

GILL DISBARMENT FIGHT STARTS TODAY

Seattle Mayor Faces Gravest
Crisis—Big Legal Bat-
tle Is Pending.

APPEAL TO COURT LIKELY

Accused Man's Present Vicissitude
Comes on Eve of Campaign
Which He Hopes Will Re-
sult in His Re-election.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Chronological pen are ready to swing into a new chapter on the spectacular political career of Mayor Hiram C. Gill.

On the eve of the beginning of the city majority campaign, in which he has announced he will figure as a candidate for re-election, the battle-scarred Seattle executive tomorrow morning will once again step on the official carpet to answer to charges of misconduct in office.

This time he is to be tried before the State Board of Bar Examiners, together with the other members of his law firm, Hays, R. Hoyt, H. R. Frye and James G. Haley, all of whom face disbarment.

Able Counsel Retained.
With Attorney-General W. V. Tanner scheduled personally to examine the witnesses for the state and with each of the accused lawyers retaining counsel of wide reputation and experience, a bitter legal battle is impending.

Arthur W. Davis, of Spokane, will be chairman of the board of bar examiners at the hearing.

Robert C. Saunders, of Seattle, regularly appointed chairman of the board, has given way to Davis on the ground that he wanted completely to put down any suggestion that the proceedings would carry any tinge of unfairness or prejudice on account of local interest or understanding of conditions.

Rowland on Board.

Besides Saunders and Davis the other member of the board to try Gill and his law partner is Dix H. Rowland, of Tacoma.

It was the filing of the disbarment proceedings against Gill that prompted him to announce his candidacy for re-election, though he has not yet filed for the office. He charges that the proceeding "is the latest move of jobbery and trickery concocted by my enemies to kill me."

Though Gill claims he will run for re-election, many political wisacres believe he will never file. Others contend that there will not be the slightest question that if the board of bar examiners disbar Gill he will immediately file his candidacy for re-election.

The charges against Gill say that, despite his assertions to the contrary, he is a member of the law firm of Gill, Hoyt, Frye & Haley; that he continues through the firm to represent and defend clients of an objectionable class; that he permits the use of his name as an inducement to persons to employ that firm; that persons whose business requires them to be in business with the police department were attracted to membership in the Merchants' Protective Corporation by the prominent display of his name; that the corporation has no business save that of promoting the interests of the law firm and that of the corporation's owners.

Use of Names Alleged.

The charges against the other members of the firm are that they knowingly permitted the use of their names by the solicitors of the Merchants' Protective Corporation in getting new clients who were afterwards clients to the lawyers. The state law prohibits the solicitation of law business.

It was shortly after Mayor-General H. A. Greene, commander of Camp Lewis, put the military ban on Seattle that the Merchants' Protective Corporation came to general public notice. Greene charged that persons "high in authority" were interested in conditions existing here which he condemned. Membership cards were found in places frowned on by General Greene and in many alleged soft-drink parlors and poolrooms.

Free Consultation Furnished.

Reading of the membership certificates will show that a member "is entitled to legal advice and consultation on all business or private matters, without charge, at the office of the attorneys retained by and at the expense of the corporation for the period of one year from date," and "members are defended in all civil and criminal actions brought against them at any time in police or justice of the peace courts of the city without charge by our attorneys."

The cost of one year's membership was \$10, and the card informed the members that the attorneys for the corporation were Hiram C. Gill, Heber D. Hunt, H. R. Frye and James G. Haley.

Highest Court to be Invoked.

Demand recently made by a committee representing various Seattle and religious organizations for the impeachment of Mayor Gill, which were rejected by the City Council after a hearing, were largely based on Gill's alleged connections with the Merchants' Protective Corporation.

Should the state board of bar examiners vote to disbar Gill, the Mayor says he will take the fight to "the highest court in the land."

It is expected that the hearing, which opens tomorrow, will last for more than a week.

CHEHALIS SOLDIER BURIED

William Pratt Dies Suddenly While at Allentown, Pa.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The body of William Pratt, a former Chehalis man, who died while with Company M, Fourth Battalion, 20th Regiment, United States Engineers, stationed at Allentown, Pa., arrived here Friday evening. The funeral was held Sunday. A squad of Camp Lewis soldiers attended the funeral, and music was furnished by the Chehalis Concert Band.

Mr. Pratt was 27 years of age. He is survived by a brother and his mother, Mrs. Emily Pratt, of Littell.

Mr. Pratt died suddenly, according to a letter received here from a member of his company.

