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Little Old Kings and Princes Have to Go 'Way Back and Sit Down.

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Vatican's Ambassador Stirs Only Mild Interest in National Capital.

By F. C. AHL (Western American Bureau) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14— Never in the history of Washington has one man created such a furor...

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there were none sought, save by a few overzealous Catholic reporters, whose scree never saw the linotype machine.

Klan Talk of the Hour On the other hand, the imperial klondike, which corresponds in authority, to the supreme council of the Casays, is the cause for the wildest excitement known to Washington newspaperdom.

Other notables come and are scarcely noticed. The Papal Ambassador arrived with a blare of Roman trumpets and the blase journalist raised his eyes for a moment, took a note or two and went on with his routine.

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Some of the Facts. Anyone can make a filing on water-power sites by paying the filing fee, agreeing to begin construction within a specified time, to develop power within a certain time, etc. The filings are worthless without the means to develop the project, and the capital so far is lacking. It is manifestly absurd, of course, to expect the State to back such an enterprise with the people's money.

Present Companies Competing. The two great power concerns now established in this section, namely, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and the Northwestern Electric, are competing energetically for business expansion and service development, each knowing that only superior service and facilities can its prosperity be increased and its future assured.

What Made the Metropolitan? What made the great city of Portland? Ships and streets, principally the latter. Without the street-car system there would have been no great suburban residence districts, no sale of lots, no metropolitan expansion. The city would have been confined to big village proportions.

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annually and posterity yet must pay the cost. If Mr. Cleaver is aiming at public ownership of power utilities, the people will remember the disasters which attend almost every such experiment—the Seattle street-car ownership, for example. The Stone and Webster concern begged Seattle to let them raise the carfare from 5 to 6 cents, thus to meet the increasing costs of operation. The municipal demagogues and peanut rollers made a political issue out of it, and by popular vote the city took over the car system. Today the fare is 10 cents, the service is wretched, and the losses are piling mountain high. Besides, the property is deteriorating rapidly. It is impossible, according to American experience, to find a group of politicians who can take care of a great utility, publicly owned, and make it either profitable or satisfactory to the people.

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havoc upon the railroads, though without the latter there would be precious little use for the automobile. The jitney routes and stage lines, which rob the railroad of its rightful patronage, always follow the railroad lines. The passenger stages especially are promoting the wreck of the railroad service, as well as being a nuisance and a source of constant peril upon the highways. They should be taxed to the irreducible maximum, if not prohibited, for such competition is ruining the railroads, upon whose maintenance and prosperity the welfare of the nation absolutely depends. The railroad must keep continuously in operation. The jitney and the stage can quit at any time. The same is true of the power companies, which have vast capital invested, giving excellent service at a fair price. The rightful thing to do is to invest in and support the public utilities, giving them the deserved and adequate protection. And the fool-catcher should be set on the trail of every demagogue that yelps in favor of public ownership.

A catch-phrase has demoralized great sections of the world, where the thoughtless and inefficient masses rule through ignorance. It is this: "Everything used in common should be owned in common," and that is the text of the Communist, the Socialist, the Reds of every land. America's best protection is education and common-sense and a calm and patient survey of the woes of other countries which have tried, most fatally, the fallacies of socialism and public ownership.

Cleaver Should Resign. Referring again to Mr. Cleaver's "wholesale power company" scheme, it is necessary to emphasize the fact that the people employ him under the law which requires him to give all his time exclusively to the business of enforcing the prohibition statute, and there is plenty of proof that he is not getting the desired results. His immediate resignation is wanted—in fact, demanded—by many good citizens who gave Governor Pierce strong support, and without whose friendly influence his election would have been impossible.

Utilizing the volunteer help of all other law-enforcing factors, and cooperating with law-abiding citizens everywhere who are eager to aid in stamping out the crimes against the Eighteenth Amendment, the right kind of Prohibition Commissioner soon could make Oregon really DRY, and in doing this work and KEEPING the State dry, at the same time fill the treasury with revenue from fines and forfeitures. It can be made a great source of income, for the cities and the woods yet are full of disgruntled and unscrupulous "wets" who make and sell booze, defiant of the overwhelming public demand for enforcement.

Lacks Qualifications. Commissioner Cleaver has demonstrated fully that he is lacking in the qualifications of a liquor law enforcer, and that he has no idea of practical ways and means of stamping out the liquor outflow in the city of Portland.

It is imperatively necessary for Governor Pierce to appoint a competent Prohibition Commissioner, and to measure his efficiency by the actual conditions, wet or dry, and by the revenue obtained from fines, forfeitures and confiscations.

Mr. Cleaver, as Prohibition Commissioner, won't do. His best friends are declaring this fact. He seems to lack entirely the necessary executive ability, the readiness to get on the job and work, the will to co-operate with others and to exchange experience and advice. He may be a good stock promoter, but as liquor law enforcer he is as much out of place as the proverbial fish out of water. There is abundant proof that his mind is absorbed wholly in the promotion of his hydro-electric scheme, and the "prohibition" duties are merely incidental and of secondary importance, apparently to fill in odd moments.

Former Supporters Aroused. The people who elected Walter M. Pierce as Governor are determined to resist to the uttermost his attempt to foist such a travesty of service upon the taxpayers; they are resolved to see the liquor and narcotic laws enforced, even though it require the jailing of every Jew "rabbi" and would-be-big-wig in Portland, and they are determined that the man who draws the pay of Prohibition Commissioner shall give all of his time and attention to that work, as the law expressly requires.

The Governor, by wisely giving immediate attention to this situation, by transferring Mr. Cleaver to other State work, or removing him from service altogether, still has an opportunity, now rapidly diminishing, to abate the general and serious retail talk and to make the changes required to save his administration from disaster.

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