

It's worth \$50 to you if you can be the first to identify The Star's "girl-in-the-red-mask" who is giving away tickets to the Food show at the Arena and valuable prizes. See her picture on page 8.

Weatherman Salisbury is still having his little joke with us, tho it's pretty nearly June. He offers us today: "Fair tonight and Wednesday; Light Frost."

FRENCH VICTORIOUS AT VERDUN

STATE PROHIBITION HITS SEATTLE'S HIGH RENTS

GIRL WRITER TELLS OF "PRETTY BOY" ON TRIAL

DOUAI MONT RETAKEN IN BLOODY CLASH

PARIS, May 23.—After all-night fighting of great fury, French troops expelled Germans from all except the north-eastern corner of Fort Douaumont, it was officially announced today.

This is one of the greatest victories of the Verdun campaign.

All Paris is celebrating the triumph.

It was declared by the war office that French soldiers re-entered Fort Douaumont after storming German positions along a mile and a quarter front.

In the greatest counter-offensive since the Verdun campaign began, French legions are carrying their banners today in a smashing drive against German lines both east and west of the River Meuse.

The German official statement, while admitting that the French are on the aggressive, specifically denies the claim that practically all the wreckage of shell-shattered Fort Douaumont is in French hands.

Berlin says the engagement is progressing with the ruins held by Germans.

Further gains were also reported on the west bank of the Meuse.

British Beaten Back

News of the French victories was partly offset by word of British reverses near Vimy ridge.

The Bavarians there thrust back the British line, where Teutons threatened against their holdings, which has existed since the British took the offensive.

Bloody hand-to-hand fighting has continued along every foot of the Verdun front since Saturday.

The slaughter along the hills northwest of Verdun is growing deadlier every hour.

German Repulsed

Trenches have been pounded to bits.

Infantry is locked in bayonet struggles to the death.

The most bitter battling is occurring at Hill 304, Deadman's Hill and connecting positions west of the Meuse.

Heavy German charges on both sides of the Meuse were repulsed, except north of Thiaumont farm, on the east bank, where Teutons gained entrance to a trench recently seized by French.

Bloodiest Night in History

When today's official report was issued, the conflict was growing more terrible every minute, following one of the bloodiest nights in the history of Europe.

Amid the ruins of Douaumont, German detachments were still of ferocious heroic resistance.

With bayonets, hand grenades, trench mines and clubbed muskets, soldiers fought individually there, refusing to retreat and dying where they crouched.

Dry Law Results Prove Greatest Blessing That Has Befallen Second-Ave. Merchants in Decade.

When the people of Washington shook the tree of prohibition, some of the biggest plums fell into the baskets of the merchants in Seattle's old "high-rent" district.

The "dry" law is proving itself the greatest blessing that has befallen Second ave. storekeepers in a decade.

Less than a year ago these tenants were doing out fabulous sums each month to their landlords, and were finding it a hard fight to keep their noses above water.

One little shop, with a 12-foot frontage on the avenue, paid its landlord \$600 a month.

Today prohibition has forced rent of that shop down to \$450, but the store has lost nothing in trade as a result of the passing of the saloon.

Before the "dry" law, the landlord could demand a rental of his own choosing. He could tell his complaining tenant: "If you don't like the rent, I can put a saloon in here that will pay me more than you are paying now."

Average Rent in One Second Ave. Block Cut From \$500 to \$350 a Month

Today this situation has ceased to exist, and Seattle merchants have a correspondingly better chance to make a profit in their business instead of a loss.

Rents for ground floor space in one whole block on Second ave. have been cut since January 1 from \$500 a month for the average store room 20x120 feet to \$350.

This is an exceptional case, but, generally speaking, rents are considerably lower.

"These have been no stiffening of the market and the landlords are disposed to let space go at the reduced rental charge," said Arthur E. Goodwin, secretary-treasurer of the Seattle Real Estate association.

"The Bon Marche's recent purchase of part of its site," he added, "may have a tendency to strengthen the market. It has given assurance that the trading center will remain where it is."

A year ago Second ave. frontage was renting at about \$400 a lineal foot. Today it rents nearer \$350.

"Where the saloons were clustered," said Henry Broderick, president of Henry Broderick, Inc., one of the largest rental agents in the city, "the reduction is naturally more marked. In some cases it is as great as 50 per cent."

Residence Section Pretty Well Rented, Secretary of Realty Association Declares

On First ave., between Madison and Pike sts., rents have gone down about 35 per cent since the saloons went out. The storekeeper today can rent a 20-foot front for about \$75 a month.

On Third and Fourth aves. the change has not been so marked.

Speaking of the homes and apartment houses, Secretary Goodwin, of the Real Estate association, said the town as a whole is pretty well rented.

