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WASHON ISLAND HOME BLASTED

SOLDIERS CHEER MOTHER OF H. L. BRANNAN BY HONORING MAN WHO DIED IN CAR CRASH

A hero was given a hero's burial Tuesday. Slow and clear the bugle notes of "taps" broke the silence at Mount View cemetery, overlooking Auburn. Until the last note faded over the hills, 16 tall men stood at attention, heels together, eyes straight ahead. They wore the blue and red of the United States coast artillery service and had come from Fort Ward.

BLAME THE MOTORMAN

(Adapted From Life)

A lurch that flings the rushing train, A roaring shock that rips and rends, The groan of death, the shriek of pain And—Holy, Holy Dividends.

The Motorman? Poor chap, he's killed. 'Twas thus the explanation ran. A trusted servant, tried and skilled, We'll blame it on the Motorman.

(Motorman H. L. Brannan, who gave his life Saturday night in a heroic effort to save Madison car passengers—the traction company's passengers—was blamed by the company for failure to properly handle brakes.)

He had given five years to his country in the coast artillery service. Then he had given his life in an effort to save the lives of others.

The 16 men voluntarily journeyed from Fort Ward to honor the heroism of an ex-comrade, who stayed at his post when the supreme test came.

Thirty street car conductors and motormen went from Seattle, too, and by their presence reflected the inspiration of Brannan's example of duty done.

The little mother today is back on the ranch, seven miles from Enumclaw.

Her boy has gone—her youngest boy, who never forgot her in his wanderings—but forgot himself to protect others.

The mother of a hero smiled faintly as she told a Star reporter what kind of a son he had been.

"He never forgot to write," she said, "altho he went out to Honolulu and stayed there with the coast artillery."

And the mother's letters to him, kept thru the years, were found among his belongings, tied together.

Serves Country Honorably

H. L. Brannan was born near Auburn. He grew up on the ranch lands that cover the hills to the east.

When he went away it was to join the army, and serve two enlistments honorably. He was a member of the 68th and 159th regiments.

Last spring he left the service, and ultimately became motorman on the E. Madison st. electric car that raced down hill and crashed into the car ahead Saturday because the brakes failed to work.

They Were Comrades

The little mother used to come to Seattle and see her boy here. When he could get a day off he would go up to the little ranch near Enumclaw. They were comrades.

She is 64. He was 28, and unmarried. "I know that he died honorably," she said. "He was always that way—thoughtful of others. And I am grateful and thankful for the kind things people have said. But they can't bring back my boy—"

She struggled to suppress the sobs.

Proud of His Courage

She was proud of the way he had offered up his life. It was easy to see that. But behind all the pride was the deep grief of losing him.

"Nothing will stop the heartache," she said. "There was a bewildered little note of panic in her eyes."

No other sons are railway workers. They, too, almost daily risk their lives for others.

Lynn Brannan is a switchman for

the Northern Pacific at Auburn. Earl Brannan is a bridge builder for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Ellensburg.

The Hero's Mother



DYNAMITE HURTS 3; PROBE ON

A wisp of a woman, gray haired, sobbed silently. Strong arms of her sons supported her.

Then the cavalcade turned.

H. L. Brannan, the motorman who stood at his post Saturday night and met death, rather than give up a fighting chance to save his passengers from a collision, had been buried.

A two-story residence occupied by the family of Louis Lofgren, at Burton, Washon Island, was mysteriously dynamited at 12:30 a. m. today, seriously injuring the father and two children.

The family of eight, including six children, were asleep when a great explosion shook the home, and it came crashing down on them, burying them beneath.

Tacoma police, to whom the explosion was first reported by one of the sons of the family, are certain that the dynamite was placed in the home by some outside person.

They are at a loss to explain a motive for the deed, however, as the boy declared the family had no enemies and that there had been no dynamite there before the explosion.

The explosion was reported later to Sheriff Hodge, who sent Deputy H. C. Stone of Burton to investigate. He also sent Deputies Malone and Campbell from here.

The escape of the mother and four children is declared to have been miraculous. The house tumbled down upon them like a pack of cards and was completely demolished.

