

Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

Mystery of a Missing Mink Overcoat



WASHINGTON.—Unless St. Anthony speedily answers his prayers, or some other agency of the lost and found intervenes to help him, it may be necessary for Senator McCumber of North Dakota to insert an advertisement in the newspapers of his state for a mysteriously missing overcoat.

In the second week of his strenuous campaign for the presidency Judge Taft invaded North Dakota. He was accompanied by a cold wave that met him at Minneapolis. Great preparations had been made for his entertainment at Fargo, where the arrangements contemplated a visit by the Republican presidential candidate to a big barbecue near the edge of the city. All these plans were outlined to Mr. Taft by a local committee which boarded the train at Crookston, Minn. When Mr. Taft hinted that he had no garment to protect him from the cold, local committee men said they would see to it that he was provided with proper habiliments.

When the Taft special reached Grand Forks, Senator McCumber got Fargo on the long-distance telephone and said he wanted the chairman of

the county committee to be at the station with an overcoat that would fit Judge Taft. A hundred loyal sons of Fargo were willing to shiver in the raw prairie blizzard that the next president of the United States should be properly clad. The difficulty was to find a man of the Taft physical proportions who owned an overcoat.

The county chairman was in despair until he happened to think of Finn Leech, a "bonanza farmer," whose ranch is only a few miles from Fargo. Finn weighs 340 pounds. The county chairman lost no time in getting in touch with Finn Leech.

"Did Finn have an overcoat?" Sure thing, and it was lined with mink and cost \$175.

"Would he loan it to Judge Taft for use that evening?" Would he? Would a lifelong Republican miss a chance to have his finest garment adorn the shoulders of the leader of his party?

Ten minutes later the overcoat was in the hands of the county chairman and Judge Taft was tucked beneath its ample folds as soon as his train reached Fargo. He wore the coat to the barbecue and to the meetings following the feast. And for all that Finn knows he may be wearing it now as he follows the elusive golf ball over the links at Hot Springs.

The \$175 mink lined overcoat disappeared when Judge Taft left Fargo. Nobody seems to know where it is. Its owner has asked Senator McCumber to make an investigation.

Citizens Want a Change in Government



THE liveliest question in Washington just now is that of a change in the district's form of government. As everybody probably well knows affairs are administered now by a commission of three men appointed by the president, one of whom must be an army engineer.

There is undoubtedly a growing opinion that a concentration of authority in the district government would simplify the municipal situation and produce better results. The commission plan has its good features. It has long been held up as a model, ideally suited to the needs of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, where suffrage is denied. But frequent and repeated contention and bickering among the members of the board have served to create more or less general criticism of the commission plan, and thus give the propaganda for a change some momentum. With the commissioners obviously working at cross purposes, and airing their differences, and subordinate district officials following this example by engaging in noisy controversies, it is a logical sequence that the present form of government should gradually be somewhat undermined.

Many substantial citizens and large tax-payers are convinced that a one-headed government would work more smoothly and satisfactorily. This is no new conviction on their part. It has been emphasized in recent exhibitions of division in the present triumvirate, it is true, but the advisability of concentrated authority has appealed to them for years.

Police Ban on Dazzling Salome Posters



THE shock to the modesty of the guardian of Washington's morals the other day was almost overwhelming when his eye caught an animated, dazzling and highly colored poster of the dance of Salome.

"Avaunt from my sight, ye temptress," he cried as he slowly recovered his moral standard. Forthwith he determined that the capital could not gaze upon these pictures of the dancer in full career.

The edict of this "moral censor," who is H. L. Gessford, inspector of po-

lice, is law, so far as it concerns the atrial posters, and so the Washington billboards will be barren of Salome.

Thus was Gertrude Hoffman, who had "a vision of Salome" to present to the capital at one of the leading theaters, banished from the sight of the casual passerby, the street urchin and the student of billboard art.

The offending posters now repose in the dark recesses of the stage of the theater, while actors and managers and attaches gather about and declare them martyrs to the cause of art.

