

# BLOOIE!

A German shell explodes in the midst of a group of French magazine artists, sketching in the dreary ruins of Neuve Chapelle. Correspondent Bill Shepherd tells about it on page 10 today in the first of an intensely interesting series of articles from the British front in Belgium. You are missing something if you aren't reading "Shep's" war stuff. Read how the German gunners have ripped open the cemeteries and scattered the bones of persons long dead over the green lawn. Read what the soldiers thought of the Johnson-Willard fight.

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## NIGHT EDITION

Weather—Fair. Light frosts tonight  
TIDES AT SEATTLE  
High. Low.  
3:24 a. m., 13.8 ft. 11:16 a. m., 0.1 ft.  
6:43 p. m., 14.2 ft. 11:37 p. m., 8.9 ft.

### Are You Going to Move?

IF YOU move, telephone The Star's Circulation Department, Main 9400, and our carrier boy will see that you do not miss a single copy of The Star. Remember the number, Main 9400.

# German Fleet in Action; France Asks Great Britain to Send Ships to Protect Her Coast

## \$15,000 DAMAGE IS GIVEN

Former City Engineer Thomson Wins Libel Suit Against Col. Blethen.

VERDICT IS UNANIMOUS

Jury Out Only an Hour and a Half; Returns Finding Thursday Night.

A sealed verdict of \$15,000 in favor of former City Engineer R. H. Thomson against the Seattle Times was read at 9:30 Friday morning at the opening of court in Judge Mitchell's department.

The jury took the case Thursday at 4 o'clock. At 5:40 they reported a verdict had been reached and Judge Mitchell ordered the document sealed, to be reopened Friday morning.

Eight women and four men comprised the jury. A. J. Olmstead was foreman.

Lawyers who gathered in the courtroom before the verdict was read laid wagers on the amount they anticipated would be named by the jury. A bet of \$1 worth of cigars was made that the verdict would be under 10 cents. Another attorney offered to wager a new hat it would be not less than \$50,000.

No notice of appeal was given, nor was any mention made as to whether any of the remaining three suits pending against the Times would be tried.

"Slender Machine"  
The greater part of the day Thursday was taken up with arguments of counsel. Attorney Will H. Thompson, now an old man, held the jury and the throng that massed the court room in breathless suspense.

He referred many times, when speaking of the Times, to "that infernal slender machine."  
Attorney Baustman argued, waving a page of the Times, that "it was a loud call to Mr. Thomson," but emphasized that suit was not brought until over a year had passed.

## 5 MORE DAIRIES APPLY TO CITY FOR COW TEST

Chief tuberculin tester, Dr. Smith of the city health department, is busy Friday in the Cedar river district, examining the cows whose milk is distributed in Seattle.

Applications by dairymen for the tests continue to pour into the office of the health commissioner. In addition to those already mentioned in The Star, the following have applied:

- M. ERICKSELL, 2901 13th ave. S., 24 cows.
- A. BERGH, 7604 Pleasant ave., one cow.
- JOHN A. FAY, 3010 W. 73rd st., 25 cows.
- S. JOHNSON, 7031 16th N. W., five cows.
- THOMSON BROS., Renton, three cows.

## Bride Hounded by Detectives; Quits City to Escape 'Em



Mrs. Merrill Cushman, who says she is being shadowed by her father-in-law and five amateur detectives because she married the boy she loved.

Mrs. Merrill Cushman, of 11 W. Republican st., has gone to Tacoma to throw her father-in-law, James T. Cushman, and his battery of alleged detectives off the trail.

Cushman, she says, is angered because she and his son, Thomas J. Cushman, ran away and were married after three weeks' courtship. She declares her father-in-law and other men he hired to help him have been dogging her footsteps for several weeks to get evidence by which her husband can secure a divorce.

She says the father made a grotesque picture on a recent night when, after he had been discovered, he vaulted the fence and dashed down the alley back of her home.

The elder Cushman is a well known tobacconist, being cashier of M. A. Gunst & Co.'s stores here. The young husband is a university student, football player and oarsman, and popular in university society.

The girl is the plain little daughter of a sawyer, Sylvester Scott.

Frank Dally, a pharmacist, who is alleged to have been one of the amateur sleuths put on Mrs. Cushman's trail, was arrested April 9, and is to appear for trial in Justice court May 27.

