

Humps, Hollows and Jagged Holes in City's Streets

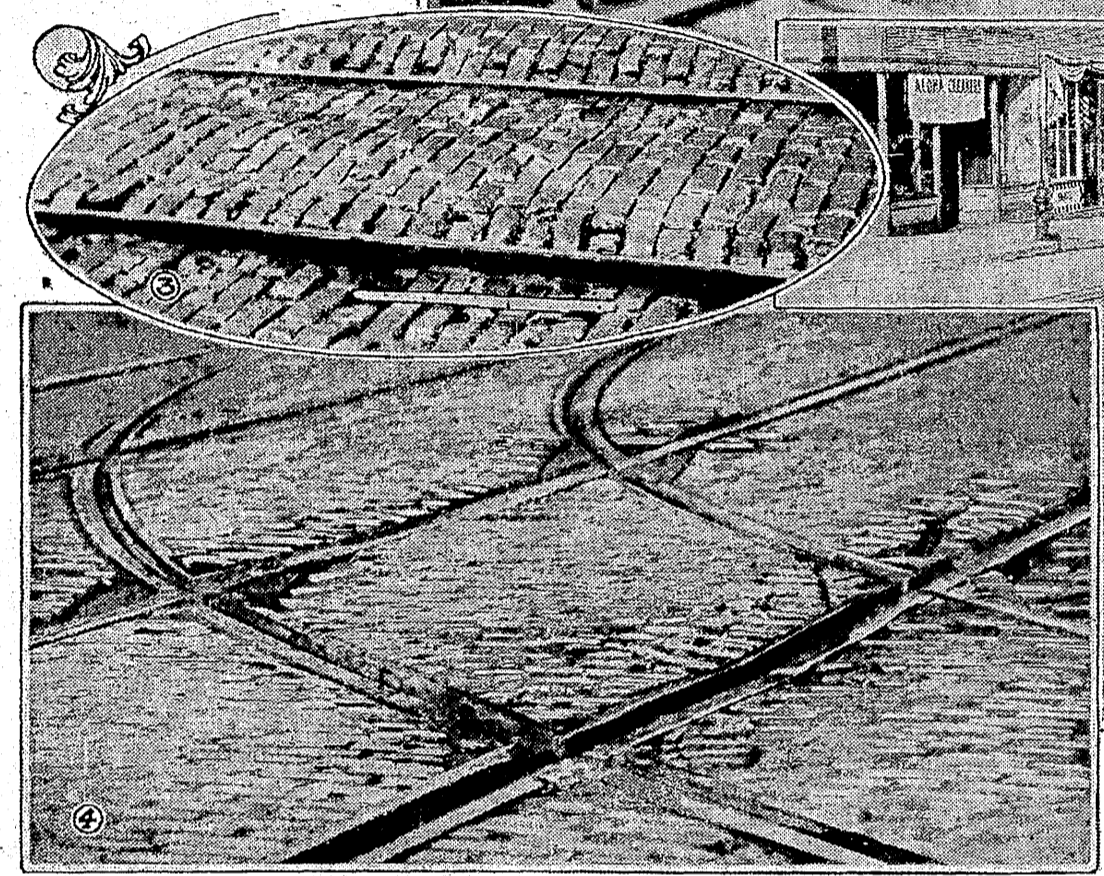
BAD SPOTS IN SOME OF SEATTLE'S MAIN BUSINESS THOROUGHFARES

TO ALIEN SLACKERS LOSE U. S. RIGHTS

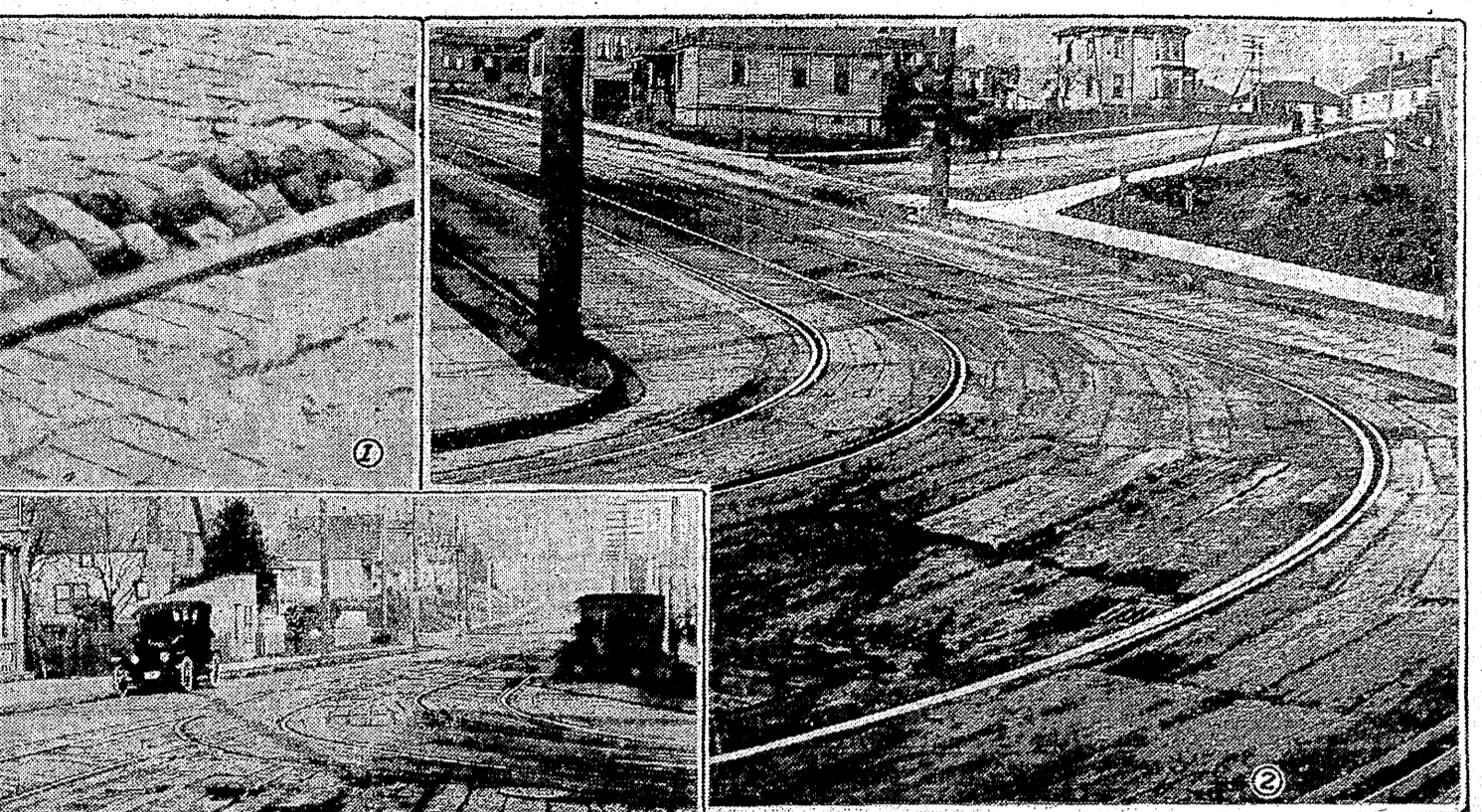
Citizenship Papers Refused for All Time to Men Who Wouldn't Fight.

CHOSE THEIR OWN COURSE

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Council Planning for Badly Needed Paving

First Avenue to Be Among Streets That Will Be Improved During Coming Summer.

THE war, protests of property owners against alleged excessive assessments and the failure of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co. to maintain the paving between the street railway tracks and one foot outside the rails are the three principal reasons given for the undeniably intolerable condition of some of Seattle's main thoroughfares. City officials, particularly members of the City Council street committee, admit that conditions are bad and rapidly becoming worse. There is a promise, however, that remedies will be applied this summer. Plans have been approved for the paving of First Avenue from Madison Street to the stone block pavement on First Avenue South the coming summer. The machinery is in operation to obtain official action on other necessary improvements, and there are hopes that by the end of the year some of the worst pavement defects will have been remedied.

W. H. Moore, chairman of the City Council street committee, said: "We would have paved First Avenue before but the government shut down on us during the war. We now have a lot of money to pay for the improvement nor obtain material without the consent of the government. Members of the War Labor Board took the position that only necessary public improvements could be made. First Avenue wasn't absolutely necessary and that we could get along with it a couple of years longer."

Use Picturesque Language. Automobile drivers have been heard to assert in language picturesque that the potholes and corduroys in the environs of Oshkosh, Kalamazoo or Puyallup, or the hill roads back of Tukwila, are no more terrible than them than First Avenue and some of the other main thoroughfares. Hundreds of dollars for repairing broken springs are chargeable directly, they say, to the humps and hollows and the splintered brick pavements, and not a few ripped automobile tires are credited to splintered and broken planks between street car tracks.

