

PROBE DEMANDED BY SEATTLE FOLK

Municipal League Arranges for Investigation, Invites Participation of Other Bodies.

OFFICIALS SHOW CONCERN

Mayor Gill Announces Willingness to Resign If Council Should Decide After Investigation That He Has Been Derelict.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Anxious by the seriousness of the charge made by Mayor-General H. A. Greene, commanding at Camp Lewis, that a vice syndicate controlled by men "high in authority" flourishes in Seattle, using 2300 disorderly women and rambles and bootleggers as its employees, the Municipal League today appointed a committee to make an investigation, and other civic bodies have been invited to participate in the inquiry that is to cleanse Seattle of its undesirable.

Councilman R. H. Thomson's announcement that he would introduce a resolution at the next meeting of the Council requesting General Greene to submit his evidence and name the men "high in authority" was today endorsed by the other members of the Council and Mayor Gill, himself. Mayor Gill, in an official statement issued today said: "I will quit my office to make way for a man the City Council thinks can better conditions if after an investigation the Council arrives at the conclusion that I have been derelict in my duty in any respect within the means at my command, and so states in a resolution."

The Mayor made this statement after he had expressed approval of the proposed introduction of the Thomson resolution.

Mayor Asks for Authority. He had already transmitted to the Council a communication asking repeal of the present dancehall ordinance to make way for the closing of all places operating on a percentage basis, which includes all dancehalls south of the Yeaser Way and one or two north of Yeaser.

The Mayor's offer to resign if the Council found that he had been derelict in his duty was made also with knowledge of the action of the Municipal League in passing by unanimous vote a resolution calling upon the Council to provide for a complete investigation in co-operation with General Greene and declaring that "it has been fully demonstrated from past experience of the commercial value of them. This ear crops will be judged on the amount of money put in the bank after the harvest. Visitors at the show will not be asked to waste time looking at freak pumpkins or stalks of corn 12 feet high with ears six inches long."

Improvement Appears at Once. The investigating committee of the Seattle Ministers' Federation is using the Greene charges to promote a fight on organized vice, and meetings of women's clubs are being addressed by members of the committee. There has been a marked falling off in the number of disorderly women who are playing their illegal calling on the streets, and a marked quietude prevails in what is known as the South End district.

Councilman Thomson is backed up by all but one member of the Council in his proposed resolution, and the one member favors an investigation by the administrative officers rather than the legislative body. The Mayor and the Chief of Police are standing pat on their first statement that with the machinery at their disposal they are doing everything possible to rid the city of undesirable and make it safe for the soldiers to visit.

GENERAL GREENE UPHELD

(Continued From First Page.) after having spent three weeks in Seattle, where, he says, he continually ran into immorality as he went about his work.

Expert Backs General Greene. Mr. Pilot has made a survey of dozens of cities in this country and also many cities in Europe with reference to vice conditions, and it was through his work that the city of Cleveland finally abolished its red-light district. In Seattle Mr. Pilot was

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working in the interests of the home mission board of the Baptist Church for the establishment of missions in the foreign quarters there.

Authorities Declared Cognizant. "Of course the authorities there, the chief of police and the Mayor, deny that vice exists. This is always the way, but vice does exist there and they know it for they could not help it. If they really believe what they say when they say Seattle is clean, they are the only persons there who do believe so. My work in Seattle was not directly in line with the investigation of vice conditions, but I found that vice exists there, for I ran into it continuously. General Greene seems to have sited it up just about right."

That in all his experience he has never seen city in such close proximity to an army camp as is Tacoma that is so clean morally, according to surface conditions, was Mr. Pilot's declaration to the authorities here, according to Harry Smith, chief of police.

That General Greene's statements regarding the flourishing of vice in Seattle have aroused the Chamber of Commerce of that city to action was indicated today when William Caruthers, district freight and passenger agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, received instructions from the Portland office to provide a special train of 10 cars to carry a committee from that body to Camp Lewis one week from tomorrow.

EDUCATION BIG FEATURE

FREAK DISPLAY WILL NOT BE ENCOURAGED THIS YEAR.

Only Exhibits That Have Positive Educational Value Wanted at Land Products Show.

Nearly every exhibit at the Manufacturers' and Land Products Show, which will open to the public at the Auditorium Saturday night, will be of educational value. The displays of farm produce, apples, potatoes and grains, the displays of butter and cheese, all will tell a story of scientific agriculture, of progressive farming methods employed in Oregon. The displays will be headed by the magnificent showing of the Oregon Agricultural College, which will carry back to the men and women on the land the latest and best information about soil culture and crop improvement. In addition the collecting work will show the best methods of food conservation.

REO DEALER PROTESTS

MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT IS ALLEGED BY LOCAL AGENT.

Manager of Northwest Auto Company Causes Arrest of John Fletcher Under New Advertising Law.