"Perhaps we are a little overbuilt," he said, "but all the better class of homes and apartments are rented."

Fred W. West, president of West & Wheeler, large rental agents, would not admit that Second ave. rents had slumped materially.

"There are 2,880 feet of ground floor space, counting both sides of Second ave., from Madison to Pike st.," he said, "that rent for about \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 per year. There has been no great drop in rents in that section."

DRILLED MEN WILL MARCH IN ONE UNIT

Every man in Seattle who has ever packed a service rifle, whether in a boy's academy or the regular army, will be organized into one great unit in the preparedness parade, Saturday, June 10.

This unit will reflect the proportion of citizens who have received any kind of training for service in time of war.

Former navy men have decided to hold a meeting in the Arcade building assembly Friday night, to get together all who have done service on the seas.

In contrast to the trained, and partially trained, citizens will be the line of Seattle Produce association members, members of Greek letter college fraternities, members of the cooks and assistants' union and thousands of professional men and tradesmen.

The council resolution calling for participation in the parade on the part of city employees was referred to the judiciary committee Monday.

If it is declared legal, the council will pass it Monday and Mayor Gill will head a committee to work out details of the city's part in the pageant.

Crowding the Favorite Sons!



QUELL SMALLPOX OUTBREAK

ESTHER LYEN IS GIVEN \$15,000

Everett Jury Awards Girl Verdict Against Father-in-Law

BANKER TURNS PALE

EVERETT, May 23.—Fifteen thousand dollars for the loss of a husband was the heart balm given 16-year-old Esther Aldeen Lyen.

Banker J. L. Lyen and Mrs. Lyen, parents of Cecil Lewis Lyen, must pay the judgment, the jury in Ralph C. Bell's court found last night.

Young Lyen is in Denver, where he went the day of the wedding.

The jury found that his parents maliciously sent him there to keep the young folks from living together.

It was 9 o'clock when the jury filed into the court room with a verdict. The room was filled with people, many of whom had remained there since morning.

Standing room had been at a premium through the 10 days of the trial.

There was a tense silence during the reading of the verdict.

Lyen appeared very nervous.

As the amount was named he turned slightly pale, but soon regained his composure.

"I wish to move at this time for dismissal of the case despite the verdict of the jury," said Attorney H. D. Cooley for Lyen.

"I wish to enter the same motion on behalf of Mrs. Ida Marguerite Lyen," said E. C. Dalley.

PARENTS—ATTENTION! Any rash on the skin may mean smallpox. By calling the city health department, Main 8500, you can co-operate in stamping out the disease. Medical inspectors will be sent to any part of the city to check up on cases, if notified.

City physicians have been working quietly night and day for more than a week to get the upper hand of a sudden outbreak of smallpox in widely separated districts.

Tuesday there are 16 sufferers being treated in the isolation hospital at Firlands. Saturday there were 17.

There have been no new cases in two days.

Health Commissioner McBride for the first time in a week is almost certain the threatened epidemic has been checked.

Under the personal direction of Dr. McBride and Chief Medical Inspector Stith, all infected districts have been surveyed and a general campaign of vaccination and fumigation carried out. All known cases now are isolated.

The smallpox cases observed are mild, they say, and the symptoms very similar to chicken pox.

One case was found in Mother Ryther's home.

All dependents there have been vaccinated and the place fumigated.

Eight cases were located at the Roslyn hotel. Five were street car employees.

Pupils in the Sacred Heart and Lawton schools, where cases were discovered, have been vaccinated and the rooms fumigated.

Shops in the Pike Place market will close at 9 instead of 10 p. m. on Saturdays if the council adopts the recommendation decided upon by the harbor and public grounds committee Tuesday.

Petitioners representing union butchers made the request.

HEAVENS! HOW NICE IT ALL IS

Democratic Platform, Says Russell, Will Harp on "Our Unapproachable Excellence"

MORE COMEDY STUFF

This is the second article in which this noted political writer tells what the party platforms will be like in the coming election.

BY CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL

Noted American Political and Economic Authority

One of the juiciest jokes about political platform making is that the makers toil,

sweat, worry, argue, quarrel and sometimes beat one another with their fists over what shall go into a platform,

and when it is made nobody reads it but the party reader, and he thinks he's underpaid. Six months later its own creators couldn't tell you devoted to the marvelous and unapproachable excellence and achievements of the present administration.

FOREIGN POLICY!

In the midst of a terrible conflict convulsing the rest of the

KEYNOTE!

They tell me in Washington that the greater part of the democratic platform will be devoted to the marvelous and unapproachable excellence and achievements of the present administration.