Trevino Bishop Thanks Red Cross

HEADQUARTERS ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 6.—Hon. signor Longhini, Bishop of Trevino, has addressed to the American Red Cross a letter of warm thanks for the generous assistance given to the refugees from the Trevino diocese and the relief for the victims of the Austro-German air raids.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Suits--Raincoats--Overcoats

For Men and Young Men

This is no special purchase for sale purposes. No season-end accumulations of odd sizes and left-over stock. Nor is it a rag-tag collection of clothes of doubtful pedigree. It has been arranged by us for the single purpose of disposing as quickly as possible of clothing purchased in anticipation of a rising market. It is in-

augurated in the midst of a season which has no equal for high prices, for rising markets and for merchandising shortages. It offers clothing of known merit and highest reputation at absolutely remarkable reductions. We believe it is better merchandising to sell goods quickly at this time rather than hold them on the chance of a speculative profit through enhancement of value.

1000 Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats Will Be Sold at the Following Reduced Prices:

\$15.00 Suits Now **\$12.00**

\$18.00 Suits Now **\$14.00**

\$20.00 Suits Now **\$16.00**

\$22.50 Suits Now **\$18.00**

\$25.00 Suits Now **\$20.00**

\$27.50 Suits Now **\$22.00**

\$30.00 Suits Now **\$24.00**

\$35.00 Suits Now **\$26.00**

Staple Blues, Blacks and Oxfords 10 Per Cent Off

Buy Now for Your Future Requirements

PHEGLEY & CAVENDER Corner Fourth and Alder Sts.

CARDINAL IS HOST

Msgr. Gibbons Holds Annual
New Year's Reception.

NUMEROUS UNIFORMS SEEN

In Sermon Guidance Is Asked for
President and Downfall of Some
European Nations Is Pre-
dicted by Prelate.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 6.—In the presence of a great throng of persons, Cardinal Gibbons preached in the Cathedral this morning. After the mass he held his annual New Year's reception in his home and the leading men and women of the city called to wish him the joys of the season.

The Cardinal preached on "The Perpetuity of the Christian Republic," and declared that the people of the country have an abiding faith in President Wilson.

He said in part: "Let us pray that Divine assistance guide, direct, mold and fashion the actions of the President of the United States and that the way will be shown to a speedy, permanent and preferable peace."

"The most violent opponents of religion have been the princes of the world, even so-called Christian princes. The church saw the rise and fall of European nations in the past. Perhaps it will yet see the decay of others and chant their requiem."

Never has Cardinal Gibbons' annual New Year's reception been more widely attended than the one he held today. The most notable feature was the number of uniforms shown among the visitors.

DEMOCRACY IS AT STAKE

PEACE TERMS SECONDARY, SAYS
EX-PRESIDENT TAFT.

War Can End Satisfactorily Only When

World Realizes Military Con-
spiracies Must All Fail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Peace can come only after every nation is convinced that all military conspiracies against the peace of the world are foredoomed to failure, ex-President Taft declared in an address on "The Great War" in Brooklyn today.

"Peace is not a question of terms," he added. "Mr. Lloyd George says Germany must cede Alsace and Lorraine before the war can end. There is much to support what he says, because the 40 years' rule of the provinces by Germany has failed to avert the people's allegiance to France."

"We must convince Germany that she is beaten and it may be that the ceding of Alsace and Lorraine would be a marked standard of her defeat. But, after all, terms are secondary; we must be sure that democracy shall be protected from militaristic conspiracy for the future."

PLOT DECEIVES ITALIANS

GERMANS CIRCULATE NEWSPAPERS
WITH FALSE NEWS.

Just Prior to Attack of Teutons 2000
Austrians "Desert" and Declare
Soldiers Ready for Peace.

WRIGHTSTOWN, N. J., Jan. 6.—Newspapers printed in Italian by the Germans containing fictitious news, were circulated among the Italian soldiers previous to the Austro-German drive that overwhelmed Northern Italy, and had much to do in lessening the resistance of the defenders, declared James Whitmore, a member of the war

council of the Y. M. C. A., in an ad-

dress to the soldiers at Camp Dix today. Mr. Whitmore, who recently returned from Europe, said that German propagandists had been working among the Italian army three months before the big drive. He said he had talks with one of the Italian officers, formerly a New York contractor, who told him he had been led to believe the war was about over, as representatives of the allies and the central powers were to meet in Switzerland to talk peace.

A few days later, he continued, 2000 Austrians "deserted" from their army and came over to the Italian army, telling the soldiers that Austria was ready for peace and that if their officers should order them to shoot at the Italians they would refuse to carry out the orders, if the Italians made a similar agreement.

