

A Chance to See a Leap Year Wedding

Seattle girl proposes to Seattle man and the wedding will take place at the Strand theatre Leap Year day, Tuesday, February 29. Admission free! Read all about it on page 7.

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LOOSE-TONGUE HIRAM

If You have indulged in a lot of loose talk, Hi Gill, but you haven't got down to brass tacks on the real issue. You haven't yet put forward one reason, or even ONE EXCUSE, why you should be elected mayor again. You can't fool the people of Seattle any more. You can't get votes by calling Griffiths and his wife names.

And calling names and spouting bunk don't answer the big, vital question. They don't constitute any grounds as to why you should be re-elected.

Calling Griffiths names doesn't excuse you for keeping a Louie Lang as chief of police. Calling names doesn't explain why vice and gambling have run rampant with petty police graft, under the cloak of your apparent reform and respectability.

Even the high-faluting statement in the morning paper, which somebody else wrote for you and to which you signed your name, doesn't furnish any reasons or any excuses for your re-election.

If you are going to depend on TALK, Hi Gill, stick to your line of stuff. Don't let some rhetorically-inclined editor put big words in your mouth.

To date your TALK comprises these things:

You called Griffiths a liar and a coward;

You called Griffiths' wife a foul name. In the next breath you said Griffiths' wife was worth a million dollars when he married her. In another speech on the same day you said she was worth a half million dollars when he married her.

The Star has said, Hi Gill, that you are a 22-caliber man. This sort of stuff out of your own mouth proves it.

THE STAR IS FOR GRIFFITHS AS AGAINST YOU FOR MAYOR BECAUSE GRIFFITHS IS A MAN.

KAISER TRIES TO END WAR BY ONE SMASH

These Are the Victims of Gill's Slanderous Tongue

Greatest Battle Ever Known Rages Around Verdun; London Expects Other Offensives.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—With all his resources, the kaiser is striking for an overwhelming victory, intended to end the war. The past week's battling for the fortress of Verdun is but the prelude to a grand assault along the Western front—the most tremendous offensive the world has ever seen. Simultaneously with the land operations, the German submarine campaign against armed ships is due to start at midnight Tuesday.



This is Mrs. Austin E. Griffiths and the modest Griffiths home. This is the woman Hi Gill baselessly slandered in his speech at the Liberty theatre Saturday noon, and again at Turner hall Saturday evening.

A Glimpse Into the Home Life of Austin E. Griffiths; Something About the Woman Who Gill Said, in Public Speech, Had Been "Dragged Down to the Level of a Street Walker" by Her Husband

BY JACK JUNGMEYER

It's a modest, smallish home on 22nd ave. N. And it shelters a fine old-fashioned family—the household of Austin E. Griffiths.

No snobbery, no million-dollarish airs, no evidences of the sordid materialism with which Hi Gill tried to stamp it in his innuendoes and hissing snarl of Saturday's camp-pain speech.

As a key to a prospective mayor's character and public deportment, his home life is a matter of general interest.

And it is for that reason this is written, not in patronizing defense of a home that needs no defense.

Mrs. Griffiths' name was linked with that of her husband in the Gill diatribe.

Mayor Gill today is trying to deny that he compared Mrs. Griffiths, in his diatribe Saturday, to a street walker.

He is trying to wiggle out from under the storm of criticism that assailed him for his statement.

Its import was shocking, no matter what its motive or exact wording.

"I don't see how Mr. Gill could have said such things about Mamma," exclaimed Griffiths to friends after Gill's unbridled invective.

"Mamma" Griffiths! There's a fine old-fashioned ring about that.

So used was Griffiths to the word that seems to sum up all that is best and wholesome in family relationships that it fell quite unconsciously from his lips.

Tells of Visit to Griffiths' Home

"Mamma" Griffiths! It fits perfectly with my impression of the household at 291 22nd ave. N., gained during informal visits there.

It jibes with the domestic life of an exceptionally democratic American home, free from pretense and social four-flush.

"We met as children on the prairies of Nebraska," says Austin Griffiths, in a statement printed elsewhere in full.

"And we were wed because we loved each other. We have been married 28 years and we have five children."

