

Albert Lawrence, Star office boy, now an actor at the Orpheum, tells some inside stuff about life on the stage with the Wilkes players. Is he good? Well, read what he says on page 8.

Say, there, fellow, where's your straw hat? This is May 15—and Czar Fashion says it's the first day for straws. Forecaster Salisbury says: "Fair tonight and Tuesday."

MOB OF THOUSANDS KILL AND BURN SLAYER

R. H. THOMSON WRITES OF CITY'S PROBLEMS

ROGER CASEMENT SMILES AS HE GOES ON TRIAL

He Takes Notes of Evidence

Alleged Instigator of Irish Rebellion Given Preliminary Hearing

COOL DURING SESSION

BY WILBUR S. FORREST

LONDON, May 15.—Sir Roger Casement's preliminary hearing on a charge of treason in connection with the Irish rebellion was conducted today in the Bow Street police court, the crown reserving much evidence for presentation at the formal trial later.

SIR ROGER CASEMENT, ON TRIAL TODAY AND TOWER WHERE HE'LL HANG IF GUILTY



Sir Roger Casement and the Tower of London, Where He Will Be Executed if Convicted

He wore British army shoes. This is the first treason trial in the Bow st. court since that of Arthur Lynch, rebel leader, after the Boer war.

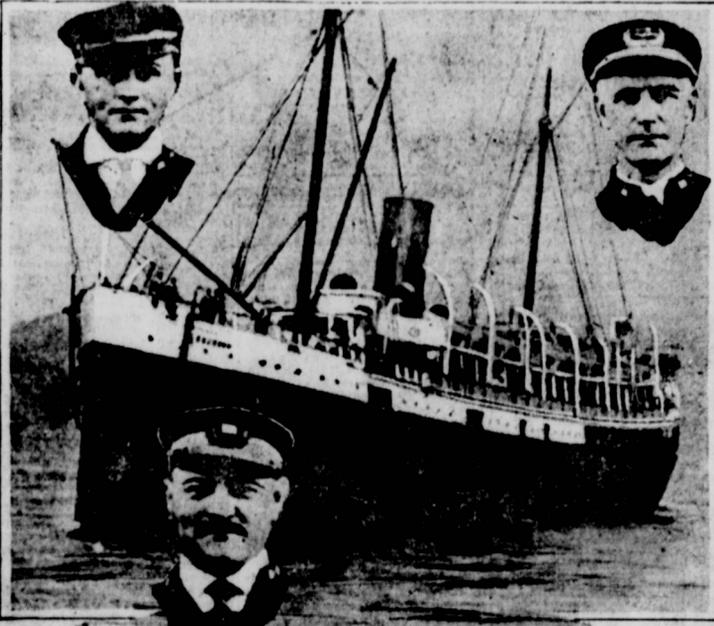
FIRES AT FT. BLISS

SAN ANTONIO, Mex., May 15.—Two fires, which started in widely separated points in Fort Bliss Saturday night, did considerable damage, according to Gen. Funston's announcement today.

ROUGH ON ART SMITH

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Friends of Art Smith, the boy aviator, were agitated today by reports that he had been stoned by a Japanese mob at Osaka, Japan, because he delayed making an advertised flight.

ILL-FATED ROANOKE AND THREE OF THE 46 VICTIMS



The steamship Roanoke, bound for South America, sank 13 miles off Port San Luis, Cal., 188 miles south of San Francisco, with a loss of 46 lives, including Capt. R. Dickson and wife.

ROANOKE INQUIRY ON TODAY

Survivor Declares Steamer Was Weakened and Overloaded

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Testifying in the probe of the North Pacific liner Roanoke disaster, Quartermaster Elbe, one of the three survivors, declared he believed the steamer was overloaded, and said the crew entertained fears for its safety.

WAR WILL END SOON, SAYS HILL

Seattle Man Returns From Conference With Belgian King

Germany is beaten. The end of the war is near. This is the gist of a statement given out in New York today by a Star correspondent by Samuel Hill of Seattle, son-in-law of James J. Hill, railroad magnate.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED IN TEXAS

Thousands Seize and Kill Condemned Man in City of Waco

WACO, Tex., May 15.—Storming the courthouse, a mob estimated at thousands strong, today seized Jesse Washington, 18, a negro, and burned him to death in city hall square, for murdering Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, 56, a farmer's wife.

LANDS MARINES

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Admiral Caperton reported today that he had landed marines at Santo Domingo. The number was not stated. Caperton commands about 500 marines.

GENEROUS OF 'HARRY'

NEW YORK, May 15.—Harry Lauder has given the allies \$500,000. Don't faint—he gave it to them in "time," not money.

MASSACRE FEARED

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Private messages to the state department say there is danger of a massacre of Christians in Syria which is expected to surpass any previous American massacre.