Work Planned for Summer. "This summer we are going after a lot of this work. The plans for First Avenue repaving from Madison Street south to the stone block pavement on First Avenue South have been approved and we will soon have that work under way. Jackson Street, which was in the First Avenue district, will be cut out because we want to widen the street before the new pavement is laid. In the meantime Jackson Street will be repaired with the best of the brick taken out of First Avenue or by resurfacing with asphaltic concrete. We have a lot of other work to do and for immediate attention that we were compelled to neglect the past two years."

Streets in Deplorable Condition. Although First Avenue appears to be the worst of the streets in deplorable conditions are admittedly almost as bad on Jackson Street and portions of the south side of the city. The streets of Fifth Avenue and Aloha Street and Taylor Avenue and Aloha Street are in a state of such a deplorable condition that they are a constant source of annoyance to the motorists who travel on them.

Property Owners Protested. Attempt to repave First Avenue the entire length two years ago failed because property owners protested against the assessment. Temporary work was done by the street department but it was impossible to keep the entire street in perfect condition because of the expense of the work. Litigation over the city's requirement that the traction company pave outside the rails is said by city officials to have delayed the work on the pavements in the center of a number of streets. The paving question was in court for some time and the city's negotiations to buy the street railway system. Another reason the city did not attempt to repave the streets was the requirement to enforce the maintenance requirement by the government objection to all public improvements not absolutely necessary.

Prices of Tobacco in Seattle Suddenly Drop

Cigarettes Which Recently Sold for 20 Cents Now Retail for Eighteen Cents.

IF EVER there was profiteering in cigarettes and tobacco in Seattle, as charged recently by W. T. Beeks, general deputy collector of internal revenue in charge of the office here, it suddenly ceased Friday when the price of smokes took a sudden drop. While the change in price became effective two days ago it did not become known to the internal revenue service until yesterday, although the manufacturers and jobbers thus far have failed formally to advise revenue officers of decreases in the tariff on cigarettes and tobacco, dealers yesterday reported the price change reaching government sources.

At eighteen cents. At the same time the new price scale became effective, retailers were notified by jobbers that the latter would make rebates to them for the amount in excess of the present new wholesale price. When the cost to the retailer of a certain big seller among cigarettes was tilted dealers paid \$8 a thousand for them, as against \$6 before the revenue law went into effect. The revenue tax on cigarettes was ninety-five cents a thousand. The new wholesale price, effective last Friday, is \$7.20 a thousand. Dealers now say their gross profit a package is three and a fraction of a cent, the same as under the old law when these smokes sold for fifteen cents. Dealers said yesterday that jobbers had furnished them with no explanation of the recent drop in prices. Jobbers, however, declared they had been notified of the change by manufacturers and hastened to reduce prices to the retailers. Mr. Beeks was much pleased yesterday when informed of the new reductions, but declined to comment on what effect, and the change will have on threatened prosecutions.

DECORATE OFFICER AT CAMP LEWIS

Lieutenant Lee to Be Presented With Distinguished Service Cross.

TACOMA, Saturday, March 22.—Wednesday afternoon Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Leitch, commander of Camp Lewis, will present the Distinguished Service Cross to First Lieut. Arthur Trumbull Lee, 36th Infantry, 51st Division—the first in the history of Camp Lewis to be decorated for heroism in the Argonne and in Flanders. He is now in the base hospital at Camp Lewis recovering from wounds and the loss of one leg. Following the announcement by the police that they are hourly looked for. The identity of the two men has not been divulged. It is known that the two men were living in the vicinity of the place designated in the "C. of C." bomb threats investigation of circumstances connected with the delivery of \$5,000 blackmail which was demanded. Among the effects of one of the suspects was found a note paper similar to that used in the "C. of C." letters. The paper is now being examined by the police.

BOMB SUSPECTS CLOSELY QUIZZED

Oakland Police Bring in Greenwood Family's Chauffeur for Investigation.

OAKLAND, Cal., Saturday, March 22.—Everett William Cantrell, who was a chauffeur employed by Mrs. George D. Greenwood, who was killed by a bomb explosion at her home here Tuesday night was brought from Stockton today by the Oakland police for further quizzing. He was arrested at Stockton by the Oakland police. The Greenwood family contend that he could not be implicated in the bomb outrage. Following the announcement by the police that they are hourly looked for. The identity of the two men has not been divulged. It is known that the two men were living in the vicinity of the place designated in the "C. of C." bomb threats investigation of circumstances connected with the delivery of \$5,000 blackmail which was demanded. Among the effects of one of the suspects was found a note paper similar to that used in the "C. of C." letters. The paper is now being examined by the police.

