

# MAYOR ORDERED TO BED; FLU

Mayor Fitzgerald is confined to his bed in his home at 3023 32nd ave. N. W. with influenza, bordering on pneumonia, it was reported at the city hall Monday.

The mayor's campaign for re-election was cut short Sunday morning, when his family physician, Dr. E. W. McClain, diagnosed the case as bronchitis at that time. Monday, the mayor was said to be "holding his own."

The mayor's illness was contracted probably, it is said, while hurrying between campaign meeting places Saturday night. During his illness his speaking dates will be filled by friends.

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Weather Forecast: Tonight and Tuesday, fair; gentle easterly winds.

# OIL INTERESTS SEEK WAR WITH MEXICO

AS IT SEEMS  
TO ME  
DANA SLEETH

NOT only am I the only Seattle citizen, who is not a stricken, bed-ridden paralytic, who observes all the laws, statutes, ordinances, health hints and public regulations, but I am the only writer-editorial, feature, special, regular or otherwise—in the world who has not in the last nine months even mentioned the league of nations, the peace treaty, who will be our next president, the high cost of shoes, or endeavored to give the truth about the Bolsheviks.

I may not have much to be proud of, but I think I deserve some public commendation for my chaste repression in these respects.

And while I will not be especially chatty when I approach St. Peter and proffer my visiting card, I will be with some slight feeling of worthiness that I say, placing an astral hand on a swelling breast: "Howdy, Pete? Say, the Sleeth, of Seattle and way states. You don't know me, but I'm the writing fellow who went months without saying a word about the league of nations."

And I bet that Peter will let me in, that he may not let me in, but he'll turn his august and shining back and leave a crack in the door, so I can sneak thru.

I don't if my Seattle fire line pen will really get me by the eternal fire cops, but I think Peter will recognize merit when he sees it, and probably I'll be the only person who will have that particular gem shining in my own.

I don't blow my harp—or do you now a harp—often, but after months of stern repression in this league thing, I thought I could be pardoned one small bit of exuberance.

FEW days ago I saw the signature of George Washington at the top of the list on the original constitution of our country. I saw the original Declaration of Independence drawn from its steel vault by Secretary Lane. I saw Secretary Lane writing an earnest and touching appeal for renewal in us of the spirit of '76. I saw Old Glory waving in the evening winds, while the great organ played "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and I saw a Sis Hopkins girl critter fall down with a bucket of hot suds.

Having seen all this within the space of a few minutes, along with several hundred other movie fans, I heard a long delayed, but finally delivered burst of hand clapping.

Query: What picture in the above list got this honest token of popular approval? Sure! You got it the first guess—the Sis Hopkins fall.

Which may provide a hint to some zealous gentlemen who so unwisely urge, and beseech, and implore us to stir anew the fires of patriotism, and let our husbands march with the beating drums of patriarchy.

Enough is a sufficiency; we have been fed Americanism, national anthems, military spectacles, naval reviews and income taxes until we crave a lot of Charlie Chaplin to remove the taste of our prolonged gulping at freedom's font.

Don't urge 'em so much, brother; let 'em come down to earth; let them forget.

They'll all be on hand the next time they're needed, and that without any fussing or conscripting. For at heart we are sound, but we are just a bit tired of this top-heavy patriotic circus, with its paid press agents, its scientific organs, its forced enthusiasm, and its political flag wavings.

Es for Sis Hopkins, and let George Washington rest in peace.

Begin  
"Rim o' the World"  
BY B. M. BOWER  
On Page 8 Today  
A WESTERN NOVEL

## FAKE NEWS PAID FOR BY U. S. MEN?

Organized Efforts Made to  
Enrage People Against  
Southern Republic

BY CHESTER M. WRIGHT  
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Is there a propaganda in America for intervention in Mexico?

What kind of propaganda is it? Who pays the bills?

These are questions important to every American.

The task was assigned to me of going to the root of this propaganda question, finding the answer and writing the facts.

For a month I have done nothing but hunt propaganda and propagandists. I have never become entangled in anything more tortuous, more subtle, more sinister—except the German propaganda in the late world war.

These are the important facts developed:

1.—There is an intervention propaganda, vast and expensive, working from the four corners of the country.

2.—The bills are paid mostly by Americans who own property in Mexico—and the bills are big.

3.—Intervention propaganda, for the most part, works by indirection. Those who want intervention don't say so; what they say is that American lives must be protected, and that the Carranza government is hopeless. They overlook no chance to sow hatred in America for the Carranza government.

4.—Bolshevism is the latest bogey. "This Bolshevism thing is the most serious feature of the Mexican menace today," I was solemnly assured by a Washington representative of the propaganda.