Soft-Haired, Red-Lipped, Delicate, William Orpet Sits Composedly With Father and Mother in Illinois Courtroom.

BY HONOR FANNING

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 23.—A girlish, brown-haired boy is on trial here, charged with murdering his sweetheart. Weak-chinned, delicate, violet-eyed, red-lipped, he surprises everybody by the contrast between his fragile appearance and his strong composure.

He is Will Orpet, 20, a college boy, whose sweetheart, Marian Lambert, 18, was found dead—poisoned—in Helm woods at Lake Forest, the morning after she was known to have kept a tryst with Orpet there.

He is not the type that would slay by violence; there's nothing of the cave man in him.

He is not the primitive, abysmal brute that femininity is supposed to admire.

There's none of the red-blood pose in him.

He is not the sort that rules his sweetheart with a loud voice and tells his friends, with a knowing swagger, that "women like to be bullied!"

Prisoner Is a "Mamma's Boy" Type, Soft-Voiced, Soft-Eyed, Soulful

His, rather, is the "mamma's type"—soft-voiced, soft-eyed, soulful, "pretty"—a heartbreaker.

He maintains that Marian took poison after learning he was to marry Celeste Youkers, who had supplanted her in his affections.

You couldn't imagine Orpet STRIKING a girl; a pistol, so you'd think, would send cold shivers up his spine. A dagger would be out of the question—he's not the dagger sort.

But poison is the weapon the state alleges—and there is a poser for the trial jury.

WOULD Orpet, to whom the gun and the sword alike seem foreign—WOULD he use the quiet, silken method to rid himself of a sweetheart who had ceased to interest?

Orpet sits in the dingy court between his father and his mother—only a foot or so from the curious spectators gathered to watch his battle for freedom.

When his parents leave the room he moves up to his lawyer's table.

James H. Wilkerson is the boy's attorney.

Having Hard Time Trying to Pick Jury With No Fixed Opinions in Case

He and Ralph J. Dady, state's attorney, are having a hard time picking a jury with no "fixed opinions."

Orpet, an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Marian Lambert, his neighbor, school chum, and later sweetheart, lived at Lake Forest, a suburb of Chicago.

Everybody knew of their devotion, but nobody knew to what extent it had gone, until her body, stiff and stark, was found in the woods a little way from her home.

On February 10, when they had the last of many trysts in Helm woods, she learned, it is believed, that another girl—Celeste Youkers, a school teacher at De Kalb, Ill.—had won her lover's heart.

Orpet left the wood alone—it was morning.

Marian was on her way to school. She didn't follow him. Her half-frozen body was found the next day. Her lips were burned with cyanide.

Now the state is trying to prove that Will Orpet gave her the poison that cost her life.

Orpet is trying to prove that she committed suicide. Only once has Orpet lost his composure, so far.

This was when there was exhibited in court a packet of his love letters to Marian—a packet bound with a crimson ribbon.

Then Orpet blushed as red as the ribbon that matched their passion.

FIANCEE WILL TAKE STAND FOR ACCUSED

MAYWOOD, Ill., May 23.—Celeste Youkers, who was engaged to Wm. Orpet, believes him innocent of the murder of Marian Lambert, his former sweetheart, and will testify at the trial, she declared today.

In her first interview she denied being engaged to Orpet, but asserted she had faith in him.

"Whatever else he has done, I know he did not kill Marian," she said. "I would stake my life on that."

"He was the kindest boy I ever knew. He could not bear to see or inflict pain. He was a nice, clean, gentlemanly fellow, a trifle bashful."

"I had never heard of Marian until I read her death."

TO STAGE MURDER SCENE

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 23.—Prosecutor Dady, in the trial of Wm. G. Orpet, on a charge of murdering Marian Lambert, proposes to re-enact the scene in Helm Woods, where the girl died, for the benefit of the jury.

Boy and girl actors from school are to take the parts of Orpet and Marian.



Celeste Youkers

EMPEROR TALKS

VIENNA, May 23.—Emperor Francis Joseph in an interview today declared he was certain the central powers would ultimately triumph.

His praised his troops for successful offensives against the Italians and also said it was a mistake to underestimate the enemy.

"They proved exceedingly brave," said the emperor.

CLINE GOES TO PEN

Oliver H. Cline, former cashier of the Pacific Coast Co., entered Walla Walla prison Tuesday to begin a sentence of five to 15 years for embezzlement.

'NOTHER WAR CREDIT

LONDON, May 23.—Premier Asquith this afternoon moved in the house of commons for a war credit of 300,000,000 pounds, or \$1,500,000,000.

NELS HAGGSTROM, convicted and fined under dry law, Monday called off appeal and paid fine and court costs.