Gill, in his ill-chosen reference to his opponent's private life, sought to create the impression that Griffiths had married the mother of his children because "she was a million-dollar heiress."

"We both taught school before

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MOTHERS TO HEAR DOCTOR'S LECTURE

Mothers are invited to the illustrated lecture to be given by Dr. H. C. Puckett Tuesday afternoon, at 3:30, at the Bon Marche, under the auspices of the Mothers' Training school. The lecture is entitled: "Care of Children's Teeth."

Nurses will also demonstrate in a practical way subjects of interest to mothers.

EVERETT, Feb. 28.—Search is still on for thieves who stole \$500 worth of silk and ladies' goods from Dolson & Smith's store Friday.

MAYOR KEEPS UP ABUSING WOMEN

Makes Vicious Attack on Mrs. Charter in Public Speech

GETS IN WRONG ON DAM

EXTRACTS FROM HI GILL'S SPEECH SATURDAY NIGHT

"I was incorrectly quoted in The Star. I have attacked no woman in this campaign, nor shall I do so."

"Mrs. Charter is an imported thing, with a face like a futuristic cut."

"Austin E. Griffiths married a half million. He never earned a dollar in his life. He has a swell farm which he got the same way he got the rest of it."

"I can tell you why he resigned as chief, but I haven't got the time now."

In a short speech before the German-American Republican club Saturday night, Mayor Gill again raked his former chief of police, Austin E. Griffiths, now his rival in the mayoralty race, over the coals of bitter abuse.

Almost in the same breath that he denied any intention to attack any woman, he assailed the looks of Mrs. Remington Charter, the magazine writer, who made a personal investigation of conditions in the new underworld district.

He again stated that Griffiths married for money, but reduced the amount from a million to half a million.

He admitted that he was mayor before the taxes went up, in 1910, but declared it was due to the inauguration of municipal collection of garbage.

He promised to reduce the next tax levy to 15 mills.

Turning his attention to Griffiths again, he denounced him as a "socialist and a single taxer," and, altho the records show Griffiths strongly opposed the building of a Cedar river dam at its present location, Gill declared:

"Griffiths put the dam where it is, against the advice of experts."

Gill also urged the re-election of Councilman Fitzgerald.

Others who spoke were: H. C. Caldwell and James E. Bradford, candidates for corporation counsel; Ed Terry, candidate for treasurer; Harry Carroll, candidate for comptroller; Dr. Walter J. Briggs, associate editor of the German-American, and President E. H. Plick of the club.

One of Gill's newspaper champions deliberately omitted on Saturday and Sunday any mention of the mayor's reference to Mrs. Griffiths in his Saturday noon speech.

GILL WILL VETO IT

Mayor Gill announced Monday that he would veto the council bill calling for new water pipes at Laurelhurst.

Water Supt. Youngs has told the council that new water pipes are an immediate necessity.

NORTH YAKIMA, Feb. 28.—Mrs. H. D. Winchester was killed almost instantly Saturday when the auto in which she was riding ran over a bank.

AUTO DRIVER KILLED

WEATHER FORECAST

Rain tonight; Tuesday fair.

GERMANY NOTIFIES U. S. OF INTENTION TO OPEN 'SUB' WAR ON ARMED MERCHANTMEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Germany's reiteration of intent to torpedo armed merchantmen, beginning Wednesday, was handed Secretary Lansing today by German Ambassador Von Bernstorff.

Lansing's only announcement was "Ambassador Von Bernstorff left his government's memorandum. That is all I can say."

The German envoy was equally uncommunicative.

Later, however, it was learned the memorandum contained the report of submarine commanders on a score of cases, in which it is alleged British merchantmen used their armament offensively.

It also gave further references to alleged secret British admiralty orders to destroy submarines.

The original copy of the order found on the seized liner Appam was recently given to Lansing by Von Bernstorff.

The Austrian charge d' affaires visited the state department after Bernstorff, and declared Austria's views were identical with Germany's.

England's alleged orders to merchantmen to attack submarines, as claimed by Germany, seemed today to offer the last hope for a satisfactory adjustment of the German-American deadlock.

If these orders are proved to exist, the American position toward Germany may be somewhat altered.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff's instructions from Berlin, however, offered no apparent basis for a settlement.

Congress is not expected to interfere in the administration's German-American course.