JAPANESE-MEXICO LAND BUY BLOCKED

State Department Warns Dealers That 600,000-Acre Purchase Must Not Go. Men Who Flew From Mather Field Over Sierra Nevadas Will Keep Up Work.

LOS ANGELES GASPS AT BRIBE SCANDAL

Mayor to Ask City Council to Relieve Him of Office Until After Trial. A statement by Mayor Woodman that "certain changes in the police department may be expected. He added that such a change must originate with Chief of Police John J. Butler. Police Declared in Plot. Chief of Police Butler's statement that he and police reorganization under consideration. A statement by District Attorney Woolwine, charging certain police officials are conspiring to block prosecution of Mayor Woodman. The grand jury adjourned at noon without returning further indictments. District Attorney Woolwine declared the adjournment did not necessarily mean the investigation over. Burl Armstrong, former Los Angeles newspaper man, now of San Francisco, was said to have been an important witness before the grand jury this morning.

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MME. ALDA COMING

Great Operatic Soprano of the Metropolitan Opera House to Sing Here. Music lovers of Seattle are unusually fortunate this season in having the opportunity of hearing a number of the Metropolitan stars in programs the same as presented on the operatic and concert stages of the New York Opera House. Mme. Frances Alda, the wife of Gatti-Casazza, will be heard in recital on Friday evening, April 4, at the Metropolitan under the local management of the Ladies' Musical Club. Mme. Alda is the greatest soprano of her generation. To few prima donnas have such sincere tributes been paid by press and public. It is to the women of Seattle that the artist that the heart of the nation has gone out. By reason of her great and generous services in the recent great war her name had become a clarion call to patriotic endeavor. An idea of the extent of her activities in this direction may be had from the fact that last season she appeared in thirty-seven benefits. The Metropolitan, it is to be noted, is extremely fortunate in having secured this great prima donna as one of the season's attractions. With the engagement of John McCormack in May, the regular artist recital season of the Ladies' Musical Club will be completed.

RELIEF FOR POLES

Seattle League to Conduct Tag Day as Finale to Careful Campaign. Tag day will be conducted in Seattle April 5 under the auspices of the Polish Women's League for the relief of needy and suffering children of Poland. Donations will be solicited by daily authorized solicitors until April 20, when the campaign will close. The Polish Relief Committee, composed of Mrs. E. J. Swick, chairman, Mrs. J. G. Slattery, vice chairman, L. Verbon, secretary, F. Zielinski, treasurer, and five trustees. The Y. W. C. A. and the War Camp Community Service, girls' division, have volunteered their assistance in selling tags. Moose Hall has been offered without charge for the use of the committee. The committee announces that contributions may be sent to F. Zielinski, 1212-B Ninth Ave. Telephone, Main 5848. "Unless speedy relief comes, our children, the lower class of our nation, our pledges for the future, will be doomed to complete annihilation," says a communique from Antoni Osuchowski, president of the General Polish Relief Committee in Geneva, Switzerland.

363RD TO CALIFORNIA

Baker Promises Unit to Native State if Possible. SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, March 22.—Assurances that the 363rd Infantry, a 1st Division unit, composed of Californians, will be sent to the Presidio for demobilization if possible, were telegraphed Mayor Rolph today by Secretary of War Baker. The 363rd was trained for service at Camp Lewis.

HEMRICH FUNERAL TODAY

Services to Be Held at Lutheran Church on Terry Avenue. Funeral services for Mrs. Katharine Anna Hemrich, long time resident of Seattle, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Lutheran Church on Terry Avenue and Stewart Street. Mrs. Hemrich, whose eighty-eighth birthday would have fallen on March 23, died Tuesday in San Francisco, where she was visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Kierner of this city. In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Hemrich is survived by three sons, William Hemrich, Alvin Hemrich, president of Hemrich Brothers Staff Products Company, and Louis Hemrich, president of the Rainier Products Company. Mrs. Hemrich was a native of Bavaria, coming to this country at an early age, settling first in Iowa and later in Wisconsin. Some thirty-three years ago she came to Seattle, where she resided continuously until her death.