

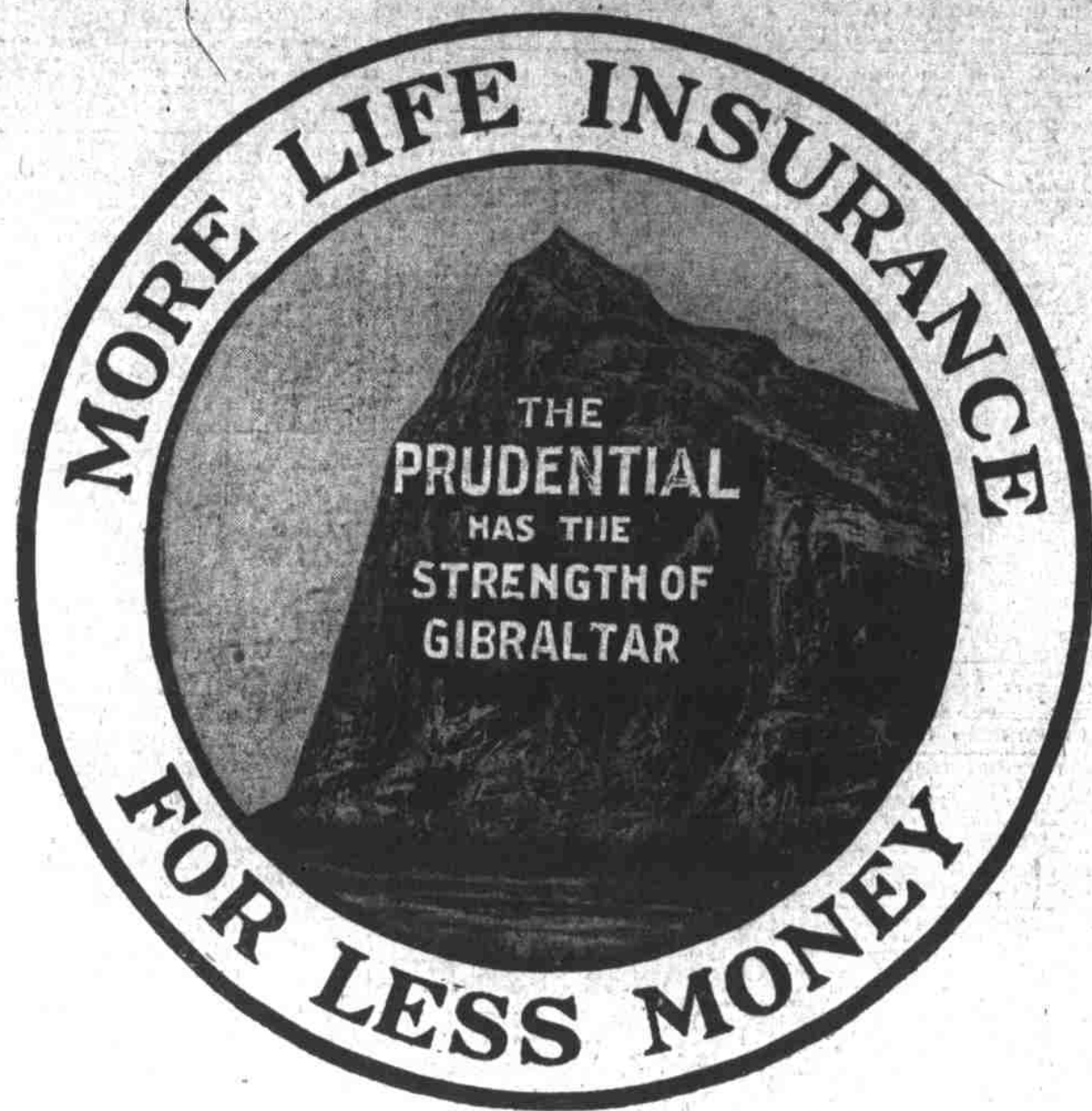
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### SPECIFICATIONS HELD FAULTY

#### Concrete Experts Uphold Mayor's Contention on E. 28th Street Bridge.

Mayor Lane's policy in refusing to accept the East Twenty-eighth street bridge was vindicated last night when the report of the special bridge committee appointed by him to inspect the structure was submitted to the executive board. This committee, for which the council appropriated a fee of \$500, is composed of experts in the use of reinforced concrete. They are W. A. Grondahl, R. L. Donald and J. W. Moffatt. The report recommended that the bridge be not accepted at the present time, and it was adopted.

Reasons given for this recommendation are that the south abutment is cracked clear through and may fall at any moment; that the main girders may have sunk, owing to weak construction; that the parapet is out of line and cracked in many places; that the hand railing of the bridge will deteriorate because the specifications were not adhered to; that the floor slabs are far too light and the face and wing walls entirely inadequate; that the quality of concrete used in the columns was inferior owing to the contractor's inexperience; that the uncertain position of the reinforcement renders it difficult to ascertain the strength of the columns, and that the contractor departed from the lines of good building practice; that the construction was faulty throughout, although in the main specifications were followed and therefore the city will have to pay for the bridge.