On the day before the drive newspapers purporting to have come from Italian towns began arriving in the camp, the speaker said. These papers had every indication of having been printed "back home," even to the usual advertisements. In the papers were accounts of women and children rioting in various parts of Italy and of French soldiers shooting them down. He said the men had no way of knowing that these papers were part of the German plot.

Mr. Whitmore said he believed that the "news" made the Italian soldiers put up little or no opposition when the drive was made on the first line.

MUSICAL COMEDY GOOD

MIKE AND IKE FEATURE LYRIC
SHOW THIS WEEK.

Musical and Dancing Numbers by Rose-

bud Chorus and Rialto Four Are
Up to Usual Standard.

Dillon and Frank, as Mike and Ike, are the center of attraction this week at the Lyric in "The Founders," a musical comedy which is being staged at the Lyric Theater this week.

Mike and Ike have been caught in a gambling raid on the Young Men's Temperance Club, and as a consequence they had to spend the night in jail. After putting up the necessary bail they were released and ordered to appear in court for trial.

Ike is in the worst predicament, for he had made all arrangements to marry a dashing young widow the next afternoon. She hates gamblers and rounders of all sorts, so if she discovers the predicament of her husband-to-be, the game is up.

Mike and Ike register under fictitious names at the police station, but are pursued by the officers of the law. They thought of all sorts of schemes to escape punishment, which were the source of much amusement. Ike, as a final thought, declared he has been called away to war. Plans for the wedding are completed, and the ceremony is being solemnized when the constable appears and grabs him. He is marched off to jail while Mike escapes.

The clever sayings of these two comedians were the inspiration for many laughs.

The musical and dancing numbers by the Rosebud chorus and the Rialto Four were up to their usual high standard. Some of the songs which were especially good were, "Over the Hills to Mary," "Sierra Sue" and "They're All Going Into the Movies."

EARL READING ACCEPTABLE

London Observer Says Americans
Will Like New Ambassador.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Sunday Observer says, in regard to the appointment of a British Ambassador to the United States:

"It is assumed that Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, accepting the office in the public interest and at considerable sacrifice, will be the new Ambassador to the United States. It is known that his appointment will be particularly acceptable to President Wilson and the American people."

Rotary Club to Entertain.

Tomorrow evening will be "Ladies' night" for the Rotary Club, and the club will celebrate the occasion with a dinner-dance in the crystal room at the Benson Hotel. The dinner will start at 6:30 o'clock and will be informal.

U. S. LABOR TO RALLY

Fight Against Anti-American
Activity Planned.

LOYALTY WEEK CALL OUT

Patriotic Demonstrations Will Be
Held in Connection With Cele-
bration of Lincoln's Birth-
day Anniversary.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A proclamation calling for the observance of a National labor loyalty week in connection with the celebration of Lincoln's birthday, with the additional purpose of "combating the insidious forces of pro-German and anti-American propaganda," was issued today by the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy.

Copies were sent to the alliance's branches and all central labor bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Labor over all the country.

"The proclamation was signed by Samuel Gompers as president of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy."

All to Participate.

"Organized workers in communities where there is no local branch of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy," the proclamation stated, "should take upon themselves the duty of arranging mass meetings and demonstrations for loyalty week and particularly on Lincoln's birthday, to the end that the workers in such communities may not be deprived of the inspiration of such demonstrations and to the further end that branches of the alliance may be organized for the permanent work of combating the insidious forces of pro-German and anti-American propaganda."

Robert Maisel, director of the alliance, declared:

"We purpose to make this Loyalty week demonstration one of the most powerful blows yet dealt at enemy propaganda in America."

Many Meetings to Be Held.
It is planned to distribute during the week millions of pages of loyalty literature and on Lincoln's birthday not less than 500 mass meetings will be held throughout the United States.

In some localities it is expected, there will be continuous demonstrations during the week.

Grain Handling Considered.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 6.—The Colfax

Commercial Club will co-operate with a

committee of farmers in the matter of grain handling in bulk and building elevators. The club has appointed J. E. Nozley, Fred Rodgers and Senator Oliver Hall to meet with the farmers.

UNIFORMS SOLD TO ANYONE

Merchants Make No Efforts to Dis-
cover if Customers Are in Army.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Evidence of the indiscriminate sale of United States Army uniforms by merchants who buy them from push-cart peddlers and manufacturers, has come into the possession of District Attorney Swann in connection with an inquiry he is conducting with the United States Quartermaster's Corps in this city, he said tonight. In a letter to Attorney-General Gregory, which he made public, Mr. Swann said:

"These merchants sell to any persons who are willing to pay the price of the uniform."

