

## SOUR NOTES AS BAND TRIES TO PLAY 'WHO'S BOSS'

Bailey, Manager, and Geddes, Director, Both Drowned Out in Solos.

Mayor Shank and Ernest L. Kingston, president of the board of safety, today joined in waving the baton over the police and firemen's band to restore tuneful chords among the members following hostility between band manager W. T. Bailey, assistant city attorney, and Lieut. Samuel Geddes, director.

While Fire Chief John J. O'Brien and Police Chief Herman Rikhoff beat a constant tom-tom against the band discord, Bailey and Geddes attempted to play their parts under the direction of the mayor and Kingston before the board of safety.

### Geddes Drowned Out

"Now here all the band members want me, but it's not me that is causing the trouble," said Geddes. He was drowned out by other notes.

"Now, if you'll let me play my solo—" but Bailey likewise was silenced.

"Now, listen, you two birds can get along with that band," interrupted the mayor as Kingston and Shank joined in a duet.

"You're the manager, Mr. Bailey, and you're the director, Mr. Geddes," shouted Kingston over the hubbub.

The jobs were agreeable to both, except they were just where they started a few days ago.

"Never mind, that's final," added Kingston.

### Out of Breath and Pants

"But how about those pants of Geddes?" asked the mayor, referring to Bailey having possession of a pair of pants belonging to Geddes. Bailey had taken the pants left on the special train on the recent trip to Montreal as an evidence of Geddes' alleged incompetency.

"He can have them," said Bailey.

"And now my \$250 horn is back, too," signed Bailey. The instrument had been missing several days.

Further check-up revealed that Bailey had put new locks on the storeroom of the band in city hall to avoid other equipment from disappearing.

### Go-Betweens Named

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"Let me ask that the band play in private tonight to get our troubles patched up," suggested Geddes.

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## ISLAND 'CURSE' MAY BE BAR TO RESCUE IN ARCTIC

Cutter Bear Fast in Ice Floe and Badly Damaged by Crashes.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—That curse which Eskimos claim rests on Wrangell Island seems to have added victims to its long list of tragedies.

Last September a relief expedition sent to rescue three Americans and one Canadian left there in 1921 by Vilhjalmur Stefansson to claim the island for Great Britain, arrived too late to save any of the party but its Eskimo cook, Ada Blackaud.

Unaided by this tragedy, a Canadian and several Eskimos last fall contracted to remain on the island for two years so that Great Britain might legally claim it.

Early in June, Edward Brewer, British financier, who had organized the belated relief expedition, became alarmed that this second group might have faced a similar fate.

Brewer sought aid of Admiral F. C. Billard of the U. S. coast guard.

Always ready to aid when a life is in danger, Billard sent a radio message to Capt. C. S. Cochran, commander of the cutter Bear, requesting him to go to Wrangell Island to see if the party was still alive or dead.

At that time the Bear, veteran of half a century's battles with the Arctic, was jammed fast in a huge ice floe, but Cochran wirelessly back that he expected the drifts would soon flow away.

Recently, however, Cochran sent a second message that the Bear not only had been unable to get free, but had been so badly damaged that it would be impossible to proceed until repairs are made.

Cochran reported the Bear had twice been crushed between huge mountains of ice and two blades broken from the propeller, theudder stock splintered and two great dents put in both sides of the ship.

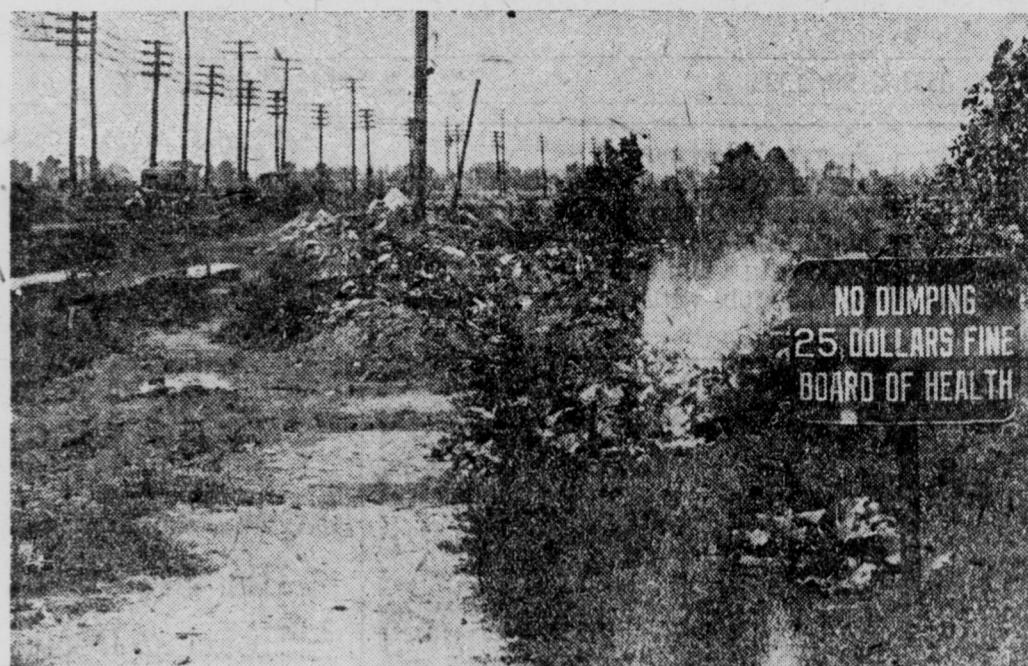
"This means that the Bear will have to go to Seattle for repairs," Capt. S. S. Yeandle, aid to Admiral Billard, stated today.

The Bear is the only cutter capable of braving the 450 miles of ice floes from Nome to Wrangell Island, as the other three coast guard cutters on Behrings Sea patrol are steel ships not able to buck the ice floes.

By the time the Bear reached Seattle it will be too late to start North again.

So the second party on Wrangell Island may share the fate of the first, unless Brewer is able to organize a private relief expedition immediately.

## What's in a Sign? Ashes and Trash, Dumped Near the City Hospital, Blow Onto Patients' Beds



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WEST TENTH ST. AT THE CITY HOSPITAL DESPITE WARNING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ashes, dirt and trash dumped within 100 feet of the city hospital in W. Tenth St. are considered a menace to public health.

Despite a sign of the health board, loads of trash are dumped in the early morning hours, Dr. Cleon Nafe, superintendent of the city hospital said.

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## COOLIDGE PICKS G. O. P. CAMPAIGN TALKING POINTS

Tax Reduction, Economy and Efficiency Will Be Stressed.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 29.—President Coolidge today had his acceptance address well blocked out with the issues selected which the Republicans will emphasize in their campaign.

The notification ceremony, Aug. 15, will launch the campaign. The address, carried by radio to millions the country over, will strike the keynote upon which hundreds of campaign speakers will harp during the contest.

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