

WHY DO YOU WRITE UP THE WAR LUNATICS? ASKS READER

EDITOR The Star: It gives me a pain to notice how seriously you newspaper men take those lunatics across the Atlantic. You print stories about a von Moltke, a self-styled Kaiser or czar, just as though they were ordinary people going about their own business and living ordinary human, sane lives.

And yet you know they are all crazy loons—crazy as any maniac who ever shrieked demagogic shrieks in bedlam. Why don't you go out to the Stellacom insane asylum and write a few personal sketches for your newspaper? You will find just as interesting characters there and besides you will be giving us home news.

CAN'T see it, eh? Well, let us suppose something right here at home. Suppose suddenly the people walking down one side of Second av. should whip revolvers out of their pockets and the people walking on the other side of Second av. should at the same instant whip revolvers out of THEIR pockets

also, and both sides should begin firing into each other. I can close my eyes and just see The Star special extra editions. Here are some of the headlines: "Amazing Tragedy!" "Hundreds of People Suddenly Go Stark, Staring and Murderously Insane on Sec-

ond Av. and Shoot Down Other Hundreds." "Street a Shambles for a Block!" "Scores of Surviving Madmen Rushed to Stellacom Insane Asylum and Placed in Violent Wards."

THAT'S exactly the thing which is happening in Europe. Crazy people, who never saw each other before, who never heard of each other before, with whom they never had a quarrel and with whom they never had a chance to quarrel, are rushing about in a delirium of lunacy, shooting death at each other.

Even if you try to explain that they were ordered to do so by a czar, a kaiser, a king, how does that make them any the saner? Doesn't it prove their insanity, that they will instantly run amuck, murdering and killing because, forsooth, some lazy lout, who calls himself a monarch, tells them to trample, shoot and

murder? Tells them to! **T**HE sane world has a large job before it. Personally, as a first step, I would like to see your czars, emperors, kings flung into the darkest dungeons of an American asylum for the criminal insane—or worse!

ESTEE.

JOSH WISE SAYS:

"Old Judge Skoover, our local financier and investment expert, says that half the taxes are paid on worthless real estate. He ought to know, as he has sold a lot of it in his time."



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WEATHER FORECAST — Fair tonight and Thursday; light westerly winds.

HANSON AND GRIFFITHS WIN!

STANDPAT SUPREME JUDGES FAIL AT RE-ELECTION

Brown Gets Prosecutor Nomination

THOSE NOMINATED

Senator: Ole Hanson, progressive; Wesley L. Jones, republican; W. W. Black (probably), democrat.
Congress, First district: Austin E. Griffiths, progressive; W. E. Humphrey, republican; W. H. Moore, democrat.
Congress, Second district: Lindley E. Hadley, republican; Earl Husted, democrat; John A. Campbell (probably), progressive.
Judges supreme court: Stephen Chadwick, Edgar G. Mills, W. H. Pemberton, O. R. Holcomb, John E. Humphries, Herman D. Crow.
Prosecuting attorney: Fred C. Brown, republican; Alfred H. Lundin, progressive.
Sheriff: Bob Hodge, progressive; John W. Roberts, republican.
Treasurer: Probably John A. Bennett, republican; W. C. Hyatt, progressive.
County clerk: W. K. Sickles, republican; W. A. McElwaine, progressive.
Engineer: A. P. Denton, republican; A. E. Fuller, progressive.
Commissioner, First district: David McKenzie, progressive; M. J. Carrigan, republican.
Commissioner, Second district: W. T. Christensen, progressive; probably Knudsen, republican.

Returns from yesterday's state primary have been slow in coming in, but the count shows Ole Hanson has overwhelmingly defeated J. A. Falconer of Everett for the progressive nomination for United States senator. His lead in King county is more than three to one, and he beat Falconer in the latter's home, Everett, two to one.

There will be no need to count second choice votes, as Hanson secured more than 40 per cent of the total first choice votes. Probably the most surprising result of the election is the defeat of Congressman J. W. Bryan at the hands of Chief of Police Austin E. Griffiths for the progressive nomination for representative in the First district. Griffiths has a substantial lead in Seattle which Bryan cannot overcome in Kitsap county, it seems.

In 105 precincts in Seattle, Griffiths leads Bryan with a vote of 1,121 against 806, or a majority of 321. At this ratio, his majority in Seattle would easily be over 1,000, and Bryan would have to get practically every vote in Kitsap to overcome it.

Black Beats Cotterill?
Another surprise of the election is the probable nomination of Judge W. W. Black for senator on the democratic ticket on second choice votes. Ex-Mayor Cotterill leads in King county on first choice, and is running a neck-and-neck race with George Turner of Spokane throughout the rest of the state. Both of them, however, are losing ground on second choice votes. As neither can get 40% of the total vote apparently, Black's nomination seems quite likely.

