.—Unusual secrecy cloaks the movements of the military authorities who are investigating the activity of Japanese in the Philippines. The civil authorities called in to assist in the search for explosives in Japanese lodgings are no longer connected with the investigation.

SEATTLE PASTOR IN HOT WATER. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—The members of the Boylston Avenue Unitarian church in this city have called a meeting for January 12, at which time charges against the pastor, Rev. J. D. O. Powers, will be considered.

BURIED IN SNOW SLIDE. CLE ELUM, Wash., Dec. 31.—Buried in a heavy snow slide, carried down a precipitous mountain side and finally rescued by a party for whom he telephoned after climbing a telephone pole that had stopped his descent, J. H. Hughinson, a Sunset telephone lineman, probably will be crippled for life, according to physicians at the Cle Elum hospital today.

NO CONFETTI IN PORTLAND. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—Confetti, feather ticklers and noise making apparatus calculated to arouse the new year into thorough wakefulness, will not be allowed in Portland tonight, according to Chief of Police Cox. If his plans do not miscarry, 1911 will be welcomed by the people of Portland with little demonstration.

## GIRL MAY LOSE LAND

Suit was brought by the Northern Pacific railroad yesterday against holders of alternate odd sections of land on the Spokane reservation. Those drawing certain numbers, including Miss Mabel McNickle, who left a position as stenographer in Chicago and came west to claim her fortune, will possibly lose their drawings. The plaintiff corporation is successor by government right to each alternate section of the reservation, according to Stevens county records.

## HEIRESS TO MILLIONS ELOPES WITH A POOR DRUG CLERK

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 31.—Cupid is quite unpopular today with a number of local gallants, former suitors for the hand of Miss Louise Retting, heiress to millions, who yesterday eloped to Los Angeles with George L. Krueger, employed in a drug store here, and was married.

## MYSTERY!

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Aero club of Great Britain is puzzled today over the receipt of mysterious cables received from Lima, Ohio, in connection with the disappearance of Cecil Grace, the aviator lost while crossing the English channel in an aeroplane from France. The first cable read: "Grace landed with machine in crevice under high cliff. Exact location unknown." The Aero club asked for further information and received the following cable: "Dropped on shore, not water. Could not rise above cliff. Request British coast line people search water's edge minutely."

## A TRIFLE TOO MUCH

Louis Anderson, a man arrested on a combination charge of drunkenness and the carrying of concealed weapons, last night agreed that it was all right for the city police to take his gun away, but when they took a roll of \$200 and a couple of promissory notes for \$500 and then to cap the climax took away a little diamond set locket that he had purchased for his lady love as a New Year's present, he fairly wept.

## RAT ATTACKS MAN.

MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 31.—David Stein, a merchant, was badly bitten upon the lip and chin by a big rat, which attacked him early this morning while he slept. When the rat fastened his teeth in Stein's flesh the pain awakened him. He threw the rat against the wall, killing it. The wounds were cauterized.

## LIKE BUCKING HORSE.

He circled the field at Harahan twice at an altitude of about 200 feet. Suddenly the machine began to spin. Continued on Page Two.