5.—Oil stands at the head and front of all propaganda work.

SEEK TO GET AMERICANS  
MAD AT MEXICO

In addition to the organized and centralized propaganda, numerous oil companies maintain their own agencies here.

The chief aim of the organized propaganda for intervention in Mexico is to get the American people so mad at Mexico that everybody will want intervention—to cause anger to unseat reason.

The oil interests put brains into their work.

"Look how bad Mexico is; look at the murder and disorder; look how property is being confiscated; look how Americans are suffering; unprotected; look how bad Carranza is!" That's what the propagandists say.

And then they ask: "Isn't the American government going to give protection to its citizens in Mexico?"

For one solid year, under the most skillful direction, "publicity" has been going out of Washington and New York, calculated to get the American people boiling mad—mad to the point of intervention—and the end is not yet.

EXAGGERATE EVERY  
BRAWL INTO "ATROCITY"

As described by the man whose genius directs the work, the plan is to bring to light everything in Mexico that is unfavorable to Mexico, to get hold of every "atrocity," every brawl, every murder, every bandit chase, every instance of disorder of any kind.

Unconsciously, the United States department of state plays a big role in the intervention propaganda.

You read in your paper a story beginning like this:

"The state department was informed today."

Which there is related the account of some fresh "atrocity" in Mexico.

True enough, the state department was informed—by the oil propaganda! That's how the state department is made to appear to play a supporting part in the whole mesh of intervention propaganda.

THREE MAIN SOURCES  
OF MEXICAN PROPAGANDA

There are today three main sources of propaganda having to do with American policy toward Mexico, and these are:

1.—The National Association for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico.

2.—Various oil companies and oil producers' associations, such as the Association of American Oil (Turn to Page Two)

## Coed's Nymphs to Cavort on Campus Leap and Dance to Welcome Spring



Margaret Coffin, U. of W. co-ed, whose version of "The Paradise of Children" will be presented in open air on the campus this spring.

### Groundhog Hoax Again Exposed!



"Fie! Ridiculous! An exploded theory of the superstitious, quite! Weather forecasting is the serious business of scientists. What can a silly groundhog know about science, tell me?"

Weather Observer Salisbury is positive about it—and yet, Br'er Groundhog came out of his hole Monday morning and looked for his shadow. It wasn't there. It will be an early spring.

From time immemorial Br'er Groundhog has appeared thus annually—even before Observer Salisbury's time—on Candlemas day, the 2nd of February, and made his weather prediction. If he sees his shadow he returns underground to continue his nap six weeks.

More than 100 girls will take part in the pageant. Tryouts for dancing parts will soon be under way, with Miss Gross of the gymnasium department in charge. The central committee in charge of the fête consists of Miss Vivian Clement, chairman; Miss Mary Lee Fiske, Miss Margaret Johnstone, Miss Mary Harris, Miss Irma Beagar, Miss Helen Dunn, Miss Catherine Miller, Miss Artie Lee Hart, Miss Ruth Veythman, Miss Herndon Smith, Miss Mildred Jackson and Miss Catherine Foley.

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on "Mexican Jazz"

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### Interpret Greek Mythology With Nimble Feet

Spring is almost here. Miss Margaret Coffin, pretty co-ed at the University of Washington, plans to welcome it by producing a dramatic version of Hawthorne's story, "The Paradise of Children."

The playlet will feature the annual May fete on the campus.

Beautiful co-eds, with forms like Venus, will be the actresses, and thousands of people will come to admire. The work of the entire production, from the tiniest role to the writing of the play, will be by students and teachers of the university.

Miss Coffin is a senior in the college of Liberal Arts. Her play was chosen as the best among a number of offerings of student and faculty members.

Hawthorne based "The Paradise of Children" on the Greek tale of Pandora and Epimetheus and the mysterious box, which contained all the dreaded evils that Pandora's overdeveloped curiosity let loose on this old globe.

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### "Doug" Fairbanks' Home Fire-Swept

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—The Beverly Hills home of Douglas Fairbanks, movie actor, was damaged by fire today to the extent of several thousand dollars. It has not been determined how the fire started.

QUENTIN  
QUIDNUNC  
DAILY HE ASKS A QUESTION OF FIVE PERSONS  
PICKED AT RANDOM

THE QUESTION  
How long since you've seen a policeman in your block?

ANSWERS  
MRS. M. A. SPRAGUE, 564 Lee st.—I've lived here a long time, but I've never seen one.

MRS. CLARENCE W. PORTER, 1017 W. Armour st.—Oh, it's been a long, long time. I can't tell you how long. We live on Queen Anne hill, you know.

