

BANDITS GET \$37,000 IN DETROIT

POINDEXTER!

SENATOR POINDEXTER CARRIED KING COUNTY IN 1910. SIX YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE SENATE HAS MADE HIM EVEN STRONGER HERE. HE IS THE ONE MAN WHO, AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE NAVAL COMMITTEE, IS MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING THE PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD ITS PROPER PLACE IN BATTLESHIP CONSTRUCTION.

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HE'S BEEN BATTING OVER 300 THIS WEEK, HAS GEORGE, THE WEATHER MAN. HE'S PUNCHED THE RIGHT BUTTON EVERY TIME THIS WEEK. AND AGAIN HE CHIRPS: "FAIR TONIGHT, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY." THREE DAYS, ALL FINE, IN A ROW. GOING, SOME, GEORGE!

MISS GLASS TURNS POLICE REPORTER FOR STAR

PROSPERITY IN THE FUTURE

THE UNITED STATES, now enjoying the greatest prosperity in its history, is assured even greater—and permanent—prosperity in the future. This is the incontrovertible opinion of leading and unbiased economists in the country.

In March, 1916, the resources of our national banks in the United States were \$14,383,000,000.

This sum exceeds by \$370,000,000 the greatest resources ever known in the history of the national banking system.

It exceeds by approximately three billions the combined resources of the Bank of England, Bank of France, Bank of Russia, Reichsbank of Germany, Bank of the Netherlands, Swiss National Bank, and Bank of Japan.

And in March, 1916, the resources were \$2,271,000 greater than in March, 1915. The future will present even larger resources.

Scant attention need be paid to prejudiced alarmists who, for political or other selfish reasons, predict a period of depression after the war.

When peace comes, the commerce of the United States will be far greater than during the war. It will be the greatest in all of its history, and may be greater than that of any country in ALL history.

These impregnable facts bear out the promise of greater prosperity in the future:

1—The percentage of war orders, contrasted with the entire domestic and foreign commerce of the United States, is small.

2—When peace comes, we shall receive even greater orders from Europe for the restorative purposes of peace, for the reconstruction of ruined industries and cities.

3—We shall regain our trade with Germany and Austria, which amounted to \$367,500,000 the last year prior to the war.

4—We shall have less competition than in the past from England, France and Germany, our hitherto greatest commercial rivals. The belligerent nations will have to raise, by taxation, the enormous interest on war debts. TAXATION ADDS TO THE COST OF PRODUCTION. Hence, they cannot undersell us. Many of their skilled workmen have been lost. Many of their industries have been destroyed. Other difficulties, such as impaired credit, weaken their power of competition.

5—The great markets of South and Central America, Australia, and a new Russia with a keener need and desire for development, will be open to American enterprise. They have been seeking us in the past two years. They will need us more than ever.

THE WHOLE WORLD, IN FACT, IS THRUSTING OPPORTUNITY AT THE DOOR OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT WILL OFFER US EVEN MORE IN PEACE THAN IN WAR—VASTLY MORE.

NEW MARKETS, THUS GAINED, WILL BE OURS TO KEEP.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE FUTURE IN THE UNITED STATES IS INFALLIBLE, SECURE, PERMANENT.

SHOTGUNS USED IN ROBBERY

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 4.—While frightened pedestrians scurried to shelter before a fusillade of shots, bandits this afternoon held up and robbed the pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., of \$37,000. Burroughs' officials admitted the extent of their loss.

During an exchange of shots between the holdup men and company guards in the car, Rudolph Cooper, a Burroughs employe, was shot thru the hip and seriously wounded. He will recover.

The bandits were armed with automatic shotguns. Three men participated in the robbery and all escaped.

The pay car was within a block of the company's offices at the time of the attack. Edging close to the pay car, the robbers, who were driving a Ford automobile, suddenly pulled guns from the tonneau and ordered the driver to halt.

The money, in five boxes, was shifted quickly to the bandits' machine and the trio driving at terrific speed escaped down Cass ave. A sixth box of money was left in the pay car.

In the pay car at the time of the holdup were Paymaster Thomas Sheehan, Louis Kegelschalt and Frank Price, employes of the Burroughs Company.

Detectives and policemen by the score patrolled the city this afternoon searching for the robbers. They are armed with rifles, shotguns and automatic pistols. Ford cars, wherever encountered, were stopped and searched.

Princess Inspires Soldier Husband



Ranked among the most beautiful of princesses, the Maharane of Tikari, British India, is the inspiration for her husband's triumphant advance at the head of a Hindu company on the British front.