TO GIVE WARNING ANYWAY

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN (U. P. Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Germany will not torpedo passenger liners without warning, even after Tuesday, when her warfare against armed merchantmen becomes effective, the United Press was reliably informed today.

Germany will endanger human lives only in case a steamer attempts to escape, to fire on a submarine or to ram it.

The difference between the past and the future submarine warfare will be that: Armed ships will not be considered legitimate peaceful trading vessels.

Commanders will not torpedo every ship encountered, trusting later that they may prove them vessels armed for offensive.

Commanders will not violate previous instructions to warn passenger liners before sinking them.

Germany is not courting trouble with America, but if a future accident endangers Americans, Germany will consider she is not responsible, inasmuch as she has warned Americans and the American government officially.



AN USHER IN THE COLISEUM AT ROME

TIDES AT SEATTLE TODAY

High 2:05 a. m., 12.4 ft. 6:38 a. m., 10.5 ft. 1:02 a. m., 12.5 ft. 7:00 p. m., 1.6 ft.

Attend the mass meeting Wednesday, at 12:30, at the American theatre, to join in the fight being made by Seattle and the Northwest against the unfair railroad rates that are keeping summer tourists away from our city. Admission is free. You will hear good speakers. You may remain and see the moving picture program.

GIRL BRIDE SUES FATHER-IN-LAW

Declares T. E. Jones Alienated Affections of Husband

TELLS JUDGE OF AFFAIR

T. E. ("Tommy") Jones, wealthy contractor and builder of wharves, of 1017 Queen Anne ave., sat unmoved, with his jaw hard set, in Judge Frater's court Monday, while his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carole B. Jones, aged 17, told a jury how she believes he alienated the affections of her 20-year-old husband, Thomas C. Jones.

The young Mrs. Jones, the pretty mother of an infant boy, who prattled to his grandmother during the course of the trial, is suing her father-in-law for \$25,000.

Tears came copiously as Mrs. Jones rehearsed her courtship days and told of the culmination of her love affair, her wedding at Everett, October 31, 1914.

On their way back to Seattle in the elder Jones' auto, she testified, the bridal party, consisting of herself, her mother and her sister, Miss Adelaide Owen, separated from the rest of the crowd at Fremont.

"Tommy, my husband," she said, "stayed in the machine with his father. I was deserted on my wedding day."

To fix her husband's social position in the minds of the jury, her sister, Miss Owen, testified that young Jones had moved and associated with the wealthiest families in Seattle.

On a day soon after the marriage, Miss Owen testified, she herself called up the father-in-law and asked him to come to the Owen home.

She said she asked him when his son was coming, to which he gave answer that he wished Mrs. Jones would give his son a divorce.

The latter replied that she would not, positively, and Jones then is said to have declared that his son would never live with his wife.

SUSPEND SENTENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The supreme court today agreed to hear the whole case of David Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," on its merits, thereby automatically suspending sentence to Atlanta penitentiary for impersonating ex-Rep. Palmer.

PROTEST ARREST

In a resolution adopted by the Beth Control League of Seattle at a meeting held Sunday evening at Washington hall, protest is made against the arrest in New York of Emma Goldman for disseminating information about birth control.

The resolutions were addressed to Judge Brinn, Harlem court, New York.

VERDUN BLOODIEST OF BATTLEFIELDS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Verdun wood may go down in history as the world's bloodiest battlefield.

Train loads of wounded, shattered men are reaching here, giving evidence of fearful carnage north of Verdun.

Other trains are steaming eastward with reinforcements and munitions to fill the gaps made by the German offensive.

"There must be 30,000 wounded men dying in agony in the rain and snow, simply because their comrades cannot reach them," said a surgeon today.

The percentage of death will exceed that of the champagne last September.

The tragedy of Verdun is written on the faces of the Parisian men and women, they are, nevertheless, cheered by the latest advices indicating the French left holds the Pepper Heights, while the center and right are counter attacking from the ruins of Douaumont.

PREDICT FALL IN ANOTHER FORTNIGHT

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The fall of Verdun, possibly within a fortnight, was predicted by military critics here today.

They pointed out that no fortress since the war started has withstood a German attack once a breach was made in the outer defenses.