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## THE MADNESS

THE daily war bill of the six principal powers at war amounts to \$90,000,000. One year of war adds to the debt of these six nations the stupendous sum of \$32,850,000,000. At the beginning of the year 1914 the public debt of all the nations of the world aggregated but \$42,939,631,000.

So, if the war lasts as much longer as it has already raged, the burden shouldered on the posterity of Germany, Austria, England, France, Russia and Italy, with that of the smaller countries involved, will easily amount to as great a sum as the balance of the debt contracted by the whole world during the first two thousand years of its existence. It is truly stupefying.

And when it is considered that instead of adding to the treasures of the earth in the products of science, art and building, this fabulous sum is being expended in destroying those things, one is brought face to face with a full reality of the horror of it all.

No, not a reality. It is impossible for the average human mind to grasp the meaning of even the daily war cost. Think of it, Seattle people: \$90,000,000!

We have been wrangling over our taxes for

next year. The council has tentatively fixed the budget at \$4,774,000, and we are howling like sixty over the size of it. Now, compare that with \$90,000,000, the daily war cost. Here is the result:

IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY 19 TIMES AS MUCH TO OPERATE THE WAR ONE DAY AS IT WILL TO RUN SEATTLE'S CITY GOVERNMENT ALL NEXT YEAR!

But that isn't all. Apart from the frightful loss of life, these European nations are condemning their people to economical slavery for generation upon generation. No wonder then that the spirit of anarchy is rife in ill-fated Europe.

A vast wilderness, bestrewn with ruins, dotted with the sepulchres of its noblest sons, peopled with old men, women, children and the maimed, staggering under the most colossal burden of debt civilization has ever known! Pitiful in the contemplation, is it not?

Yet it is fast becoming a dread reality. Only peace at an early moment—a peace that will be so stable that the remnant of the manhood of Europe may turn its whole effort to rehabilitating its land, with no fear of that peace being broken, can now prevent the almost utter ruin of the old world

empires. But reason has departed; there is but little promise of peace.

Europe is a seething inferno of hate and passion, shrouded in a blood red mist of murderous rage. Truly, "those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

## WHOA, REUBEN!

REUBEN JONES, who holds the position of secretary of the board of education, made a speech Monday night to an audience of women, in which he said school dances are bad for the children, that use of the schools as social centers would be all right with proper restrictions, and otherwise aired his views on various matters.

He believed in the public use of public property, he said, "with the careful proviso that Tom, Dick and Harry be prevented from using this property to exploit their own private interests or hobbies."

Why bar Tom, Dick and Harry? Why not let EVERYBODY in, if we're going to have social centers? And who authorized Reuben, a salaried clerk

employed by the school board, to frame up this matter for the town, anyhow?

## JUST BY THE WAY

DID you notice that the Seattle Lighting company has filed a new tariff with the public service commission at Olympia, fixing 25 cents as the minimum charge for gas instead of 50 cents, to conform with the commission's recent order?

Oh, nothing, only The Star took quite a prominent part in the agitation that led up to the entering of this order by the commission.

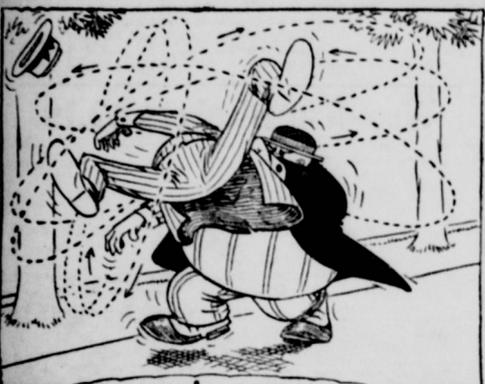
## ALL SAME SEATTLE

THE Rhinelander, Wis., board of education, after considerable discussion, has appointed a committee to investigate whether dancing shall be permitted in the schools. The board itself seems to be practicing the hesitation.