A. F. SWENSON, 1712 E. Galer st.—By golly, I don't believe I've ever seen one. I've been here a year and a half and don't recall having seen one yet.

R. H. STEEVES, 4515 Greenwood ave.—Well, I've lived here 10 years. I saw one once.

MRS. A. B. WILLIAMS, 721 17th ave.—Oh, he keeps going by here all the time. He goes by the hospital, too. He lives right next door here.

## WINS POINT FOR "OTHER WOMAN"

Mrs. Spiker Gains Temporary  
Admittance for Miss  
Knowles and Baby

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Perley Spiker has won the first round in her strange battle in behalf of the "other woman in the case."

Miss Emily Knowles, the English girl, "whose friendship ripened into something more than friendship" with Perley Spiker, while the latter was in an aviation camp in England, will be allowed into the United States on probation for three months.

Together with her 3-month-old baby, Spiker's child, she will make her home for the present with William and Kate Butterly, of Fall River, Mass.

FIGHTS TO MAKE  
ADMISSION PERMANENT

Mrs. Spiker, who paid the traveling expenses of Miss Knowles from England, and who has offered to adopt the baby and give a home to the girl, will fight to make her admission into the United States permanent.

Mrs. Spiker and her brother-in-law, Guy Spiker, who offered to marry Miss Knowles, who he had never seen her, arrived in New York today to put the \$1,000 bonds required for her temporary entrance.

Miss Knowles is being held at Ellis Island. She has recovered from a heavy cold which had threatened to develop into pneumonia.

NO REASON TO BRING  
DISGRACE UPON GIRL

While in Baltimore, Mrs. Spiker, further explaining her attitude, said: "I believe in justice, and my action bears out my view of it. There is no reason why I should permit a petty narrowness of mind to bring disgrace upon a girl whose life might otherwise be happy."

"The wrong has been done. The wrongdoers were largely the victims of destiny. They sinned under extenuating circumstances."

"My refusal to forgive would not relieve the situation. On the contrary, it would bring an element of tragedy into the case."

"We are taught to forgive. This teaching is not merely meant for book reading. We must put it into practice."

HELPING HAND  
FOLLOWS FORGIVENESS

"I have forgiven, and that is all. Having forgiven, I can only follow the forgiveness by lending a helping hand."

"Sympathy must go with true forgiveness, and that poor girl has sympathy. There is a road to happiness for her, and I know she will find it now. And in her happiness I shall be happy, and so will my husband."

WOMAN LAWYER  
OBJECTS TO  
PRECEDENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—While expressing high admiration for Mrs. Spiker's stand in the case of Miss Emily Knowles, Miss Florence King, prominent Chicago woman attorney, today voiced her opposition to setting a "new precedent" if the girl is admitted into the United States.

"I feel it would be establishing a most dangerous precedent," declared Miss King. "Such cases strike at the very foundations of the American family, and other husbands, seeing that Spiker 'got away with it,' would be encouraged to do the same thing."

Plan Air Race From  
New York to Nome

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Tentative plans have been made for a transcontinental air race from New York to Nome, Alaska, 4,870 miles.

96 "Flu" Cases  
Reported Monday

Ninety-six influenza cases were reported to the health department Monday forenoon. This number included cases which developed Sunday. The average daily report, according to health officials, is running about 75 cases, which are practically all diagnosed as "mild."

## What Do YOU Think?

What do you think of the Spiker-Knowles case? Is Mrs. Spiker right in her endeavors—in opening her home to the "other woman" and her child? Or is it setting a bad precedent, as Miss Florence King, famous Chicago woman lawyer, declares?

The following is a letter received by Cynthia Grey, of The Star:

Dear Miss Grey: "The Love That Passeth Understanding." Under this head I read the war romance of Miss Emily Knowles, English girl, and Perley Spiker, American aviator, in your issue of Saturday. Such truths as these are indeed stranger than fiction.

But there is a strong moral issue involved that should forbid us to let romance and our imaginations run away with our better judgment.

We cannot get away from the fact that Lieut. Perley B. Spiker left a lawful wife in Baltimore when he went away to war. We cannot deny that his 3-month-old child, whose mother is Miss Knowles, is illegitimate, and that conventionality frowns upon unwed mothers in America, instead of making heroines out of them.

I have only praise for Mrs. Perley Spiker, who wishes to shelter and protect her husband's child and its mother. The average woman would consider that "the other woman" had wrecked her home and ruined her life, whereas Mrs. Spiker believes such a view "petty narrowness," and wishes to see the other woman happy. Mrs. Spiker is fine and broad-minded; but should her theory be taken as an example? Could the majority of wives be brought to solve the "eternal triangle" as she has?

