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## SEATTLE BANKER STEALS 48,330

ARRESTED AND SAYS HE "LIVED" IT UP.

Trusted Employee of First National Bank at Seattle Arrested for Embezzling Bank Funds—Remarkable How Examiners Missed the Shortage—Not an Intemperate Man—Involved Partly in Real Estate and Thus Bank is Insured Against Loss.

Seattle Banker Embezzles. Seattle, July 30.—H. F. Parkhurst, first assistant cashier of the First National bank of Seattle, has just been arrested on a charge of embezzling the sum of \$48,330, it is alleged.

Seattle, July 30.—Parkhurst was arrested on a warrant from the United States district attorney's office, charging him with falsifying the accounts of the bank. He gives practically no reason for his desire to get away with funds. When asked what he did with the money, he said: "I lived it up."

Some of it is invested in real estate, and this has been turned over to protect the bank, which, in addition to \$30,000 bonds, sustains the bank against all loss. He had been a trusted employee of the bank for 12 years. The discovery of the defalcation was made about two weeks ago as a result of auditing the books. The cashier has charge of checking up balances with eastern banks. It was these accounts, it is charged, that he doctored. At no time did he take a big amount, most of them being of a few hundred dollars. The bank offi-

cial fall to understand how the bank examiners could get through the books without noticing they had been tampered with.

Parkhurst is 45 years old, and has been married 24 years. He lived a quiet life, as far as his friends know.

TONIGHT.

Rev. Phipps Will Talk on Sunday School in Presbyterian Church.

State Field Worker Phipps will address a union meeting of the Sunday school workers of this city this evening in the Presbyterian church. It will be your loss if you let anything prevent your attending. Come out and you will have a higher conception of the Sunday school in the future.

## FUELED LIKELY IN WEST KENTUCKY

ILLINOIS CENTRAL IS LIABLE TO SUFFER MOST.

Officials Expect Outbreak of Hostilities Between Night Raiders and Militia Encamped on I. C. Co.'s Property—Governor Refuses to Protect the Company in Preference to the Commonwealth—Property Destruction Threatened.

Louisville, Ky., July 30.—Officers of the Illinois Central road are today taking precautions to prevent the execution of threats made last night by night raiders to wreck the company's trains unless the militia men, encamped on the road's property, are ordered to vacate. Officials appealed to the governor to remove the militia, but the governor refused, saying the commonwealth should be considered first. The situation in western Kentucky is growing serious. It is feared a clash between troops and the raiders will occur before the week is ended.

## MAYOR HALL CONVEYS HIS FIRST SPECIAL MESSAGE TO COUNCIL

WANTS CONTINGENCY FUND AND LASHES STREET COMMITTEE MILDLY FOR POOR SIDEWALKS.

In His First Message to the Council Mayor Hall Points Out Legislation That is Needed—Appeals for Co-operation From Citizens to Aid Enforcement of Ordinances—Five Important Issues Touched—Charter Proposition is Disposed of.

Salient Points of the Message. Legal scrutiny of the proposed charter before the election; expediting sale of bonds to supply city water from Beaver creek; establishment of a contingency fund; non-disposal of rubbish in alleys; urging street committee to repair unsafe side walks; reticency in enforcing street ordinances by drastic measures.

To recommend the establishment of a contingency fund, to whip the street committee in mild terms for the poor condition of sidewalks in some parts of the city, to appeal for aid from the taxpayers, to urge the council to take every possible and legal step toward prompt disposal of the water bonds when they are floated, and many other important matters were touched upon in Mayor Hall's initial special message to the city council, read at the special meeting last night. The message was not a lengthy one, but in it were crammed many admonitions that the executive—and the public, alike—realize should be done. The first portion of his communication has already been complied with, in that the special meeting last evening turned over to City Attorney J. F. Baker with instructions to employ a legal assistant to learn the legality of the charter as it now stands, the special charter committee having last evening reported that its work was done. Mr. Baker will follow these instructions and report at the council meeting next Wednesday night. If the present wording of the proposed charter is legal and will hold water to the satisfaction of its inspectors, then the council will arrange for the special charter election

at its next meeting. The reason no steps were taken to name the date of election at the meeting last night was that the council felt there might possibly be some legal tangles that needed straightening. Hence the postponement until the attorneys' sanction could be appended to the committee's report.