John Fletcher was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Phillips on a warrant charging him with a violation of the law passed at the 1917 session of the Legislature, prohibiting deceptive and misleading advertising. The complaint was made by C. M. Menzies, manager of the Northwest Auto Company, and Mr. Fletcher will be given a hearing in the District Court.

WEIGHT MINIMUM REVISED

Interstate Commerce Commission Grants Request of Lumbermen.

Petitions for a revision of minimum weights on lumber from the Pacific coast territory to the East, recently made to the Interstate Commerce Commission, have been granted, according to advices received here yesterday.

WATER SHORTAGE ALARMS

Dallas Consumers Asked to Use Sparingly of Supply.

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The Dallas water supply has been diminishing at such an alarming rate the past few days that Superintendent W. L. Soehren has issued warnings to consumers to use as little water as possible until after a thorough investigation has been made.

Kollok Funeral Held.

The funeral of the late Frederick N. Kollok was held yesterday afternoon at the chapel of J. F. Finley & Son, Rev. J. E. H. Simpson officiating. The pallbearers were J. S. Campbell, Lydel Baker, E. S. Jackson, A. E. Lounsberry and J. L. Miller. The body was placed in the River View Abbey Mausoleum. Mr. Kollok is survived by his wife and two sons, J. K. and L. R. Kollok.

Washington Times Starts Anew.

WASHINGTON, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The Washington Times, the weekly paper of this place which ceased publication a month ago, is now being issued by Charles B. Hodgin as publisher and owner. Mr. Hodgin comes from Portland and is an experienced newspaper man. The paper is about double in size and is up to date in every respect. The circulation has already increased materially.

GILL IS CENSURED BY HIGH ROTARIAN

Visitor From Tacoma Says Election of New Mayor Might Assist in Clean-Up.

CANTONMENT TALK MADE

Ralph H. Shaffer Is on Committee Spending \$1,000,000 to Provide Amusement for Soldiers—G. C. Mason Tells of Buildings.

At the conclusion of an address on cantonment matters at the noon luncheon of the Rotary Club in the crystal room of Hotel Benson yesterday, Ralph H. Shaffer, governor of the Fifteenth District of Rotary Clubs, expressed the hope that Seattle "will soon be cleaned up, preferably by the election of a new Mayor." He was loudly cheered.

Mr. Shaffer, whose headquarters are at Tacoma, was speaking on cantonment life at American Lake and had told how vast the problems are, especially as to safeguarding the morals of the soldiers and in providing wholesome amusements. As an example of the size of the tasks set for performance at Camp Lewis, commanded by Major-General Greene, he told of an order of the War Department instructing that an amusement feature be installed at an expense of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Shaffer explained how hard the people of Tacoma, including officials and civilians, have worked to clean up the city and keep it clean. He said he felt they had succeeded well, for "there are very few beggars working there and we have no restricted or vice district, and we have been making it hot for all underworld characters."

Mr. Shaffer declared that there is duty for every citizen to perform in the war, as respecting the soldiers. It requires the best thought of good people, he declared, to work out the serious problems of cantonment life, and he asked for the co-operation of the Rotary Club of Portland in the matter of suggestions for improvements of the life of Camp Lewis.

Conditions are good in Tacoma now," said Mr. Shaffer, and I understand are good in Portland. From what I know of your Mayor, they're not going to slip anything over that Baker fellow. But in Seattle things are bad. We hope they will be cleaned up, but I hope they will be cleaned up by a new Mayor over there. I speak as a fearless Rotarian; I would not be a good Rotarian were I afraid to express my thoughts on political issues."

George C. Mason, of the Hurley-Mason Company, which built the Camp Lewis cantonment in record time, told the members of the club of the difficulties under which the cantonment was constructed and of its immensity and of the pride his firm felt in having the honor of building the soldier city practically over night.

Mr. Shaffer alluded to the contracting firm in his address, quoting Army engineers as saying it was the first cantonment to be completed and that "Mr. Mason was the genius behind the great success of the construction work."

Mr. Shaffer is governor of the largest Rotary district in the world. It includes Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. With the assistance of the Portland club, he expects to establish a branch in Juneau next May.

DAMAGE ACTIONS FILED

Three Men Seek Monetary Settlement for Alleged Injuries.

Suits for the recovery of damages aggregating \$38,000 were filed yesterday in the Circuit Court. The Oregon Trunk Railway Company is defendant in a suit brought by C. C. Noyes, who claims that while employed in the company's yards at Bend July 19 he was thrown off a train and suffered serious injuries. He asks for \$25,000.

Alleging that he received injuries when he fell from a 40-foot pole last July, M. H. Gaston is suing his former employer, Edward Keep, for \$7500.

CHARLES PROVO IS BURIED

Former Portland Man Drowned While Fishing Near Clifton, Or.

ILWACO, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The funeral of Charles Provo, who was killed last August, was held here yesterday.