I dare say not. I KNOW IF MY HUSBAND WERE PERLEY SPIKER, I COULD NEVER FORGIVE HIM.

What do think, Miss Grey? Also, I am curious to know what view your readers take? Should Miss Knowles and her child be permitted to remain in this country?

AMERICAN WIFE.

What do you say, Readers? Do you think the foundations of the home would be weakened by admitting Emily Knowles and her child to this country, as Mrs. Spiker suggests, or are we entering upon a new era, and seeking to build new conventions and foundations?

Would more cases of this nature be the result, should the immigration officers admit Miss Knowles? The Star will be glad to print the opinions of readers. The letters should be brief and concise.

### Pedestrians Hit by Autos This Year

130

John M. Houts, 2011 13th ave. S., was knocked down by an automobile driven by H. Seimens, 530 23rd ave. S., on Union st., near Fourth ave., Sunday. Houts sustained a bruised ankle.

### Pedestrians Hit by Autos This Year

140

C. H. Allen, 5532 23rd ave. S., reported to the police that an unidentified Japanese boy, playing in the street, was knocked down by his automobile on Sixth ave., near Jackson st. He declared the boy was uninjured, and scampered away before his name could be obtained. The boy was playing in the street.

### Pedestrians Hit by Autos This Year

141

Struck by an auto which knocked him down and then sped on out the Des Moines highway without stopping Sunday night, L. E. Grand, 232 32nd ave. S., reported to the police Monday that he was slightly injured.

### Pedestrians Hit by Autos This Year

142

Hit by an auto delivery vehicle driven by W. H. Beaman, 9034 Fourth ave. S., for the Hanson Bread Co., W. E. Hoffman, who lives at Second ave. N. and Roy st., was taken to the city hospital Monday with jaw and nose broken, his face cut and covered with blood. Beaman was arrested. The accident happened on Fifth ave., near Republican st., shortly after 6 a. m.

### HE WANTS NEW TRAFFIC PLAN

Councilman Robert Hesketh, member of the public safety committee of the city council, said Monday he intended getting together at once with Councilmen T. H. Bolton and O. T. Erickson, other members of the committee, and Police Chief Joel F. Warren, to propose sweeping changes in administration of traffic regulations to make the streets safe for pedestrians.

"I am not, as a general rule, in favor of 'special details' of police," Hesketh said, "but I believe the regulation of traffic should be a special detail and am going to see what can be done about it."

## MASSACRE JURY COMING SLOWLY

Peremptory Challenges Used  
by State and Defense

BY CLEM J. RANDAU  
GRAYS HARBOR COURT-  
HOUSE, MONTESANO, Feb. 2.

The tedious work of selecting a jury to try the Centralia murder case was resumed here today. With the opening of the second week of the trial the jury box held 11 tentative jurors subject to removal only by peremptory challenge.

Attorneys hope to secure a full quota of 12 regular and two alternate jurors before the end of this week, tho it is generally believed that most of the week will be required in doing so.

Thomas C. Connor, lumber mill owner and former liquor dealer, was the first temporary juror to be eliminated by peremptory challenge of the defense. Connor was excused after the selection of Walter Quenell, clear dealer of Hoquiam, filled the jury box today.

The prosecution used its first peremptory challenge on Saturday, excusing W. F. Ferguson, so-called "red" socialist.

That Attorney George F. Vanderveer would require the dismissal of Connor was considered a certainty last week when the defense counsel spent several hours in attempting to draw an admission of prejudice from the talesman.

Only one member of the American Legion remained in the hospital suffering from illness today. Seven of the former soldiers were discharged this morning.

The examination of Walter Quenell today brought forth the information that he had closed his business and worked as a ship builder during the war, the over 60 years old.

"Did you do that for the high wages offered?" Vanderveer asked.

"Because business men were asked to help in the shipyards if possible," Quenell replied.

The talesman was passed over the challenge of the defense, Vanderveer entering an exception, as usual. The counsel for the accused I. W. W. has entered several hundred exceptions to the rulings of Judge Wilson during the progress of the jury selection.

The criminal syndicalism case before Judge Ben Sheeks was continued until Wednesday owing to the illness of Prosecutor J. E. Stewart.

Attorney Ralph Pierce, who is defending the 13 accused industrialists, will return to Tacoma today to enter a motion for a new trial for the 38 I. W. W. convicted there last night.

Montesano was very quiet yesterday, most of the attorneys and witnesses having returned to their homes after adjournment Saturday. Early morning trains from Seattle and Tacoma brought few new spectators today.