The irregular manner now in vogue in paying express and freight bills will be remedied if the mayor's message is followed out. The message as read to the council last evening, follows: To the Members of the City Council: I beg to submit for your consideration certain recommendations which I deem it my duty to make at this time.

First, it is my belief that it would be wise, before submitting the proposed charter to the voters of the city for their adoption or rejection, to submit it for final examination to the attorneys for an opinion as to whether its several provisions are in accordance with the fundamental laws of the country, and in case some are not, for information as to how they may be corrected.

The proposed charter has been ably compiled by the special committee appointed for that purpose, and the thanks of this council is due to them for their labors. Expert opinion would, however, I believe, add to its value and help to establish confidence in the minds of those to whom it is to be finally submitted. I would therefore recommend that the city attorney be instructed to employ a consulting attorney, to be selected by the former, and that they two carefully examine the proposed new charter as drafted by the special committee, and that the city attorney return a report to said special committee as soon as possible.

Second, I believe it to be the duty of this council to adopt any and all reasonable measures which will be conducive to expediting the sale of the bonds authorized by the people of this city for the purpose of obtaining a water supply from Beaver creek. I would therefore recommend that a committee be instructed by the council to advertise these bonds for sale at once, pending the adoption of a new charter, such sale to be conditional upon the city legalizing the bonds.

For the same reasons as given above, I would recommend that a committee be instructed to advertise for bids for the contract of constructing the pipe line, etc., for bringing the water from Beaver creek to the city reservoir; and that such advertisements shall ask for bids for a contract under which payment shall be made by the city in cash and also for a contract under which payment shall be made in bonds direct.

I would also suggest to the council that in order that all due expedition may be used the completion of the survey work for the ditch should be carried out soon, as suggested by Councilman Williamson, in order that the exact location of the ditch may be established in the regular way, and right of way matters attended to.

Third, I would recommend the establishment of a contingent fund, from which payment of freight bills, express bills, and such others as require prompt payment may be made. This plan might profitably supplant the irregular one now in use.

Fourth, I would recommend the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting

the burning, or otherwise disposing of rubbish on the streets or alleys within the city.

Fifth, I beg to call the attention of the street committee especially, to the condition of many of the sidewalks. Complaints are continually being made by residents of the city and probably in many cases justly, that sidewalks are unsafe. I would urge upon this committee that they take some decisive action towards the improvement of these conditions at once. The United States postoffice department is about to install the free delivery system in this city, but only on express promise of the executive that all possible would be done to get the sidewalks in good condition, and the house numbering completed. The privilege of making this promise was taken not only with the knowledge that the council desires the enforcement of all ordinances, but with the belief that there will be no reluctance on the part of property owners to co-operate with the street department in an effort to make street improvements general throughout the city. If each property owner will make needed improvements the general result will be such as to convince the most reluctant that it was worth while.

The city council is powerless to achieve good results in street improvements without the co-operation of property owners, unless drastic measures are resorted to. The use of such measures is undesirable in the extreme, if avoidable, as advancement that is not voluntary and in response to a spirit of progressiveness, is not real. The city council may force one step, but cannot force a steady progressiveness.

I would therefore suggest that the street committee give its careful attention to improvement of sidewalks and also that each councilman take an interest in this matter and try to get the property owners in their several wards to co-operate with the council in an effort to improve conditions generally on our streets.

Respectfully submitted, M. K. HALL, Mayor.