ACCORDING TO recent reports, the heavy rains have made the historic laughing waters of Minnehaha at Minneapolis almost hysterical.

LOOKS AS if Sir Ed Carson got out of the British cabinet so's to be able to throw bricks without danger of some of them coming down on his own head.

## Outbursts of Everett True



## Observations

FOUR PAIRS of corsets are to be sold at an auction of unclaimed mail at the St. Paul postoffice. This, of course, doesn't entail much government profit—a mere matter of form.

A NEW YORKER caught trying to smuggle a case of rubber over to Germany, evidently didn't expect a case of rubber by government officers.

OVER HALF of Minnesota has gone dry the past year under county option—but they still have the Rum river.

WHAT A fleet Father Neptune now has!

BERLIN REPORTS that King Peter of Serbia "has disappeared, nobody knows where." Well, if King Peter hasn't a perfectly good reason for disappearing about now, we don't know of any one who has.

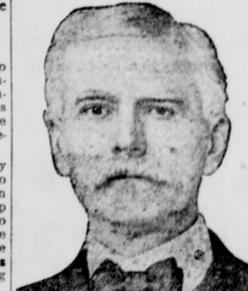
NEAR SANTA MONICA, Cal., a collie dog, riding in an automobile, turned rabid and chewed up the driver. We remember lots of times we would have done the same thing, if we had possessed the nerve of that collie.

## Well Known Remedy Relieves Chronic Case

Important to Dispose of Waste From the Stomach With Regularity.

People frequently attribute to failure of the digestive organs conditions that are primarily due to inactive bowels, and apply remedies that from their very nature are more apt to aggravate than to relieve the disorder.

When the bowels act regularly the stomach is in better shape to perform its allotted tasks and can usually be depended upon. To keep the bowels in condition there is no more effective remedy than the combination of simple laxative herbs known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is sold in drug stores for fifty cents a bottle.



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up guaranteed by its use relieves every organ. A bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin should be on hand in every home for use when needed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

## A Married Man's Troubles



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MARKET MUDDLE  
Editor The Star: Your notice of the Japanese protest against the method of allotting spaces in the public market was scarcely definite enough to convey a clear impression of the issues involved.

When the market was opened the council invited the Japanese farmers to put their produce on sale. The Japanese now produce about 70 per cent of all the vegetables used in Seattle. They, however, do not pool their interests, they sell as individuals.

The produce is raised on small plots, rented at high rates. Not being allowed to own land, they have not an equal chance with the people who have that privilege. They have prospered since the market has opened and the laborer who buys his vegetables on the market gets very near twice the amount that the same sum purchased formerly.

Inasmuch as the consumer is the first consideration, it would seem but reasonable for the city council to endeavor to find some method of relieving the existing congestion on the market that will not force numbers of the very people off the market who have assisted very materially in making it what it is, and thus probably forcing up prices and even endangering the markets. Dividing the producers into two sections along race lines is probably the easiest way, but the easiest way is not always the right way. The present method gives 50 per cent of the best spaces to 20 per cent of exhibitors, mostly "agents," not producers, and not native Americans, and many of them sell produce bought from Japanese farmers.

If the Japanese were drawing most of the best numbers in a legal manner, what right has the city council, at the behest of the health department, to interfere by a verbal understanding that they know could not stand the test in the courts, if put in the form of an amendment to the market regulations? If one regulation can be amended by verbal order, why not others? If the Japanese, or part of them, were resorting to improper means to secure the best places, those in charge of the market have full authority to stop such and punish the offenders.

W. G. MURPHY.

SAYS WHITES PREDOMINATE  
Editor The Star: The Star stated this week, upon the authority of members of the city council, that the Japanese outnumber the whites among dealers at the Pike place market. This is not so, as a count will show.

JOHN MORASCH, Sundrydale.

SAYS WE BRAG TOO MUCH  
Editor The Star: I, for one, would like The Star much better if it was not so full of conceit and so confidently proud of itself.