The Lofgren family has resided on a small dairy farm, about a mile from Burton, for many years, and the explosion has caused feeling to run high on the island.

According to the townsfolk, the Lofgrens have had no trouble of any kind that would cause any one to seek vengeance in such a manner.

PORT BELT LINE BONDS SHOULD PASS, SAYS GILL

Mayor H. C. Gill Wednesday declared himself in favor of the belt line bonds. He believes that the solution of the problem lies in giving the port commission the right to build a belt line, for then the different roads would be forced to come together on a reasonable common-user basis, and if they fail to do so the port commission will itself build a line which will connect all terminal properties.

"The railroads have been promising from year to year to get together on a common-user basis," said the mayor, "for the purpose of solving the water front transportation problem, but so far have done nothing. In the meanwhile, every shipper has suffered, and the commerce of the port has been retarded."

"I believe the best way to solve that is to vote in favor of the transfer of the funds now in the hands of the commission for the purpose of enabling them to build a belt line, connecting all of the port properties between Salmon bay and the Duwamish waterway. If this is done, it will then be up to the railroads to get together, and do it quick, or the port commission will do it for them."

"I am not committing myself to the details of the project, as that may come before me in my official capacity when the application for the franchise is made. I believe, however, that the result of a vote in favor of the transfer of the bonds to build a belt line will result in the railroads getting together on a common-user basis which will be satisfactory to everybody."

The regular monthly card party and dance of the Friends of Irish Freedom will be given in Hillbarn hall, Ninth ave. and Yesler, for the benefit of the Irish Relief fund Friday night, December 1.

KAISER WON'T BE AT FUNERAL

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 29.—A severe cold, from which the kaiser is suffering, will prevent his attendance in Vienna tomorrow at the funeral of Emperor Franz Josef. An official dispatch from Berlin today announced the kaiser's return to the German capital. He arrived in Vienna yesterday, but left that evening on advice of his medical attendant, who feared the damp weather and cold.

The dispatch said the kaiser viewed the remains of the dead ruler, placed a wreath on his bier and remained silently praying for a time. Later he conferred with the new emperor and empress.

VON HERBERG WINS CASE FOR DAMAGES

John J. Von Herberg, of Jensen & Von Herberg, owners of the Liberty and other theatres, need not pay Henry J. Nelson, a former janitor, any damages for an alleged punch on the nose. Nelson sued for \$1,000, and his case was thrown out of court by Judge Bell of Snohomish county, who presided in Judge Tallman's court. Nelson is also taxed up with the costs of the suit.

The quarrel arose over a dispute over 35 cents.

MRS. MARY LYLES



Eckstein and Strong

Because they have had the most experience and the best training for service on the school board, The Star recommends the election Saturday of Nathan Eckstein and Anna Louise Strong.

Eckstein, vice president of the Schwabacher Co., has been a member of the board three years and is president now. It is only fair to say he enjoys a broader and more liberal viewpoint than he did when he first took the office. No greater tribute could be given him in this respect than the indorsement of his socialist colleague, Judge Richard Winsor.

Anna Louise Strong gained valuable experience, both in the financial and the human phase of educational work, as an expert for the government in the child welfare bureau at Washington.

The other candidates have no such qualifications. George J. Danz, president of the Hofius Steel Co., has no special interest in public schools. His children attend private schools.

Louisa K. Lepper is a dancing instructor. R. E. Downie, of the Downie Pole Co., is a business man and father of five children in public schools. While interested in civic affairs, Downie has not specialized in school matters.

Mary Entwistle is a housewife. Herman Rensing is a student at the university.

5 CENTS A POUND FOR TURKEYS IS BOYCOTT RESULT

PITTSBURG, Nov. 29.—Live turkey went down to 5 cents a pound under the boycott hammer at Monongahela wharf today.

One big dealer who bought thousands of birds announced he would sell out at whatever price he could get. With reports that another boatload was coming, housewives flocked to the wharf.

Panic seized the group of speculators that had bought many thousands of the birds at high prices from Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky farmers. Yesterday

the crates piled up while hundreds of housekeepers hammered the price down from 30 to 25 cents asked to 18 cents asked—and wouldn't buy.