## LONDON MOBS ATTACK LONE JEW

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND COMPOSE HOWLING MOB.

With No Other Provocation Than That the Plaintiff is a Jew, Mob Forms Outside of Police Court and Cheers Defendant Who is Released—Lone Jew Worms His Way Out to Freedom—Police Club the Mob and Bloodshed is Averted.

London, July 30.—A mob of 25,000 persons engaged in a monstrous anti-Semitic demonstration outside of the Bow street police station today, cheering for Robert Slevier, who was acquitted of the charge of attempting to

## BIG STICK RAPS COAST OFFICIAL

ROOSEVELT STIRS UP THE RANKS OF IMMIGRATION MEN.

Supposed That Political Decapitations Will Be Numerous and Fearless Over Alleged Combine Existing Between Government Agents and Oriental Smugglers—Toll Charged by Officials to Let Japs and Chinese Into States.

San Francisco, July 30.—The "big stick" in the hands of President Roosevelt is about to swing amid the ranks of the Pacific coast immigration bureau of the government. It is reported that heads, both big and little, will fall in the basket. An investigation which has been going on for over a year under the direction of a special commission named by the president, it is said, revealed the evidence of alleged connivance on the part of immigration agents in smuggling Chinese and Jap coolies across the Mexican border into the United States.

The investigators have the data completed and will make their report to Roosevelt in a short time. The government agents in San Francisco are working on the finishing touches. A staff of Chinese detectives was employed by them. It is further charged that orientals were smuggled under the eyes of the government immigration officers. Prosecutor Heney and Detective Burns are aiding the investigators.

Toll is alleged to have been exacted from each alien crossing the border. Smugglers had an agreement with immigration officers, it is alleged.

blackmail J. B. Joel, the millionaire nephew of the late Barney Barnato, the South African diamond king.

Joel is a Jew, and this was the only provocation for the demonstration. The mob tried to reach Joel, who fought them off and escaped. The angry crowd then knocked down all Jews in sight. A hundred police reserves were summoned, and by using their clubs freely, beat the crowd back. Bloodshed was narrowly averted.

PIPE ARTIST ACTIVE.

Attempts to Dig His Way Out of Jail Before Going to Scaffold.

San Quentin, Cal., July 30.—John Riensen, one of the gas pipe thugs, who will hang tomorrow for a long list of crimes in San Francisco, today is avowedly in a sorry state before he was taken to the death chamber. Guards last night found evidences of a plot to burrow his way out of jail. He secured a nail, gouged out a hole in the wall, replacing the bricks every night so as not to attract attention. Louis Dabner, the other condemned man, was unconcerned.

## Ladies' Undermuslins Greatly Underpriced for This Week.

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### 85c Ladies Gowns 68c

Made in circular and V-shaped yoke, trimmed in lace and embroidery insertions and tucks; extra good values at regular price. Special this week ..... 68c

### \$2.50 Ladies Gown 1.98

Made from fine Nainsook, with square and circular yokes and short sleeves, trimmed with Swiss Embroidery and Silk Ribbons. Special this week at, each ..... \$1.98

### 75c Corset Covers 58c

From fine quality Muslin, trimmed in lace and embroidery insertion, and interlaced with silk ribbons .... 58c

### \$1 Ladies' Muslin Skirts 79c

Made from good quality Muslin, 10-inch embroidery founce, with 8 rows of tucking. Special this week... 79c

### 75c Ladies' Short Skirts 58c

With fine India Linon founces, with clusters of tucks and hemstitched hems. Special ..... 58c

### 50c Ladies Muslin Dra's 39c

From good quality Muslin, with 8-inch founces, tucked and hemstitched; positively worth 60c; this week 39c

## Misses' and Children's Undermuslins at Special Prices This Week

### \$3.00 and \$3.50 Ladies' White Suits

In neat Tailored effects, made from Indian Head Linens. Chose now at only ..... \$2.50



## Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

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