She Finds City Detectives a Rosy, Rotund Crew, With Nary a 'Gimlet Eye' Among 'Em---Likes Beckingham

By CORNELIA GLASS

I am now a police reporter. I have investigated the Public Safety Building from cellar to attic, and I've explored the morgue. I have a bit of blue cardboard signed by Charles Beckingham that will admit me within the police lines to the heart of any trouble that may be going on. When I am thru being a "cub" reporter I shall have it framed—but that is beside the point.

I have been warned by the managing editor never to say in my stories "The police think," because it is both trite and inaccurate; and armed with expert advice on what to do and what not to do from every man in the office who has covered the police "beat" in his cubhood, I started out yesterday afternoon to get acquainted.

Chief Proves Her First Surprise

I went first to the mayor's office to obtain the co-operation of Mr. James Crehan in securing my police card. There I met Chief Beckingham.

CONCERT TO HELP WIDOWS OF SLAIN POLICE OFFICERS

A grand symphony benefit for the widows and families of Sgt. John Weedin and Officer Robert Wiley, two Seattle police officers shot recently, will be given next Wednesday in the Clemmer theatre.

LOGAN IN NEW SUIT, GETS HIS \$300 BACK

Logan Billingsley, in a new suit of clothes, and smiling, spent Friday morning and part of the afternoon in police court, answering three charges of liquor law violation.

The young man, who, with his brother Fred, is at liberty on \$20,000 bail, charged with the murder of Police Sgt. Weedin, was not molested by the police.

"Lazy Husbands" Get Rest, While Life's "Boys" Get New Jobs

Lafe Hamilton has a gang of men employed Friday at the Willow farm, where a few days ago he fired a smaller force "because there was nothing to do."

Questioned by Hugo Kelly, Rainier valley newspaper man, during a speech Hamilton made before the Reform club at Bird's cafeteria Wednesday, Lafe was forced to admit that a considerable number of extra men are now "at work" at The Willows.

A short time ago Hamilton discovered that the sheriff had six guards at The Willows looking after "lazy husbands."

He was loud in declaring there was no work to be done there and the guards were dismissed and the "lazy husbands" brought in to the county jail.

Now, however, Hamilton has not only a crew of new workmen listed on the county payroll, but other persons have been hired to "boss" the crew.

"I have an organization in every precinct that can't be beat," he told The Star, speaking of his chances for election as sheriff and then for governor.

CHEAPER GASOLINE FOR YOU, AUTOISTS!

FINDLAY, O., Aug. 4.—A sharp decline in the price of gasoline is anticipated, following another slash in the price of Central Western oils today. The price was cut 10 cents on the barrel, making a 25-cent drop within two weeks.

KENKON MARU No. 3 sailed from Seattle Thursday for Portland where she will undergo repairs.

STRIKE CONFAB AT WHITE HOUSE

President Calls Mediator Twice for Conference on Railroad Situation

WORRIES CABINET, TOO

By ROBERT J. BENDER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The United States is rapidly forming the course of action it will pursue should the threatened railroad strike materialize. This was indicated today in a series of conferences between President Wilson and Judge Chambers, of the U. S. Board of Mediation and Conciliation.

The question also was discussed at the cabinet meeting. Railway brotherhoods won an important point before Congress today when the senate interstate commerce committee tabled a resolution to mediate the controversy by the interstate commerce commission.

Chambers held his first conference at the White House at 9 a. m. Upon entering the conference he expressed himself as optimistic over a successful termination of the pending difficulty. After talking with the president for half an hour, he prepared a statement authorized by the president. Before he could give it out, however, the president called him on the telephone requesting another conference.

At the conclusion of the second one, it is believed a statement outlining the administration's position on the strike will be made either at the White House or at the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation.

"I am inclined to think the scare about the situation at present is greater than the actual facts warrant," Chambers said before going to the White House. "I believe the situation is going to work out satisfactorily."

The senate interstate commerce committee and the United States Chamber of Commerce applied themselves today to a consideration of a method to prevent the threatened strike.

The chamber wants the senate committee to give it a hearing. It probably will be granted. Arbitration by the interstate commerce commission will be urged by the chamber.

Organized with Senator Newlands at its head, the special investigating committee is expected to summon leading labor leaders and railway magnates for a hearing.

SWITCHMEN TO MEDIATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Following receipt of a telegraphic request from both sides for the services of the board of mediation and conciliation in the matter of the dispute between the Switchmen's union and the railroads, Commissioner Chambers today dispatched Assistant Commissioner Hanger to New York.

GRAFTON IS BETTER

Henry Grafton, the motorman who was injured in the S. R. & S. wreck Thursday morning, had improved at the Seattle General hospital Friday. He will recover.

CRAZY STUFF

This Is a Scoop

Two ounces of melted lamb's tallow when mixed with a small piece of camphor gum makes fine camphor ice, a red-haired woman told a friend Tuesday on a Ravenna car.

