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## MORE CONFESSIONS STARTLING SEATTLE LAWSON PLANS TO MAKE EXPOSE

### HIGHER-UPS IN STOCK GAMBLING MAY BE NAMED

Lawson Tells Committee He Will Name One Cabinet Official Who Is Guilty.

### SENATOR IS IMPLICATED

Boston Man Claims That Several Are in League Benefiting From Inside Tips.

### LAWSON FAILS TO MAKE GOOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—All efforts to get Lawson to name his higher-ups failed at today's hearing and he may be tried for contempt. "I cannot name the Cabinet officer to whom I have referred to without mentioning another official of higher position," said Lawson, "and would be more serious than if I cast a cloud over the entire Congress and were sent to jail myself for life."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Thomas A. Lawson, the Boston financier, promised the House rules committee today that he would disclose the names of a Cabinet official, a United States Senator and a New York banker, whom he says a member of Congress told him were engaged in stock gambling partnership. Mr. Lawson said if the House rules committee ordered an investigation as a result of its report on the preliminary hearings he would also give the committee other names of those profiting by inside information.

Mr. Lawson nearly added a list fight to his list of sensational late yesterday afternoon when he hurled at the committee a direct charge that it had tried to smother his allegations that official Washington was fairly honeycombed with "leaks."

Representative Chipfield, of Illinois, hotly resented Lawson's charges and called him a "big four-flusher."

In the excitement Lawson arose from his seat at the witness stand, advanced toward Chipfield, shook his fist under the Illinois Congressman's nose, and said: "I demand fair play." He fairly shouted this. The whole room was thrown into tumult when a physical clash between Lawson and Chipfield seemed unavoidable. Jerry South, chief clerk of the House, rushed forward and seizing Lawson by the arm succeeded in persuading the fiery financier to sit down.

Thereafter Lawson answered questions with a fair degree of calmness although Chipfield once interrupted him to say: "If he goes a little further he won't go any further today."

### INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR NEUTRAL NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A new international code to protect the "liberty of neutrals" is being worked out by leading North and South American experts on the basis of lessons drawn from the present war.

### WEATHER REPORT—24 Hrs Ending at 3 p. m. Today:

Tuesday, January 9th  
Maximum—35.  
Minimum—23.  
Precipitation—.04.  
Cloudy.  
Northwest wind.

### ALASKA QUAKE OF YEARS AGO WAS HISTORIC

Report of the Geological Survey Says 1899 Quake Was Great Disturbance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The annual geological survey report terms the Yakutat Bay earthquake disturbance in September, 1899, as one of the ten greatest disturbances of historic times.

The disturbance referred to above will be distinctly remembered by the oldtimers, especially in this section of Southeastern Alaska. For three weeks the earth quakes continued and the people were kept in a partial state of terror. Many of the shocks were of such a nature that if the cities had possessed large buildings, these would have been demolished. At it was many two-story structures were damaged by the grounds' frequent and severe vibrations. The natives for days were panic stricken. The shocks ceased as suddenly as they began. Various disturbances were reported at that time along the coast, islands to the westward disappearing and tidal waves being reported.

### WATSON AT CORDOVA

Advices received by The Empire last night stated that the Admiral Watson had been conveyed to Cordova where a survey of the extent of the steamer's damages will be made at once.

### POWER Schooner CONTRACT LET FOR THE PACIFIC COAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Overseas shipbuilding construction companies awarded a contract by New York parties today to build four 5-masted auxiliary power schooners, 250 feet long at the Summer Iron Works plant at Everett, Wash. The first ship will be launched July 1, this year.

### SETTLEMENT IS MADE IN A CASE BY AN ALASKAN

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—A settlement of domestic conflict, which has its origin in the instinctive divergence of the Orient and the Occident, was smoothed over yesterday when Mary Seung, 51, agreed to a settlement of her divorce suit which she instituted in May against her husband, John Seung, 63, a wealthy canneryman of Seattle and Alaska. The signing of the stipulation announced by C. Dell Floyd attorney for the plaintiff.

### State Pioneer of Washington Dies Without Fortune

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 9.—Joseph H. Wyckoff, state pioneer and a claimant to property in New York City, valued at \$300,000,000, died here last night. He was 89 years old and was one of the descendants of the old Dutch residents of the Eastern Metropolis.

### STOCK QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Alaska Gold closed yesterday at 10 1/2.  
Alaska-Juneau at 7 1/2.  
American Zinc at 35 1/2.  
Butte & Superior at 46.  
Ray at 26 1/2.  
Chino at 53.  
Utah Copper at 101.  
Copper metal was quoted at 26 1/2.

### RUSSIANS ARE PREPARED FOR NEW OFFENSIVE

Well Equipped Soldiers and Plenty of Munition Stars a Campaign in Right Sector.

