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**INEXCUSABLE.**

IF THE dispatches have correctly reported Mr. Rustgard, his action in making charges against citizens of Southeastern Alaska at Ketchikan, without either offering proof to substantiate them or without retraction and apology, is excusable. It is all the more reprehensible because it follows so many similar outbreaks and a long series of insinuations and innuendoes that have involved the reputations of scores of people of Southeastern Alaska who have not been given opportunity to defend themselves.

The highest conception of the duties of a prosecuting officer requires that he exercise the same character of zeal in protecting the good names of citizens from wrongful attack as he displays in the prosecution of those whom he believes have violated the law of the land. No prosecuting attorney has the right to make charges against men that amount to accusation of crime unless he is ready to proceed against those accused.

A prosecuting attorney who is so anxious to secure convictions that he charges other officials and citizens with stacking the cards on him in an unlawful manner every time he is defeated is a menace to a community. The Empire has said not a little about the looseness of the manner in which newspapers and individuals sometimes accuse people of faithlessness. It is even more abhorrent for a public official—particularly for the legal adviser of other officers and a prosecutor—to make such charges unless he is pre-

pared with the proof to substantiate them. The law makes it libel for a newspaper to say that a man has committed crime in the absence of his conviction. While it may not be libel or slander for a prosecuting attorney to attack men, in the course of court proceedings, to the point of charging crime, the same moral principle which caused the people to make it unlawful for newspapers to do it is involved.

**EXPOSING A CONSPIRACY.**

SENATOR JOHN W. KERN, of Indiana, the Democratic leader in the United States Senate, is credited with exposing the newspaper conspiracy at the head of which is William R. Hearst and John R. McLean, to discredit President Wilson and his Cabinet. Among other things, he read to the Senate this telegram from the Cincinnati Enquirer that was sent to newspapers in Indiana, the owners of which were personally friendly to John R. McLean:

"Please file early Friday evening 300 words showing unfavorable sentiment your section toward President Wilson's stand on the Panama Canal tolls. Interview big business men and get them to say something hot."

Senator Kern said that similar telegrams were sent by Hearst newspapers to editors and publishers that Hearst and his editors knew. The favorable answers received were exchanged and published simultaneously in the eleven daily newspapers the two men control, and in other papers that they could induce to handle them.

**Christian Science.**

Services are held in Christian Science hall, Third and Seward streets, at 11 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Everlasting Punishment." All are welcome. Sunday School at 10. Wednesday night meetings at 8 o'clock. Free reading room open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

In the United States Commissioner's Court, for the Territory of Alaska, Division No. 1, Juneau Precinct, before Hon. John B. Marshall, United States Commissioner, and Ex-officio Probate Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM H. WAHBEY, an Insane Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Edward W. Pettit, Guardian of the person and estate of the above named William H. Wahbey, an Insane person, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said William H. Wahbey, an Insane person, to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to said Guardian, at his office, in the Cheney Building, in the City of Juneau, in said Precinct and Territory, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in said Territory of Alaska. All persons indebted to said estate are requested and required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated at Juneau, Alaska, April 4, EDWARD W. PETTIT, Guardian in the above entitled estate. JOHN T. REED, Attorney for Guardian. First publication, April 4, 1914. Last publication, May 2, 1914.

**CHURCH NOTES**

**Trinity Episcopal Church.** Services tomorrow will be as follows: 11 a. m., morning prayer and choral communion with sermon. Subject, "The Abolition of Death." Music by the full vested choir, including offertory solo by Mr. W. Engberg. Everyone is most cordially welcome. Sunday School meets at 12 o'clock. Evening prayer and address at 8 o'clock. Subject, "The Heavenly Vision." Choir practice on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Ladies' Guild meets on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Presbyterian Church** John B. Stevens, Pastor. On account of the absence of the pastor there will be no morning service. Dr. Condit will preach at 8 o'clock in the evening, subject, "Present Day Incarnation." Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Choir rehearsal Friday evening.

**Methodist Episcopal.** Cor. Fourth and Seward Sts. R. C. Blackwell, Pastor. Church service 11 a. m., subject, "Limiting God." Sunday School 12:15 p. m. Epworth League 7:00 p. m. Subject, "Heart Hungers for God and His House." Psa. 42. Evening service 8 o'clock, subject, "Life's Yardstick." Everyone cordially invited to come and make these your services and join in the Epworth League contest. The Pastor being absent Mr. Batcheller will conduct the regular services.



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6:30 a. m.	7:10 a. m.	7:15 a. m.	Lvs. Sheep Creek for Treadwell, Douglas, Juneau	Lvs. Douglas for Sheep Creek
8:00 a. m.	8:25 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	7:00 a. m.	6:45 a. m.
9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	1:30 p. m.	1:15 p. m.
11:00 a. m.	11:25 a. m.	11:30 a. m.	5:30 p. m.	5:15 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.	Lvs. Juneau for Sheep Creek	Lvs. Treadwell for Sheep Creek
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	6:30 a. m.	6:00 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	5:40 p. m.	5:45 p. m.	1:00 p. m.	1:20 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:00 p. m.	5:00 p. m.	5:20 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.		
9:30 p. m.	9:55 p. m.	10:00 p. m.		
11:00 p. m.	11:25 p. m.	11:30 p. m.		

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