"It is the next thing in the world for sunburn and it costs practically nothing to make," she assured the friend.

Right! Mr. Battle

Postmaster Battle is a saving man. He had Secretary Wilson steam the stamps the other day from about a hundred incorrectly addressed envelopes.

He's a Careful Fellow

Charles Smith, who works in the clerk's office in the court house, said he attended a wedding the other night in a dress suit.

So William Was Named Constance

First came Prudence. She was gay and light-hearted, instead of grave and prudent. Fairy, the second born, was big, inclined to be fat, and serious. Carol had a squeaky voice and Lark couldn't tell a song from a shoe-string.

No more nonsense now," said mother.

"It's almost certain to be a boy next, and we'll call him William, after father."

Father agreed. But they changed it in a hurry to Constance.

You see, Bill was a girl, and there are five girls in "Prudence of the Parsonage," next novel a week in The Star.

TEUTONS STRIKE BACK AT VERDUN

Village Changes Hands in Furious Fighting at Fleury

SLAVS CROSS RIVER

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Their Verdun campaign imperiled by French successes northeast of the fortress city, the Germans struck back with a most powerful counter blow on the Fleury-Thiaumont front last night and early today.

The German war office today announced the recapture of the village of Fleury by the Crown Prince's legions in fighting early today. The Germans at the same time admitted that the village had been wrested from their hands in yesterday's fighting.

The French war office issued a statement at noon, admitting that the Germans had penetrated the southern portion of Fleury in a heavy attack with dense formations. The French are clinging to the outskirts of the town, Paris reported, and holding the station southeast of Fleury.

At one stage of last night's furious fighting the French recaptured the Thiaumont redoubt northwest of Fleury, but subsequently were driven out by German artillery fire.

On the Somme front, where the allies are conducting their greatest offensive, only minor operations with some slight British gains west of Pozieres were reported to the British war office. Berlin claimed the repulse of all British and French attacks.

The Russian army advancing on Kovel has scored a fresh success, it was officially announced at Petrograd today. The Slavs crossed the Stochod river, near Lubecho, capturing a series of fortified heights and captured the village of Rudka-Minskala, 20 miles from the railway center of Kovel.

Slow Music, Mates! Second's Dog 'Pals' Fage Firing Squad

HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD, CALEXICO, Cal., Aug. 4.—There's going to be an execution here today and guardmen are going to lose 30 of their best friends—dogs.

Since the arrival of militiamen from the North, nearly every dog in town has deserted its master and come to live with the troops in camp. Quite a number deserted their native Mexico and swore allegiance to Uncle Sam.

Nearly every company of the Second Washington Infantry has adopted a dog.

Then a few days ago a hydrophobia scare went the rounds, and the motley assortment of "pals," as some troopers call them, were condemned to death—with three days' grace in which owners might claim their pets.

A few citizens called for their dogs, but before night all were back in camp, evidently preferring "military death" to the old life.

FLOOD CLAIMS 28

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Aug. 4.—Reports from the Blair Creek district today fix the death list in yesterday's flood at 28.

Two flour mills, two storehouses, five dwellings, crops and livestock were lost. Trains on the Southern railroad between Middlesboro and Knoxville were only able to get within 10 miles of each other.

STREET CAR BURNS

Fire, starting in the air motor, did \$450 damage to a South Seattle car, No. 26, when it was returning to the barns after the last trip, at 1:30 a. m. Friday.

The motorman stopped the car and put in a fire alarm. There were no passengers aboard.

PLENTY OF FOOD, SAYS GERMAN

Harvest Equal to That of Peace Times, Says Expert

ENOUGH FOR 2 YEARS

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN

United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—Germany enters the third year of the war with enough food supplies to carry her thru at least two more years, despite the stilled blockade, food Dictator Adolf Von Batocki told the United Press today.

"The food crisis has passed," said Batocki. "The harvest is so good, equaling the average in peace times, and everything is so well organized, that we begin the year with a surplus enabling us to hold out for a fourth, even a fifth year, counting on the next crops. From the food standpoint, Germany is now independent of the blockade."

"No Starvation," Says He

"Despite silly rumors, there is no starvation in Germany. There have been no riots in which women were mowed down with machine guns. Similarly, foreign reports that extraordinary limitations have been placed on the individual supply of food, so as to injure the health of the population, especially growing youths, are based on absolute ignorance or are intentionally false."

"Until recently, our greatest difficulties arose from imperfect organization. Out of the mistakes made earlier in the war we have enough experience to prevent a repetition. For instance, many cities recommended meatless weeks, but found this unnecessary and inadvisable."

The harvests in Poland, Belgium, Northern France and other territories occupied by the German army will be sufficient for the civilian populations, Batocki believes.