STRUGGLES IN SOUTH  
Russians and Rumanians Engaged in Fierce Attacks on Teutons.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 9.—The Russians are preparing for a great offensive in the Riga sector. Troops equipped with great quantities of munitions, backed by large reserves, are near Mitau and south of Riga. Artillery fire has constantly increased on both sides during the last few days and become extremely violent. The weather is frosty and clear and the country is covered with snow.

### DESPERATE FIGHTING ON

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Desperate fighting in the valleys leading into the interior also northern Rumania is reported in today's war office communication. Notwithstanding the determined Russian resistance, the Teutonic troops have stormed the defenses on both sides of Kasino and Suchitzavallas.

### TEUTON'S STRONG ATTACK

Petrograd, Jan. 9.—The official announcement today says: "Under pressure, Russian and Rumanian detachments, occupying positions on the upper branch of the Suchitza river and northwest of Fokshani, retired a little distance eastward. The Russians, by a counter attack in the region of Kapatuno restored their position as it existed previous to yesterday's battle."

"The enemy launched an attack in dense formation against our troops and the Rumanians near Pecheshi, six versts southwest of Fokshani but was repelled by our fire."

"Our detachments have reached the line at Rasputza Lake. The enemy attacks from Meikenschi and Odeneski against detachments occupying positions on the lower reaches of the Buzue river were repulsed."

### FRANCE BALKS ON SCHEME OF A NEW DISPUTE

Objects to Settlement by Compromise of the Tien-Tsin Affairs.

PEKING, Jan. 9.—The French government, it is announced, has refused to ratify the proposed compromise settlement of the Tien-Tsin concession dispute.

Numerous conference between Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Foreign Minister, and Count de Martel, the French Charge d'Affaires, a Peiking dispatch, December 16 announced, had resulted in a tentative compromise settlement of the Tien-Tsin concession dispute. The compromise, it was said, provided for restoration by the French to China of the territory in question and the return of Chinese policemen.

China, for her part, agreed to make the district an international settlement, open to all the treaty powers. China also was to promise to make an effort to check anti-French demonstrations at Tien-Tsin.

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### DOG PUTS UP A GAME FIGHT TO SAVE MISTRESS

Assassin Kills a Woman and Then Suicides; No Cause Known for Crime.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 9.—That a pet dog put up a game but losing fight for his mistress sometime last night was indicated here when the police discovered a murder and a suicide early this morning. Charles Wilson, a mill hand, shot his wife and then killed himself. At the side of the dead woman's body was that of her Boston bull terrier. Wilson's legs were badly lacerated indicating that the dog had fought desperately in defense of his mistress. Wilson had kicked the dog, its back being broken, then shot the faithful animal before killing his wife and then taking his own. No cause is known for the tragedy.

### GOSSIP CAUSES MAN TO SUICIDE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 9.—Two were killed and the smoking compartment of the Southern Railway Birmingham special train demolished, when Lewis D. Walton, a prominent local business man, detonated a quantity of high explosive in the lavatory of the car. Walton sought refuge in death from gossip following his mistrial on a charge of killing his business partner. He was at liberty on bonds.

### SLIPS ONE OVER ON PASTOR AND MAKES ESCAPE

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—Harry Hammond, arrested many times for various offenses and also an ex-convict, was released from the county jail last night upon written request of Rev. Mark A. Matthews, that he might attend the latter's prayer meeting. Instead of going to the devotional meeting, Hammond skipped. He was awaiting sentence following an indictment by the recent grand jury.

### PANAMA CANAL EQUIPMENT TO BE SENT NORTH

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—The Alaska Engineering commission entered into contracts today whereby the steamship Turret Crown and the barge St. David, the latter part of February will begin loading over 5,000 tons of Panama Canal equipment at Balboa for delivery at Anchorage.

### CHAMP CLARK BOOM FOR PRESIDENCY IS STARTED BY BRYANITES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—One of the noticeable political currents since the reassembling of Congress is a well-defined purpose to start a movement for the nomination of Speaker Champ Clark for the Presidency to succeed President Wilson in 1920. One of the interesting features of the agitation, if it can be said to have reached that point, is that thus far the ultra Bryan men are behind it, and, it is said, the movement has the benediction of Bryan, himself. So far the only objection that has been urged against the plan is the circumstance that the Speaker will be 70 years of age in 1920.

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### NOVELIST'S WIFE IN DIVORCE COLONY AT RENO



Mrs. Owen Johnson, wife of the novelist, have learned that she is in the New York divorce colony at Reno, Nevada. Before her marriage Mrs. Johnson was Miss Esther Ellen Cobb, a singer living in San Francisco.

### KETCHIKAN IS TO BE CLEANED UP BY OFFICIAL

The U. S. Prosecutor Issues Warning That the Disreputables Must Get Out.