Judge Gay Besten
Judge Gay has been badly beaten for prosecutor by Fred C. Brown, and in the city precincts Gay ran a poor third, Crawford E. White running second. Gay's vote in the county was better.

A nip-and-tuck race is being run between John A. Bennett and William A. Gaines for treasurer on the republican ticket. Bennett's nomination seems likely, as he has been maintaining a slight lead in the city and is considered the stronger man in the county.

Knudsen Renominated
In 63 city precincts, the official count shows Bennett 956 and Gaines 528. Another close contest is that between Denton and Humes for engineer. In the same number of precincts, the official count shows 1,160 for Denton and 1,061 for Humes.

Knudsen has probably been renominated by the republicans for commissioner, but that is not certain. E. B. Cox made a good run against him. In 50 precincts, the official count shows Christensen with 218 votes against 115 for Wood for commissioner on the Progressive ticket.

Out of a total vote of 7,000 for the progressives, it is estimated Ole Hanson will probably get 5,000. In most of the legislative contests, the vote was close and at

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Snapshot taken behind the French lines. French officer with leg shattered by a shell attended by the hospital corps.

SUPREME JUDGES ARE GIVEN A JOLT

None of the candidates for supreme court judge appear to have received a majority vote yesterday. Two of the present judges opposed by The Star are toward the bottom of the list. Early returns throughout the state indicate that another election will have to be held in November. A majority vote for the old judges would have elected them without the necessity of another election. For representatives, George R. Webster is the only republican nomination certain in the 31st district. Judges Crow, Chadwick and Gose

are the present supreme court judges. **Vote on Judges**
In 242 precincts, the vote for judges is as follows: Chadwick 10,147; Mills, 9,423; Pemberton 9,056; Holcomb, 8,176; Humphries, 7,363; Crow, 6,956; Gose, 5,691; Preble, 3,693.

In 166 precincts outside of King county, the vote is, Humphries 2,701; Preble, 2,043; Crow, 4,220; Gose, 3,977; Chadwick, 5,673; Pemberton, 2,336; Mills, 2,326. The total in 408 precincts shows: Chadwick, 15,820; Mills, 11,759; Pemberton, 11,392; Holcomb, 10,877; Humphries, 10,064; Crow, 10,166; Gose, 9,628; Preble, 6,029.

TACOMA GIVES HANSON LEAD
TACOMA, Sept. 9.—Eighty-four out of 179 precincts in Pierce county show Ole Hanson leading the progressive senatorial ticket as a result of yesterday's primaries, with Congressman Falconer second and Mayor Fawcett of Tacoma third. The democratic ticket is led by James H. Dege of Tacoma, with approximately 100 more votes than was cast for Geo. Turner.

Black received 264, Cotterill 184 and Todd 113. For judges of the supreme court, Chadwick and Crow, two of the incumbents, were in the lead, with 3,816 and 2,826 votes, respectively. Mills, with 2,401, was third. Gose, a present judge, got 2,210.

Congressman Johnson received 2,807 votes to 689 for Willey.

CAPTURED SPY BRUJELS SMOKE
BRUSSELS, Sept. 9.—One of the spies taken in the very center of Louvain was given over to the gendarmes to be shot immediately. He was put in an automobile and taken away to execution, calmly smoking a big German pipe, his sangfroid exciting the admiration of the Belgians.

KAISER TAKES FORTRESS AND 400 BIG GUNS

By Karl H. Von Wiegand
BERLIN, Sept. 9.—(By Wireless via Sayville.)—The capture of Maubeuge by the Germans was announced by the war office today.

The prisoners taken, it is stated, include four French generals and 40,000 troops. Four hundred cannon also fell into the Germans' hands.

The place was one of France's most powerful frontier strongholds. It made a long and desperate resistance.

The name of Prince Friedrich Wilhelm of Hessen was given in the list of wounded.

FALCONER HAS EVERETT LEAD

EVERETT, Sept. 9.—Contrary to reports circulated early today, Falconer is leading Hanson here in the race for the senatorial nomination. Twenty-seven precincts in Everett give Falconer 247 for first, and 132 for second choice, and give Hanson 161 for first choice and 136 for second choice.

Judge Black, with 71 first choice votes in the 27 precincts, is running away from the field for the democratic nomination.

The precincts voted as follows for supreme court candidates: Humphries, 679; Holcomb, 727; Preble 341; Crow, 509; Gose, 410; Chadwick, 870; Pemberton, 674, and Mills, 791.