Dally is alleged to have tried to force himself into the company of Mrs. Cushman and Miss Alma Kearney, her friend, as they were returning home one evening.

Constable Shrewsbury holds warrants for the arrest of the rest of the "detectives."

## MINISTER TO CHINA MAY GET U. OF W. JOB

The University of Washington regents, who have been combing the East in search of presidential timber to fill the vacancy at the state university, return Sunday. P. S. Reinsch, United States minister to China, is said to be one of the possibilities for the job.

Forest fire on south side of Grays harbor.

## KISSES LEAD TO MURDER

Jealous Stepmother Kills Child Because of Father's Love.

CONFESSES HER CRIME

Tells How She Forced Deadly Poison Down Girl's Throat.

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 30.—Can a wife become so jealous of a daughter—a step-daughter—as a rival for the affections of the husband and father that she will murder?

Mrs. Albert Steele, on arrest, admitted the killing of 11-year-old Evelina Steele, whose body was found in an alley back of her home, and revealed the horrifying details. She told of stripping the little girl of every bit of clothing in a wood shed in the rear of her home. She told of binding her arms tightly at her sides, of blindfolding her, and then, having the little girl helpless, pulled out her tongue and forced a spoonful of muriatic acid down her throat.

Describes Death Struggle  
She described how the child gulped down the poison and her death struggles.

Acid burns over the body of the girl testify that she knew what was happening to her and in her fight for life spilled several spoonfuls of the poison before the fatal dose was administered.

The step-mother then decided to bury the child and dug a hole in the yard, but on later thought decided to throw the body into the alley, where it was found.

Father Near Madness  
Albert Steele, the girl's father, is on the verge of madness.

He curses the woman—his wife—who killed his daughter that none other might share his affections.

"It had always been my custom," said Steele in a calmer moment, "to kiss my wife and Evelina when leaving for work and when returning.

"In the evenings the child would sit on my lap and tell me incidents of her day at school.

"When suddenly this all changed. When the three of us would be together in the evenings the girl would remain by herself and refuse to sit on my lap. She seemed to be in fear of her step-mother.

"Whenever her step-mother left the room she would run over to me and kiss and hug me—but never in the presence of her step-mother.

The authorities are convinced that Mrs. Steele killed the girl through jealousy—perhaps as much because the child looked like her mother, and constantly reminded the step-mother of her predecessor, as for the attention her father gave her.

## SEES ROBBERS; TOO SCARED TO MOVE

Transfixed by fright, R. Aral, Japanese watchman, sitting in an adjoining room, silently watched three robbers carry off six suits at the Pantorium Dye Works, 562 Denny way, at 3 o'clock Friday morning.

An hour later, when the robbers were safely out of the district, Aral summoned sufficient courage to telephone a Japanese friend, who acting as interpreter, notified the police.

## LITTLE GIRL AND THE STEPMOTHER WHO KILLED HER BECAUSE SHE KISSED FATHER



## FEAR FOR BIG LINER IN STORM

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Eighteen hours overdue, grave anxiety was felt for the passenger liner Pennsylvania, which is believed to have run into last night's gale while en route here from the west coast of Mexico.

The S. S. Yosemite, which called for Astoria yesterday with 40 passengers, returned to San Francisco today.

The captain wirelessly that his ship was damaged by the immense waves.

## BRADFORD BRANDS RENICK BILL UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND VOID

In an opinion handed to Comptroller Carroll relative to the city's right to transfer two substations from the municipal railway division to the lighting department, Corporation Counsel Bradford Friday branded the Renick law as unconstitutional and void.

This means the city will not be prevented from making the exchange.

Incidentally, Bradford takes a slap at the supreme court. Pointing out that the Renick law allows smaller cities and villages, school districts, counties, port districts, and the state itself, to do those things prohibited to the five largest cities in the state, Bradford says:

"To my mind, the Renick bill is pregnant with invalidity. It infringes the constitution of the state. It is obviously as void as the emergency clause attached to the bill which the supreme court in its recent decision held valid.

"I believed and argued before that decision, and I still believe, despite that decision, that the emergency clause is a subterfuge and a fraud upon the people.