It also developed today that thousands of Army overcoats on sale in stores have been commandeered by United States Army officers to relieve a shortage of these garments in the National Army.

District Attorney Swann, in his letter, said that J. J. Reynolds, a merchant, had testified that he retailed uniforms at \$14 each, and that the merchants "make no effort to discover whether the customers for these uniforms are in the service or not."

"Recently many crimes have been committed in this county by criminals wearing military uniforms," the letter continued, "and I am led to believe that they are not in the Government service, but criminals who use the honorable livery of the United States Army in order to facilitate them in committing crimes."

CITY MANAGER PLAN URGED

Aberdeen Mayor Takes Same Stand
as Predecessors.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The managerial form of city government is recommended for Aberdeen in a public statement made by Mayor Roy Sargent, who after eight months as Mayor says he is convinced that the manager plan will result in economy.

He recommends a charter that will provide for six Councilmen to be elected from the city at large, and these six to elect a manager at a good salary. The plan has been endorsed by J. W. Parks, E. B. Benn and J. M. Phillips, the three preceding Mayors.

Lodgemen to Aid Drive.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 6.—Knights of Columbus will begin their war-fund drive here on January 7. The campaign will continue for five days. R. P. Biglow, of the Colfax State Bank, is chairman of the committee.

NEW YORK GETS COAL

BARGES CARRYING 35,000 TONS TIE
UP TO CITY'S DOCKS.

Warmer Weather Brings Relief to Res-

idents of Metropolis and Fuel Ad-
ministration Thinks Crisis Passed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Ninety-two barges laden with approximately 35,000 tons of coal were tied up to docks in New York City today and, coupled with warmer weather, assured relief for the city's population from cold and scarcity of fuel which it had undergone for more than a week. Fuel administration officials, while admitting that a shortage in coal probably would continue for some time, predicted that the critical period had passed.

More than 48,000 tons of coal was brought to New Jersey terminals during the day. Prospects are for continued moderate weather, the weather bureau said.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Conditions resulting from the shortage of coal were greatly improved in this city today. More than 28,000 tons of anthracite had been received up to 6 P. M. and heavy shipments of bituminous were reported. Retail dealers kept their yards open all day.

Case of Scarletina Stirrs.

NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Owing to the appearance of a case of scarletina here the schools

today were thoroughly fumigated. The health officer says the disease was brought to North Bend by children of Marshfield, who, excluded from the picture shows in their own town, have come to this city to visit the movies. This is the first case of the disease reported in North Bend.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

VICTOR RECORDS

For January
ARE HERE

It makes no difference where you purchased your Victrola or Phonograph, you will be welcome at our store. Here you will find new fea-

tures in record service—new, clean, bright, well-ventilated record rooms—competent, attentive, courteous salespeople.

Victrolas \$20 to \$325.

Easy Payment Terms.

G. F. Johnson Piano Co.

149 SIXTH ST. NEAR ALDER.

PACKARD-MERLIN-BOND PIANOS.

Correcting error in Sunday morning paper, our ad should have been Blouses instead of Dresses.

**On Monday Morning
at 9 o'Clock**



We shall place on sale, to clear them quickly, about one hundred and fifty Blouses. Many of them are the kind every woman loves—the Frenchy kind, for many of them are copies of Paris models. Some of them are all hand made.

Tiny tucks, which require days for skillful girls with deft fingers and needle to make. But after all—aside from quality—it's the price that counts, and at these sale prices I can see now the throngs of buyers at that display table.

One Lot of Blouses, now at . . . \$16.50

(Formerly to \$27.50 and \$28.50)

One Lot of Blouses, now at . . . \$12.45

(Formerly to \$22.50 and \$25.00)

One Lot of Blouses, now at . . . \$ 7.50

(Formerly to \$15.00 and \$18.50)

One Lot of Blouses, now at . . . \$ 4.95

(Formerly to \$6.50 and \$11.50)

At ½ Price the SUITS

Are Going

At \$9.95 we will clear out a lot Dresses.

(Some of them sold \$18 to \$25)

All Other Dresses and Gowns Greatly

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Final Reductions on All COATS

The Settles Shop

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Keeping Business on a Level

Would it be any satisfaction to you in these times if you could put some of your money into the great National fund held by the Federal Reserve Banking System which is standing back of and steadying the business interests of the country?

You can do it by depositing your money with us, as we in turn keep part of it on deposit with our Federal reserve bank, where it will be ready for you when needed.

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1859.