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Tonight fair, Sat. probably rain

TIDES AT SEATTLE

High	Low
7:48 a. m. 13.2 ft. 1:42 p. m. 6.3 ft.	9:05 p. m. 11.1 ft. 2:41 p. m. 4.0 ft.

CHANNEL TRAFFIC STOPPED

Norwegian and French Merchant Ships Attacked by Submarines in New War Zone; 18 Men, Including British Pilot, Lost Off Former Craft; Zeppelin Halts Dutch Vessel in Mid-Channel.

By Ed L. Keen

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Norwegian tank steamer Belridge, en route to Amsterdam from New Orleans with a cargo of oil, was torpedoed in the Straits of Dover today. Eighteen members of the crew and the admiralty pilot are missing. It is feared they perished. The Belridge in a sinking condition was towed to Walmer, where she was beached.

This, with the attempted destruction of the French S. S. Donorah, was the first move by the Germans in carrying out their blockade against England.

The German submarine U-16 torpedoed the Dinorah off Dieppe while en route from Havre to Dunkirk. The submarine's torpedo did not strike the Dinorah with full force, and only one of the vessel's plates was sprung. The Dinorah was towed safely into port by a tug.

The Belridge was steaming along in mid-channel when a violent explosion stove in her plates below the water line. Pumps were started, but the lower deck was soon awash. Fires were drawn to prevent a boiler explosion, and the small boats were ordered lowered.

The pilot and 18 members of the crew left in these and have not been heard from since.

Several volunteers remained with the captain on the ship until Dover tugs arrived and towed her to Walmer.

The German fleet is not participating in the blockade, but Zeppelins are patrolling the North sea, on the lookout for vessels carrying cargoes of food.

The Dutch steamship Helena was stopped by a Zeppelin today. After ascertaining the vessel's identity, the pilot of the Zeppelin signaled the Helena to proceed. This was the first time, with the exception of the raid on the British coast, that the Zeppelins have been real factors in war operations.

SUSPEND TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The state department was advised today that all travel between England and the continent had been suspended by order of the British admiralty until further notice.

The new order is taken to mean that Great Britain regards the German blockade seriously and does not propose to risk the lives of passengers in the danger zone.

At the same time the state department was advised that the German authorities are now requiring that every man, woman or child who enters Germany must have an individual passport.

DEFENDS GERMANY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The declaration that Germany is not getting justice in the United States was made today by Rep. Barthold of Missouri, in an address in the house. He voiced a demand for "honest neutrality," and accused the newspapers of printing "vile calumnies" on the Fatherland.

Should the United States be embroiled in war, he said, the Germans would rally to the Stars and Stripes.

U. S. STEAMER SEIZED BY BRITISH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The state department was informed today that the British steamship Oneka, which had been chartered by the Standard Oil Co., with a cargo of oil, had been seized by the British warships at Malta. She was en route to Greece and Bulgarian ports.

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HERE'S THE RECORD OF JOSIAH COLLINS, CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

- ☐ Voted against mothers' pension as a member of the state senate.
- ☐ Voted against minimum wage law for women.
- ☐ Voted for amendments to defeat eight-hour law for women workers.
- ☐ Voted against workmen's compensation act.
- ☐ Voted against anti-hanging bill.
- ☐ Voted against red-light abatement law.
- ☐ Voted for initiative, referendum and recall, after trying to kill these measures by parliamentary subterfuges.
- ☐ Voted to allow persons, not citizens of the United States, to own land in this state.
- ☐ Voted for logged-off land law but backed out when the Chamber of Commerce came out against it.
- ☐ Opposed public ownership of the water plant.
- ☐ Opposed establishment of municipal light plant.
- ☐ Helped frame the Hinky Dink charter.
- ☐ ACTED AS CADDY FOR PRESIDENT TAFT AT THE SEATTLE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

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MR. TAXPAYER, keep your eye on The Star's editorial page, bottom of the editorial column. There Hamilton Higday, assistant secretary and traffic manager of the port commission, is explaining in a series of articles just how the commission has spent YOUR money, and what it has got to show for it. The kept press is telling you lies about the port projects. The port commission has built with an eye to the future. The time will come when Seattle will offer to mariners the best facilities on the coast, and at rates that are going to hit the pocketbook of the private dock owner a mighty whack. That is where the howl comes from. Gen. Chittenden, president of the port commission, expert engineer and an eminent authority, who is giving the city his time and talents gratis, says the port projects will be self-sustaining in five years. WILL YOU BELIEVE GEN. CHITTENDEN, OR WILL YOU BELIEVE THE CALAMITY-HOWLING, KEPT NEWSPAPERS?