Thousands of Dead Strewn Over Fields in Germans' Retreat

PARIS, Sept. 9.—Imagine a strip of territory 10 miles across and between 75 and 100 miles long. Imagine this territory sprinkled across its entire length and breadth with dead soldiers—dead soldiers and others who are not dead, but who lie, with bodies horribly torn, crying weakly for relief from their torture. Here lies a little mound of corpses. You can see by the spiked helmets that they were German. Mr. Von Wiegand probably to judge from the mangled forms. At allies. And here a battery had died in a gallant rally against the oncoming dead among the uniformed artillerymen.

This titanic slaughter represents the territory yielded by the German armies since the allies, 24 hours ago, had taken the series of assaults which drove in the vaders' left wing. The 10-mile area represents the ground yielded by the French and British. Most of the fighting before the furious attacks of the Paris.

Paris itself is hysterically joyous. Le Temps and extra editions today announcing that danger of a German occupation is past. The allies in the field now outnumber the Germans for the first time since the fighting on French soil began.

The Kaiser's officers are said to be sacrificing their men wholesale in the effort to break through the allies' ranks. The fighting has been most desperate, much of it hand-to-hand.

Gen. von Kluck, commanding the German extreme right, has massed his forces again and again, dashing them desperately against the British batteries on the river bank. All these sacrifices thus far have been in vain. On the Germans' retirement following each rush, the British infantry has pursued them recklessly, furiously bayoneting them. The Germans are prostrated with exhaustion, prisoners saying they have averaged but three hours' sleep in 24 for three weeks past, on account of their constant marching at night.

The allies east, northeast and north of Paris are advancing along their entire line, the war office at Bordeaux announced at 3:30 p. m. today.

German efforts to force the French center, it is stated, have failed. The Gallic artillery is reported amazingly effective.

"Despite the efforts of the Kaiser's government to stimulate war enthusiasm by news of German victories," said Theophile Delcasse of the French cabinet today at Bordeaux, "Berlin and the people of Germany generally are plunged in grief. Business is prostrated; the cost of living is rising."

Spend Five Minutes Here Every Day and You'll Know All About the European War
THE FALL OF MAUBEUGE, announced today as captured by the Germans, indicates what traps entrenched camps are, and testifies to the allies' wisdom in leaving the La Fere-Laon-Rheims line of defenses unguarded when it became necessary for the first army to retreat. Maubeuge is one of the strongest fortified centers in France, guarded by outer and inner rings of detached forts. Its capture is what the Germans have hoped for since the war began. On a small scale, it is a reproduction of the grand climax aimed at by German strategy. The fortress was defended by the allies involuntarily. During the retreat from Belgium part of the British expedition and a French force were cut off from the allies' main body and compelled to take refuge at Maubeuge or surrender, sought the protection of the great entrenched camp on the Sambre. It required a fortnight's bombardment by Germany's siege guns to force a capitulation.

WILL MAKE OFFER FOR RENTON LINE
The city council today, by a vote of 6 to 3, voted to reopen negotiations with the Seattle, Renton & Southern receivers with the aim of purchasing the road at a price of \$1,400,000. This is on an agreement drawn up by Councilman Dale, and which appropriates \$200,000 from the bond issue voted several years for the road's purchase, the remaining \$1,400,000 to be paid from 25% of the road's gross receipts. If the road is paid for by this method before 25 years, the purchase will be considered complete. If not, no further payments will be made at the end of that time. Pending the outcome of negotiations, the appeal of the franchise decision by the federal court will not be taken. The company formerly offered the city that portion of the line within the city limits for \$1,200,000, and later the entire line for \$1,400,000, but at an interest of 5 1/2%. The present tentative offer is on a 5% basis.

What I think about it
BEING JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION
By The Spectator

In the three weeks immediately following the war's outbreak, I know of a mail-order house that received 292,500 orders for groceries, averaging in amount \$10 apiece. The big concern was literally swamped by this flood of business. Extra clerks are working night and day, but still the orders are piling up. This is only one of a number of indications that old Cost of Living's eccentric high jumps are throwing the present system of food distribution into grave peril. Such a deluge response to a modest claim of lower prices proves the public's readiness for a better system. The food shops had better beware!

A farmer who had sold a bushel of snow apples for 15 cents followed it into town the other day and was amazed to see snow apples retailing at three for 10 cents.

But if he was disgusted, think how the city housewife would feel if she were to go into the country and see good snow apples rotting on the ground.

Perhaps there's an easier remedy for this condition than most persons realize. Suppose this city should announce, beginning, say, a week from today, it would collect no fee from hucksters, but that every fellow who could beg or buy a push cart might peddle from door to door unhindered. Mightn't real competition be restored in the vegetable food market and the speculative element in the present absurdly high prices soon be squeezed out?

Has it ever been tried?