This morning the buyers threw their stocks to the mercy of bidders. Three cents was asked. Buying was brisk at that price, and it quickly went to 5 cents.

Some buyers who declared they would "ship them back" before they'd sell at such a loss, put their price at 18 cents a pound and declined to hold out for that price. They were doing no business except on very choice birds.

WAR ON FOOD PRICES CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The department of agriculture, commerce, postoffice and many members of congress are leagued today in an effort to check the high cost of living.

Their efforts are the direct result of appeals from the public, whose throats are tapped by some of the highest costs on record.

General boycotts, food dictatorship, a food embargo, government price control—all these and more are recommended in an overwhelming mass of messages to President Wilson, cabinet members and congressmen.

While the appeals will not affect Thanksgiving price lists—with turkey heading it at 30 to 45 cents per pound—officials hope to make at least a dent hereafter by increasing crop yields.

CHICAGO TURKEY PRICES GO DOWN

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Dealers who stocked up on Thanksgiving turkeys expecting to blackball the turkey day appetite are in a panic here today. Wholesale turkeys have dropped from 32 to 27 cents and the price is expected to slump still further. Retail prices dropped from 38 to 27 and 30 cents.

YEGGS GET \$12,000

HAZELTON, Kan., Nov. 29.—The Hazelton State Bank was robbed by four masked bandits early today. They blew the safe and escaped with more than \$12,000 in an automobile. The yeggmens gagged and bound two young men operators in the local telephone office, taking them with them.

Bremerton citizens took steps Tuesday to prevent the city council of that city from turning over a gas franchise to E. L. Blalock of Seattle.

MARY LYLES IS ORDERED TO MOVE ON THANKSGIVING

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day—But that's getting ahead of the story. Mrs. Mary Lyles is 74 years old.

She lives with two sons, 48 and 46 years old, respectively, in a little shack at 3507 Hudson st., which is in Columbia City.

The rent on the shack is \$7 a month. The sons have paid \$3 on the November rent. They still owe \$4.

Tuesday night George C. Wheeler, the collection agent, called on the little group, and left a formal paper.

"Notice to Pay Rent or Vacate," it was headed.

The trio was given three days in which to plank down the money or leave.

Neither of the two sons has employment. Neither of them is married. William Lyles is 46.

"He lost a lung don't heavy lift in' for the Northern Pacific," the old lady, bewildered over this latest turn of events, told The Star Wednesday. She had come all the way in from Columbia station in an effort to untangle her affairs.

William Not Much Help. She said William wasn't much of a help to the family, and that, besides having but one lung, he had been knocked off a wagon and crushed a shoulder four years ago.

"He could do work if it didn't take liftin'," she said.

The other son, John Lyles, 48, was a union longshoreman. He has been unable, the mother said, to obtain any steady employment since the strike. She has accompanied him from time to time on quests for work.

Wednesday he got a day's work at the Columbia lumber yard.

"It'll only last a day, tho," the old woman said, "and he'll only get \$2.00."

She said her boys will pay the \$4 due for rent as soon as they can get it—and they must have work without delay.

"If they throw us out in three days, and it's rainin'," she said, "my asthma will get me. I'll die. It's bad enough out in the house. The roof leaks."

Collector Wheeler said he does not think either son is disabled. "I sent the notice in an effort to prod the sons," he said.

As we started to say, tomorrow is Thanksgiving day. Maybe old, wrinkled Mary Lyles, 74, will have something to be thankful for.

Or will she be both without food and shelter?

MAN TELLS HOW WOMAN WRITER SHOT POLITICIAN

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont., Nov. 29.—Postmaster Wm. Moser, of Thompson Falls, on the witness stand today vividly described the fatal shooting of A. C. Thomas, republican chairman, by Edith Colby, newspaper woman, who is on trial charged with murder.

He declared that the girl accosted Thomas on the morning of September 28, and demanded an apology for an alleged insult on the previous day. Thomas, said Moser, made no reply, but continued walking down the street. Miss Colby then fired twice.

"I tried to stop her," testified Moser, "but she aimed the revolver at me and I stood aside. Then she fired twice more at Thomas."

Defense attorneys tried to prove that Miss Colby pointed her revolver at the sidewalk and that it kicked up when discharged.