I've been reading The Star ever since it was first published and have always liked it, and looked for it; but lately it tried to create a sensation out of nothing, about fire protection in public schools. No doubt, the heads of the fire department are more capable of deciding what's practical and necessary in such a case than The Star's editorial staff.

The Star certainly is due a lot of credit for its good work; but let

sombody else do the bragging. JOHN SCHAW, Everett.

TAXING RELIGION  
Editor The Star: In The Star of Nov. 5 I note in the letter from "A Conservative Christian" that he says he is "opposed to taxing religion." I should like to ask, "Who

wants to tax religion?"

When, a year or so ago in some Eastern states, certain aspirants for political office were sadly defeated at the polls, a howl went up that the losers were the victims of religious bigotry, that a candidate's religion was made an issue. We assume that the voters in those communities had their own reasons for choosing as they did.

In Arizona not so long since, the cry was raised that the prohibition law would interfere with religious liberty. It was opposed and fought desperately by the religious (?) ones.

In nearly all of our larger cities are laundries conducted in the name of religion, in connection with houses of correction and operated almost entirely by unpaid labor. Said laundries, tho operated for profit, are exempt from taxation. So also are the schools, large and small, established and run in opposition to the "Godless" public schools. We would like to know if any other laundries or private schools enjoy exemption from taxation.

If political corruption, drunkenness, the liquor traffic and slavery are religion, they surely are not the kind described in James 1:27. It is hard to see the benefit to the world from religion of that kind.

I dare say that the only religion people who are opposed to taxation of church property are those whose religion is more apparent than real, and whose church buildings are erected more for show than for the service of God and his lowly-born Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Yours for justice to all. GEORGE E. WALTER.

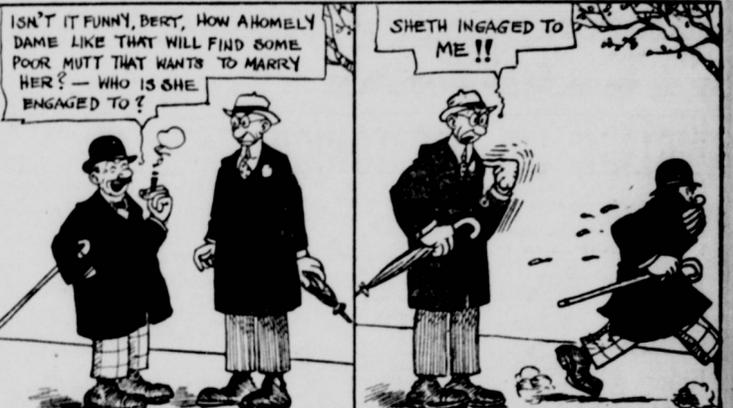
How You Can Have "Naturally Curly" Hair  
If you will forswear the curling iron and follow the simple plan here suggested, you will be surprised beyond words to see not only the beautiful curl, but the soft fluffiness and lively luster your hair will acquire.

The plan—merely to apply to the hair before retiring a little pure silmerine (in liquid form), using a clean tooth brush for the purpose. The most effective way is to divide the hair into strands, moistening each of them separately from root to tip.

The delightful wavy effect in evidence in the morning will suggest to any "stranger" that your hair is "naturally curly." The effect will last a considerable time, and if you'll get a few ounces of liquid silmerine from your druggist, you will get a supply for months. This, by the way, will leave no sticky or greasy trace, and cannot harm hair or scalp in any way. The hair will be quite manageable at all times, no matter how you do it up.—Advertisement.

A Simple Way to Remove Dandruff  
There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it actively. To do this just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid ammon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single stain and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.—Advertisement.



THE BEST STORY TODAY  
"Bobby," said his mother, "did you wash your face before your music teacher came, as I told you?" "Yes," said Bobby. "And your hands?" "Yes."

"And your ears?" "Well, mamma," said Bobby truthfully, "I washed the one that would be next to her."

A man named Cannon has disappeared at Marinette, Wis. Just a case of having gone off.

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