DYNAMITE FUGITIVE ARRESTED

David Caplan Discovered by Burns Men in Shack at Rolling Bay, Near Seattle; Charged With Complicity in Blowing Up Los Angeles Times Building; Says He Has Lived Here for Last Three Years.

By Fred L. Boalt

PORT ORCHARD, Feb. 19.—David Caplan, in jail here, charged with helping dynamite the Los Angeles Times building, devoted the greater part of an interview today to denying lurid reports sent out from here immediately following his arrest.

He says no letters to or from labor leaders were seized in his cabin. He denies that any high per cent dynamite, such as was used in the Los Angeles Times destruction, was discovered.

He declares emphatically, moreover, that he can prove he never was inside Los Angeles. He admits passing through there as a news agent on Southern Pacific trains.

Find Giant Powder A stick and a half of giant powder was found in his little cabin, two miles out of Rolling Bay, Bainbridge Island. He had it solely for the purpose of clearing his little tract, he explains.

Caplan says he put in three evenings a week shaving the Bainbridge Islanders. From the \$2 or so a week that he made from that and the scanty product of his ranch, he was able to contribute something to the support of his wife and children in Chicago.

He has been here in this section, he maintains, for three years, and never has been in South Africa, Europe or the other distant spots mentioned in the earlier account.

Won't Discuss Case He made it clear that he did not believe his arrest was a frame-up on the part of the Burns agency, and spoke highly of the treatment he had received from the detectives.

Caplan speaks with a pronounced foreign accent. He has the appearance of an ordinary working man, and wears glasses.

He has retained Gregory & Karr, Seattle attorneys, to represent him, and will not discuss his case until he has conferred with them.

With the arrest of M. A. Schmidt in New York last Saturday, William J. Burns obtained a definite clue to Caplan's hiding place, and his arrest here rounds up the last of the group indicted in Los Angeles for the murder of 21 persons.

Was Asleep When Found Caplan was asleep when Sherman Burns, son of the head of the Burns bureau; Guy Biddinger, general manager for the Burns agency in New York; Dan Leon of the New Orleans agency; Charles Trotter of the Minneapolis agency; Walter Thayer of the Seattle agency, and Deputy Sheriff D. J. Davis of Kitsap county located the shack.

The Burns detectives arrived at Seattle Thursday morning and immediately proceeded to Port Orchard.

They apprised Sheriff Shattuck of their mission, and Deputy Sheriff Davis was delegated to accompany them to Rolling Bay.

The other detectives were distributed to guard the windows and doors, and Burns, Biddinger and Davis entered the house. The door

was unlocked. "Hello, Dave," said Burns. Caplan stirred uneasily. "Who are you?" he asked, but almost immediately added, "Come in."

Admits His Identity When the lights were turned on, Caplan, who had been known at Rolling Bay as Frank Moller, and who had run a small barber shop there, admitted his identity. "I know who you are," he said, to Burns and Biddinger. "I'll go back with you and face the music."

The powder, a quantity of fuse, a revolver, a number of letters, receipts for money and a bank book, showing Caplan had several thousand dollars on deposit in a Seattle bank, were found in the cabin.

While Caplan evinced no intention of attempting escape, Detective Biddinger handcuffed him, to his wrist, and both retired to Kitsap county jail at Port Orchard.

On Trail Four Years Burns detectives have been on Caplan's trail for nearly four years. He was at various times reported dead. His wife, Florence Caplan, who lives in Chicago with their two children, was twice subpoenaed before Los Angeles grand jury, but she testified that she neither knew his address nor even whether he was alive.

Caplan and Schmidt are alleged to have accompanied J. R. McNamara to the Giant Powder Works near Richmond, C. I., where the riot brought the dynamite for the Times explosion.

The actual placing of the dynamite which caused the explosion is charged to McNamara and Orrie McManigal.

McNamara is serving a term in prison upon his plea of guilty, following a sensational trial. McManigal, who turned state's evidence, is at liberty, living abroad.

The Burns detectives, with the exception of Thayer of the Seattle agency, have remained over at Port Orchard, but they may decide to remove their prisoner to the King county jail tonight.

Thayer today declared that evidence has been obtained in New York by the Burns detectives that McNamara, Caplan and Schmidt were responsible for the attempted dynamiting of the Lyon building in Seattle in 1910.

AREN'T LAWS ABOUT WOMEN CITS FUNNY? CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Aren't American naturalization laws funny?

Mrs. Anegio Murolo, born in Italy, and a life-long resident of this city, cannot vote in the city primaries next Tuesday, the election commission decides.