The experts found particular fault with the specifications as furnished by the city to the contractor. They declare that deplorable lack of foresight was used by the designers, who, they say, did not anticipate the heavy traffic of the future. The floor slabs are especially weak and the city will have to limit the loading strain permissible on the spans.

City Engineer Taylor still thinks the bridge is a good one and thinks that the only question will be the result of a difference of opinion between the examining experts and the designers.

Attorney L. A. McNary, for the Northwest Bridge company, which built the bridge, asked for a copy of the expert committee's report. The mayor ordered that one be given to the company.

### SALMON CONFERENCE COMES TO AN END

After short addresses from almost all of those present at the conference of salmon fishermen and legislators held at the Cornwell hotel yesterday, the meeting adjourned last evening after adopting resolutions proposing that the spring season extend from March 1 to May 1; that there be a closed season from August 20 to September 10. The resolutions also thanked Governor Mead of Washington and the members of the fisheries commission for the interest they were taking in trying to satisfy the needs of the fishermen of the Columbia river. F. A. Seufert of the Dalles drew up the resolutions, which were vigorously opposed by Ed Rosenburg of Astoria.

The legislative committee from Washington reported today at a meeting of all the members of the commission held at Seattle, as to the resolutions passed at the conference yesterday.

### WILL DEBATE ON SOCIALISM

#### Walter Thomas Mills Accepts Challenge of Barnhill to Verbal Combat.

John Basil Barnhill arrived in Portland yesterday from San Francisco, where he has been engaged in a series of debates with Professor McDevitt, formerly of the Washington State university, on the subject of Socialism. Mr. Barnhill has made Socialism a special study both in this country and in Europe, and has for some years been very active in the anti-Socialist propaganda. He has debated with Debs, Thompson, McGraw and other leaders of the Socialist movement in this country.

Last night he challenged Walter Thomas Mills, who is just now engaged in giving a series of lectures at the Masonic temple, for a joint debate in this city. The challenge was accepted and the Y. M. C. A. hall has been secured for Friday evening, December 18. The subject for discussion will be, "Resolved, That Socialism is the only remedy for the trust, the panic and the unemployed."

Mr. Mills' address at the new Masonic temple last night was on the trusts in which he contended that society must take its choice and either organize all the producers of the world into practical cooperative relations with each other so far as employed in the monopolized industries, or submit to conditions which will make all men the helpless and hopeless victims of these private monopolies. It is understood that the points of this address will be challenged by Mr. Barnhill in the debate of next Friday night at the Y. M. C. A. hall.

The last of the Masonic temple addresses will be given tonight by Mr. Mills, his subject being: "Either despotism or democracy, both in the workshop and at the ballot box."

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### FULLER FAILS TO CONVINC BOARD

#### Contract Is Let for Paving Belmont Street With Bitulithic.

Despite the protestations of F. I. Fuller, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, last night the city executive board by a unanimous vote let the contract for paving Belmont street with bitulithic, from East Fortieth to East Sixty-second, to the Pacific Bridge company. The cost of the new improvement will be \$86,000. The railroad magnate warned the board that his company would fight the city to the last in an effort to protect what he called the rights of the corporation to pave its share of streets with material no more costly than that used in the other property owners' portions.

The letting of the contract forces the traction people to lay Belgian blocks on its part of Belmont street. Mr. Fuller said it is unjust and unfair to expect the company to pay for the expensive blocks while the rest of the street is assessed for the comparatively inexpensive bitulithic, and that the railroad would have to pay \$57,000 of the entire cost of the street while it only used less than one third of it.

**Effective in Thirty Days.**  
City Attorney Kavanaugh holds that the ordinance passed by the council at its last session when only two members voted against it was beaten as an emergency ordinance but will become a law after 30 days. This will make the bill which rescinded proceedings on the improvement of Belmont. Before the city attorney made this ruling Mayor Lane had declared the ordinance dead. Vice President Fuller wanted the executive board to wait until the council could again take action.

Several property owners were given the privilege of the floor, and they urged the board to wait no longer but to let the contract immediately. They showed that the cost of putting in the blocks would be only \$4000 more to the railroad company and City Engineer Taylor declared that the improvement would be worth that much to the company on account of the longer wear it will give.

**Seven Years of Effort.**  
"This Rip Van Winkle business ought to be discontinued," said Mr. Newell of the board. "These people have been trying to secure a hard surface pavement on Belmont street for seven years and they ought to have it. It is true that the railroad may have to pay \$4000 more for stone blocks than for bitulithic but it is also true that other property owners may have to pay more than that if new proceedings are begun on Belmont street."

After the contract had been let Mayor Lane turned toward some of the residents who had appeared to fight for the immediate improvement of their street and said he wished to know that every one of them would be sorry that they had secured the hard surface. "Traffic will be diverted from all the nearby thoroughfares to Belmont street," said he, "and you will have to wade through mud in gum boots to cross it in wet weather."

**Royalties to Visit Spain.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Madrid, Dec. 12.—The Madrid press announces that King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the German emperor, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, and possibly the king of Portugal will visit the king and queen of Spain next year. It is added that the visits of King Edward and Queen Alexandra and of the German emperor will take place at a northern Spanish port.

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