WORMS AT WEDDING

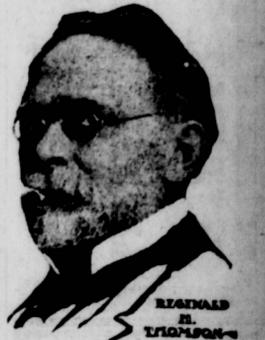
CHICAGO, May 15.—Wedding guests scattered when they opened a supposed "gift for the bride."

COUNCILMAN OUTLINES HIS PLANS IN STAR

R. H. THOMSON, engineer, has had the United States and Canada watching him and his work on several occasions.

He has untangled engineering problems that would have embarrassed our old friend Hercules. When Mr. Thomson announced he was going to run for the city council, most everybody in Seattle breathed easy.

They knew his kind of service was worth about \$50 a day to people who hired him. The city, too, had some problems that were big enough for R. H. Thomson.



By R. H. THOMSON

I AM asked what I consider the chief problems now before present city council.

There are many important matters before this council, and until one matter which seems to have been lost sight of, but which has been in dispute for the past two years, is fully settled, it is difficult to say just which matter now before us is most important.

The matter which has to some extent been lost sight of, is the question of the extent of the authority now vested in, or intended to be vested in, the Public Service commission of the state of Washington. It is held by some that the next step will be the placing of the municipal public utilities under the same control.

MUST KNOW RIGHTS. If this is the end toward which we are tending, the management of all railways, street railways, jitney busses, gas and electrical plants, will pass into the hands of this state board. Whatever the intent of the legislature is, a full and complete understanding ought to be reached at an early date, clearly defining the rights of the city authorities.

AFFECTS MANY PROBLEMS. We are entitled to know what right we have to hearings and the presentation of testimony before this commission, and whether or not any of their decisions shall be taken as advisory, or whether all decisions of this commission shall be mandatory, and to what extent, and in what matters, we shall have the right of appeal from such commission to the supreme court, or other judicial (Turn to page 3, column 2)

R. R. MEN TO STRIKE

NEW YORK, May 15.—A strike of 5,000 telegraphers and signal men of the New York Central and West Shore lines is impending today.

The mediation which Federal Conciliator Hanger conducted resulted in a deadlock, it is believed. The telegraphers and signalmen demand wage increases.

PROF. HUGH AGNEW, of University of Washington, has resigned to become editor of Business Chronicle, new publication.

TESTIFY TO CHARACTER OF MRS. LYEN

POLICE IN EVERETT GRAB STAR NEWSIES

BANKER LYEN, who is being sued for \$50,000 by his daughter-in-law, for alienation of affection, is prominent in Everett.

When, therefore, four enterprising young news merchants from Seattle stepped off the Everett train Saturday, and began to sell The Star in the City of Smokestacks, a policeman quickly informed them to report at the police station.

They were told they must secure licenses at \$3 a day, a forgotten ordinance having been dug up for that purpose.

As they neither cared for jail nor the \$3 license fee, they disposed of their papers to Everett "newsies."

Thus do the wheels go round!

EVERETT, May 15.—When the case of Esther Lyen against her wealthy parents-in-law, whom she is suing for \$50,000 for alienating the affections of her young husband, was resumed before Judge Bell Monday, attorneys for Banker Lyen clamored for a chance to put the reporter of The Star on the stand.

"We want to examine him as to the reports of this trial in The Star," the judge was told.

"What about?" demanded the judge. "What report?"

A copy of The Star of Saturday was produced. The judge carefully read the account of the Lyen trial.

"I don't see anything in this account that did not take place in court," the judge said.

The eagerness of the attorneys to put The Star reporter on the stand thereupon cooled rather suddenly.

Ingrid Johnson, a schoolboy friend of the girl, continued his testimony from Saturday. Other character witnesses for the girl were heard Saturday. They were Agnes Aschur, a girl chum; P. V. Vikdal, a photographer; Samuel Wilson, her father; Gertrude Hanson, a girl chum. On cross-examination, Miss Hanson told about an auto ride to Mud Lake. The defense laid much stress upon this evidence. The ride occurred two weeks after young Lyen and his wife became acquainted.

"The Unafraid"

Delight Warren, American heiress, is "The Unafraid" girl, whose adventures in Montenegro are told by Eleanor Ingram in the novel-a-week, which begins in The Star today, on page 4.

Against the wishes of her relatives, Delight had consented to be the bride of a handsome nobleman of Montenegro. The bridegroom breaks a leg, and the marriage, which was to take place in Paris, is postponed. She goes to Montenegro to meet him. She is then captured by his brother, the count, and is forced to marry him instead.

The count, however, is a true man of honor. What caused him, then, to adopt such unseemly tactics with Delight?

Begin "The Unafraid," today. The novel ends Saturday.