## MASS MEETING TONIGHT ON THE REFERENDUM

Though opponents of the referendum have refused to debate, a big mass meeting will nevertheless be held Friday night at the Labor Temple to discuss the seven measures on which the people's direct vote is being sought.

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## NO GOOD; KILLS SELF

"I never was any good, and never will be, so I think I am doing the right thing. I don't think it is my fault, though."

After scribbling the above note to the landlady of the Erwin hotel, 1523 1/2 Second ave., Thos. H. Down, Bryn Mawr farmer, killed himself with a revolver Thursday afternoon. Down leaves a mother in Bryn Mawr.

## PROMINENT GERMAN CITIZENS JAILED BY VANCOUVER POLICE

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 30.—The police late yesterday raided the house occupied by Baron Von Luttwitz and Dr. Otto Grunnet, prominent Germans, on Marine drive, Point Grey, arrested both men, and searched the premises.

Letters and papers, it is rumored, were found which may lead to the arrest of other German residents of Vancouver.

With Baron Von Luttwitz, and Dr. Grunnet, were arrested Paul Moppe and Friedrich Stritzel, the latter the personal servant of Count Alvo Von Ovensleben, now in Seattle.

Dr. Grunnet claimed American citizenship on being brought to the police station. He demanded that the American consul here be telephoned for.

The consul came soon afterward and had an interview with both the doctor and the baron. All four men are held as prisoners of war.

Feeling against Germans and Austrians is everywhere intense today. Point Grey, a suburb, given over largely to well-to-do Germans, is being depopulated. A number of residents left in haste last night.

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## Kaiser's Fleet Hurls Shells Into Dunkirk 300 Miles From Its Base; Paris Fears Naval Attack on French Coast

PARIS, April 30.—The Germans have struck from the sea!

Their warships, operating 300 miles from their base, have shelled the fortified city of Dunkirk.

Nineteen shells are known to have fallen in the city. Twenty persons have been killed and 45 wounded.

Whether the bombardment is being continued or the hostile fleet is steaming south, to shell Calais and other points on the French coast, is not yet known, the government limiting the information so far made available to a brusque statement that German warships are off the Belgian coast.

It is believed a demand already has been made on the British government to send ships to protect the French coast.

Most of the new French warships are aiding the British forces in the Dardanelles. It has not been thought here that the Germans would take the chance of operating so far from their base of supplies and up until today's announcement, everyone believed the French coast was entirely safe.

It is believed the German warships were sent south to co-operate with the German army in the new drive against the French coast.

The success of the British warships last fall in checking the first German drive with light draught monitors and cruisers is believed to have inspired the latest German move.

It is believed the warships now off the Belgian coast are fast little cruisers of the type which raided the English coast during the winter.

The official communique tells of the Dunkirk bombardment. It states that 19 shells fell in the city and destroyed several houses, but that no damage was done to the fortifications.

The Germans are again bombarding Rheims. More than 500 shells have fallen in the city, it is stated. Numerous fires have been started, but all have been quickly extinguished.

## PROGRESSIVES TO DECIDE PARTY FATE

What's going to become of the progressive party?

This interesting little topic will be discussed Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:30, and lasting until the orators get tired, at a big conference in the Boston block headquarters called by County Chairman J. Y. C. Kellogg.

All progressives, big or little, are invited to participate in the discussion.

The question of abandoning the party as such, or continuing as a party, will be largely determined by the attitude of those present at Saturday's conference.

Under German patent laws an inventor is obliged to develop his patent within three years or suffer annulment.

## GUESS IF THEY'RE MARRIED



## MANY PEOPLE PROFIT BY READING THE ADS

Thousands and thousands of readers of The Star are reading the advertisements carefully every day. They're better dressed, their children are better dressed and fed and their living expenses are considerably reduced by this watchful economy.

An average family can save several hundred dollars in the course of a year by reading the ads carefully and taking advantage of the opportunities which they present.

For instance, here are just a few of the economies which are told of in the ads today: In a public market ad you will find Carnation milk advertised at 5c a can for Saturday. A millinery store offers a special lot of trimmed hats at \$1.00. A furniture store ad tells of a 42-inch top dining table being sold at \$9.75. A shoe house advertises white canvas shoes for women at 95c, etc., etc. A regular bargain feast is spread for you today in the ads. Take advantage.