### SECURES A CONVICTION

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 9.—United States Assistant District Attorney William Holzheimer struck the popular chord here when he announced yesterday in Court that every disreputable character in Ketchikan and especially the men who live off the earnings of the women of the "District" must get out. This announcement followed his conviction of Clifford Raymond, who was found guilty of assault and battery upon his woman of the red light district. District Attorney Holzheimer secured a conviction after a hard fight and Raymond was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail. Raymond's attorney immediately served notice of appeal. The citizens are pleased here with the fight being made by the new official to clean up the city. There are none here who fail to admit that if the men who live off the earnings of the women were driven out of town few complaints would come from the "district."

### Eastern Editor Dies in the West On Health Trip

ST. PAUL, Jan. 9.—George Thompson, editor of the Pioneer Press and the Dispatch died today in Los Angeles, according to word received here. Mr. Thompson was one of the best known of the Mississippi Valley newspapermen and went to the Pacific Coast recently to attempt to recuperate his health.

### FORTUNE CROSSES BORDER

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 9.—A quarter of a million dollars in gold and silver was brought to Laredo from Mexico and shipped to persons in El Paso for safekeeping by Mexican Consul Garcia.

EMPIRE ads have thousands of readers.

### FRED BRADLEY UNDER ARREST ON A WARRANT

Former Manager of the Standard Oil in This City Charged With Being Short.

### WILL BE BROUGHT BACK

Fred E. Bradley, former local manager for the Standard Oil Company, who left here last week with his wife, to accept a position in Seattle, was arrested in Seattle yesterday as he stepped from the steamer and was turned over to the Federal authorities, acting on complaint telegraphed from the office of Marshal H. A. Bishop here. The complaint under which Mr. Bradley was arrested was sworn to by J. D. Helps, Alaskan representative of the Standard Oil Company, and in effect charges that Bradley is "short in his accounts." The exact amount of his alleged peculation is not known but will be ascertained as soon as an inventory has been made and an investigation completed. Telegraphic advice that Bradley had been arrested was received today by W. W. Casey Jr., chief deputy in the marshal's office, and stated that Bradley would be sent north as soon as the proper requisition papers from the Governor of Alaska, which will be sent south on the first boat, are honored by the Governor of Washington.

### Seal Herd Shows Big Increase in the North Pacific

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The government reported today that indications are that 100,000 seals have been added to the protected herd in Bering Sea during the year 1916. The North Pacific herd is now believed to number at least 400,000.

### FOR FRENCH HOME ARMY

PARIS, Jan. 9.—Henry Beronger has introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the mobilization of civilians in France into an auxiliary service for the national defense. The bill provides for the calling up of all citizens between the ages of 17 and 60.

### GRAND JURY IN SEATTLE GIVEN LIQUOR DETAILS

Confession Is Made by Man Who Declares He Was Go-Between for Mayor and Chief.

### BOTH DENY THE CHARGE

Subordinate Officers of Police Department Are Trying to Seek Immunity.

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—This city is all stirred up today following the report of several confessions that have been made to the federal grand jury and the astonishing revelations of city affairs. It is understood that an officer by the name of "Mullen" went before the grand jury this morning, when that organization convened after the holiday vacation, and confessed that he represented Mayor Gill and Chief of Police Beckingham with the bootleggers. The confession is reported to be full of sensations. It is known that many subordinate officers of the police department are seeking immunity through the privilege of testifying before the grand jury as to what they know. Early this afternoon both the Mayor and the Chief of Police denied that they even knew the man "Mullen" or that they had ever had dealings of any sort with the illegal liquor traffickers. All three of the Billingsley brothers, according to present plans, are to plead guilty to the charges of violating the laws regarding the importation of liquor into Seattle, and will tell the grand jury more of the details on which they have worked. Attorney General T. W. Gregory, of Washington, D. C., wired District Attorney Clay Allen this afternoon that he was going all right in the liquor investigation and that no special prosecutor was needed to assist him. Dictaphone Used. A part of the dictaphone conversation which Mullen, the man who confessed to the grand jury today, was given out this afternoon by District Attorney Clay Allen. Mullen: "Though I would come up and see you. The old man gave me 15 days for a stall." Logan: "You've been trying to talk to me for a week." Mullen: "Yes, I have something important for you." Logan: "I've got a cold, Mullen, and my ears are bad. Talk louder." Mullen: "Beckingham wants to fix it up with you fellows. He gave me fifteen days off to see you fellows and get you out of town, Fred." Logan: "How about that 7500 bones we got up?"

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### STEAMER MOVEMENTS and Mail Information

NOW BOUND NORTH  
None.  
SCHEDULED SAILINGS  
City of Seattle is scheduled to sail from Seattle tonight. Alameda is scheduled to sail from Seattle Friday morning. Al-Ki is scheduled to sail from Seattle tomorrow. Prince John is scheduled to sail from Prince Rupert tonight. Princess Sophia is scheduled to sail from Vancouver on Saturday.  
SOUTHBOUND SAILINGS  
Mariposa is expected south Friday or Saturday. Spokane is due about Sunday.

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