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was drowned near Clifton, Or., last Monday, was held here Sunday. Services were conducted at the Methodist Church by Rev. J. Thomas Cowley, pastor, and were attended by a large crowd.

Preceded by the Sons of Veterans' flag, carried by Chief of Police Taft, the procession was escorted by Woodmen of the World, who acted as pallbearers. Rev. Claude H. Cowdy, pastor of the Chinook Methodist Church, assisted in the services at the church and cemetery.

Mr. Provo was a son of Columbus J. and Elizabeth Provo and was born in Portland. He had lived here for many years.

He is survived by his mother, two brothers, George and Fay, both of whom are in the Army, the former at Vancouver, while Fay is in Texas; a sister, Mrs. Ella Ford, of Portland.

MORE STUDENTS NEEDED

HOME SERVICE COURSE OF RED CROSS IN OPERATION.

Social Service Training Under Direction of Dr. Paul H. Douglas, of Reed College Faculty.

More students and workers are needed for the home service course just opening at the Portland Institute of the American Red Cross, which is affiliated with Reed College.

Dr. Paul H. Douglas, in charge of the course, said last night that another dozen students could be taken into his class, and that there is increasing need for this kind of workers to carry on the civilian relief service among the families of the soldiers and sailors who have been called to the colors.

"The course began yesterday," said Dr. Douglas, "but we can continue to take more students until the end of the week and by a little extra work the students who miss the first few days of the course can catch up. The course is a very valuable one to any man or woman intending to do social service work of any kind. There will be no charge, except the registration fee of \$1."

Besides the study, lectures and discussions there will be practical field work for the students. The course covers six weeks. Those satisfactorily completing the course will be given American Red Cross diplomas for this branch of the service.

Those wishing to enter the class should apply at 204 Corbett building, or directly to Dr. Douglas, at Reed College. Students taking the course will be required to give approximately one-half their time to service under the local Red Cross chapter for one year following their graduation.

CHINESE TO SAVE FOOD

EUGENE ORIENTAL SIGNS ONE OF PLEDGE CARDS WILLINGLY.

"Germany No Good; Kee Fight for America All Time," Patriotic Noodle House Man Says.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—A daughter of one of the prominent Danish residents of Lane County, working as a volunteer in the food conservation campaign, today signed up Wing Kee, proprietor of the Eugene China Noodle House, as a member of the United States Food Administration, in the war against Germany.

The young woman was Miss Esther Neilson, daughter of Rev. A. S. Neilson. She was one of 90 high school students who made a complete canvass of the city today, distributing the food pledge cards.

She had trouble making Kee, whose American name is Westfall, understand. Finally she told him it was to save food for the soldiers in France. He took the card and signed "Wing Kee Westfall."

"Germany no good; Kee fight for America all the time," he said. "We work together."

Kee's wife is known as Mrs. Ho, she is a member of the Eugene branch of the Red Cross and goes to headquarters twice each week to knit for the soldiers.

ADULTS' FEE INCREASED

Pennies Not To Become Ticket Buying Medium at Hippodrome.

The penny is not to become a medium of ticket buying at the Hippodrome Theater. Instead of an admission increase of from 1 to 2 cents to take care of the new war revenue admission tax, Manager W. W. Ely announces that prices will remain stationary with the exception of a 5-cent increase for adults.

Matinees remain at 10 cents, with a 15-cent charge for children evenings, as at present. Adults who pay 15 cents per ticket will pay 20 cents commencing tomorrow. Box tickets will be an extra nickel, or 30 cents.

This change in admission charges means that adults who attend shows in the evenings, Sundays and holidays may pay their own war tax and the 1-cent tax on the 10-cent matinee fee, and the 2-cent charge for children at other times.

Land Board May Release Bond.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The Desert Land Board today agreed to allow the release of a \$50,000 bond, held to guarantee the completion of the Paisley project by the Northwest Townsite Company, providing sufficient securities are placed in the hands of the Board to give assurance that settlers who have invested in the project will be reimbursed. State Engineer Lewis was named to investigate the status of the settlers and ascertain the amount of securities necessary to protect them.

Robber Flees on Motorcycle.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The robber who held up the officers of the First National Bank at Springfield yesterday and escaped with \$405 is believed to be headed north on a motorcycle stolen here today. The machine is a 1917 model, with license number

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CKs. The machine had gasoline enough in the tank sufficient for about 75 miles.

Forest Examiner Faces Blizzard.

From an inspection of new masonry lookout stations built recently at Anvil Rock, in the Rainier Park, and at Klona Peak, in the mountainous region, Forest Examiner W. H. Osborne, Jr., arrived yesterday at the United States Forestry Office in Portland, from which he works. He reports that he encountered a severe blizzard during his stay at Anvil Rock, which

is located high on the side of Mount Rainier.

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