Mrs. Minnie Clemenz, foreign born and never naturalized, can vote.

And why? Because Mrs. Murolo married an alien. Mrs. Clemenz's husband, now dead, was naturalized 13 years ago.

Fat Women Can't Become Vampires, Asserts Theda

Star in "A Fool There Was" Gives Some Pointers on How to Make Fools of Men.



"V STANDS FOR VAMPIRE," SAYS THEDA BARA

A MAN KILLED HIMSELF FOR THIS FACE.

Seattle people got acquainted with Theda Bara, the French actress, when she recently appeared at the Alhambra and Mission motion picture theatres in a film version of "A Fool There Was." Nicola Greely-Smith, who writes for The Star and the sister papers, interviewed Miss Bara in New York.

By Nicola Greely-Smith NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—V stands for Vampire, and when Theda Bara, French actress, leans her V-shaped face in another V made by her slender arms, she truly looks the part she came all the way from Paris to play in the "movies."

Miss Bara has the star part in "A Fool There Was," the film dramatization of the Kipling poem about the "fool who made his prayer to a rag, a bone and a bank of hair."

On the stage this slender, serpentine young woman plays the part of the selfish creature who drains a man's heart to its last drop, wrecks his life, and ends by gloating over his dead body.

She denies that she is a vampire herself, but her life has not been without its vampire incidents.

A few years ago a young man killed himself in her dressing room because she had spurned his love.

He was furiously jealous of an East Indian Gakwar then visiting in Paris who had given the actress a wonderfully wrought snake-bracelet containing an Indian poison.

Miss Bara was showing the young man the secret spring by which the poison was released from the mouth of the hollow gold snake when he suddenly seized it from her lips, and placing the snake to his lips, died at her feet!

"I do not know what gives certain women a strange, witch-like power over men," she said. "One thing I know. A vampire cannot be fat. There never was and never will beholder will be assessed a certain sum, with which a reserve fund will be created. The company will be ready to meet all claims by April 1, the officers say."

The insurance company will handle the reserve fund at a charge of 25 per cent. It will merely act as treasurer for the rest of the money.

Two hundred drivers in other Pacific Coast cities have already subscribed. A hundred or more will be required here.

Plans to accomplish the defeat of the bill now pending at Olympia, requiring a bond of \$5,000 of all jitney bus owners, will be decided upon.

MARRIED BY ORDER OF COURT

Justice Appoints Guardians for Father of Child and Ceremony Follows.

BABY WILL GET HOME

Broken Romance of 14-Year-Old Bride Ends Happily After All.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Marguerite Murtha and Samuel Jacobson, chief actors in a drama which has stirred up the whole country for weeks, are now man and wife.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. John R. Gregg, No. 50 West 85th st. Their marriage was made possible when Justice Goff of the state supreme court appointed guardians for Jacobson, thus giving legal sanction to the union.

This means that the unborn child of Marguerite Murtha, last week apparently doomed to receive birth in a penal institution, will have a name.

Will Live With Parents It means that the child will live with its parents in their own home instead of being "farmed out" according to law while the mother learns a trade in prison.

Club women of the city consider Justice Goff's action as a victory in the campaign for an equal standard of morals and to this end have formed a permanent committee to carry on the work beyond the Murtha case.

In Judge Mayo's court, prosecuted by the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Jacobson was declared incompetent to support his child and the girl he had wronged.

Guardians Replace Parents Justice Goff sustained the sentence by which the Murtha girl was deprived of matrimony and headed for a penal institution.

In appointing guardians, Justice Goff did so because of scruples of Jacobson's parents, who refused to permit their son to marry because of a difference in religion.

BOLTON WILL MAKE LONE HANDED FIGHT

T. H. Bolton, candidate for councilman, today emphatically denied he is lined up with any faction candidate. His running absolutely alone, he asserts, and will not combine with anybody.

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WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED



HELLO, HAVE YOU SEEN MY SLIPPERS? I CAN'T FIND THEM.

I LET BROTHER CECIL HAVE THEM, HE FORGOT TO BRING HIS ALONG.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE NEWS-PAPER?

CECIL IS LOOKING AT IT NOW, HE WILL BE THROUGH WITH IT VERY SOON.

TOMMY, THESE ARE GOOD CIGARS YOU HAVE.

PANSY WILL YOU GO OVER TO THE CORNER AND GET ME A PAPER?

CAN'T JUST NOW MISTAH DUFF, I HAS TO—

—GET MISTAH CECIL A CUP OB TEA.