"Ain't it awful, Mabel, that such swell pictures should be condemned, jest like some phony canned goods or something like that," said one indignant chorus girl. Just to show that the management did not share the shame of the censor, the posters were pasted up in the theater lobby.

Joy of Department Clerks Shortlived



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT caused great rejoicing among 25,000 government clerks here the other day, by announcing that he had no intention of compelling the poor overworked employes to labor an additional 30 minutes daily.

But before the rejoicing got to the danger point, he spoiled it all, by adding a postscript that he would permit no department head to increase the salary of any of the employes.

The hours which the department employes now observe are from nine a. m. to 4:30 p. m., with half an hour for lunch.

Up to three years ago, they quit at four o'clock in the afternoon, when very suddenly the pious president

issued an order tacking on the additional half hour. Then it was rumored that he intended to complete the job by making it a full hour, and keeping the clerks at work until five o'clock every day.

Then came the second half of the same executive order directing that no increase should be offered, suggested or proposed in any of the budgets for anybody. Economy was given as the cause.

This order affects not only the Washington employes of the government, but its employes throughout the country, many of whom are figuring on generous increases.

Secretary Loeb explained that the no-increase order did not apply to regular promotions under the civil service, but that it would forbid the increase of any clerk's or official's salary for the same work. It is understood that a number of department heads intended to recommend in their current estimates an increase for some of their subordinates. The president's order spoils all of this.

SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Complaint and How It Was Checked.

Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge.

The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

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Explained.

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"I see."

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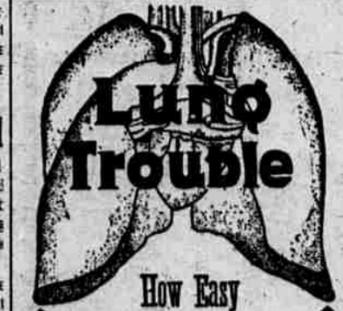
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"Yes; I killed his dog yesterday and buried mine to-day."

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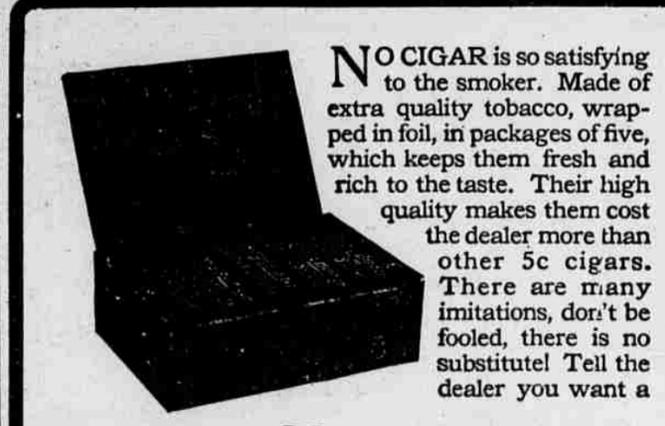
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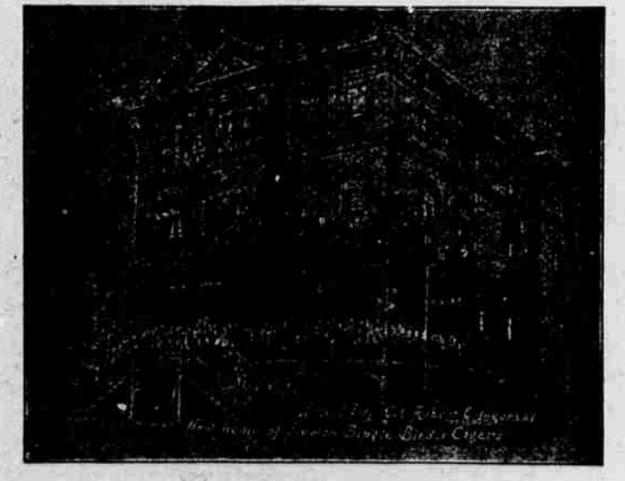
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