Mrs. Jane F. Coolidge, of Worcester, Mass., mother of the accused, frequently made suggestions to her lawyers. Miss Colby appeared extremely nervous. To friends she said she did not know how long she could stand the ordeal.

Mrs. F. A. Notware and Dr. Harriet Lacave, prominent club women of Spokane, are here as friends of Miss Colby. Dr. E. L. Kimball of Spokane will testify as an alumnus for the state.

During the opening statement of United States District Attorney Wheeler, of Butte, who is conducting the prosecution, defense lawyers took exception to his assertion that Miss Colby killed Thomas as a result of a newspaper fight.

CORONADO IS SAVED BY TUG

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 29.—In tow of the tug Ononita, the steam schooner Coronado was brought into Astoria harbor today, after having lost her propeller in a gale off Tillamook Head. The Coronado was en route from San Francisco to Gray's Harbor in ballast. When her tail shaft broke a call for help was sent out. The Ononita took the floundering vessel in tow during the night, but could not bring it across the bar on account of heavy seas.

CLUB MAN IS ARRESTED ON BOOZE CHARGE

Nat Paschall, well known young broker and club man, had to spend a portion of the evening Wednesday in the city jail.

He made the fatal mistake of accepting for a trunk full of rare old Scotch whisky. And as soon as his name was attached, Dry Squad Officers Harvey and Peterson conducted him to headquarters.

S. O. S. calls were answered, and a banker friend arrived in time to bail out Paschall by depositing \$500.

STORM WARNING

In anticipation of an approaching storm, small craft warnings were issued in every Washington port at 5:50 a. m. Wednesday, according to the U. S. weather bureau.

JELlicoe MOVES UP

LONDON, Nov. 29.—In common today, First Lord of the Admiralty Balfour announced selection of Sir John Jellicoe as first sea lord of the admiralty and Admiral Beatty as commander of the grand fleet.

ADVERTISING MANAGER'S DAILY TALK

Ladies

If you don't feel like cooking a Thanksgiving dinner, may we direct your attention to page 5? You'll find there the choicest Thanksgiving menus that will be served in Seattle tomorrow. Suggest to friend husband that tomorrow be a holiday for YOU, too. Look over page 5 now and select your favorite. This is just one instance of the way the ads in The Star can be of service to you.

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William McLeod Raine

Who lived in Kirkland, Washington, Is the author of The wide-awake Western story.

"MEN IN THE RAW"

Which starts next Monday In The Star.

BLEST BE YACOLT!

BY THE EDITOR One of the happiest quarters of my week I have just passed thru. It is the period I devote to the perusal of the Yacolt, Wash., News. I always do this after the whirl of the day, when the paper goes to press. It is so restful to lounge back in my office chair and imbibe second-hand a little of the easy-flowing life of Yacolt.

Today I note, for example, that "Miles Allen killed a two-year-old beef Monday for his own use." The h. c. of I. should worry Miles.

In the Chelatchie items I see that "Mr. Guila, of near Tum, has purchased a two-year-old colt from Mr. Russell." Going to use him for a carriage

animal, no doubt.

Going further: "Manly Moore is hauling spuds for Thomas Burke, Esq." Let your mind dwell on that, Mrs. Seattleite! Hauling, actually hauling spuds, potatoes, precious potatoes. Playing in a jewelry store is the only amusement I can think of to compare with spud-hauling at present.

"G. W. Cromwell drove thru Rock Creek last Saturday." Need more be said?

"H. R. Spexarth has started to erect the J. Brooks barn." Modern improvement goes on apace.

Then there is commerce. I find advertised, "Mandy Lee 100-egg incubator for pig, chickens, or what have you?" Also: "Mr. Cresup, of the

Cresup Ferry, was a Yacolt caller Monday, after feed."

—And education. "Roy Bunch, of Dole, started to school last week."

But also, even in Yacolt, there is some suffering. Witness: "Mary Hauffman came to Yacolt Monday and Tuesday to have a tooth treated which has been giving her quite a bit of trouble."

However, pain and unpleasantness play a small part in the complete, rounded whole of happy Yacolt life. "J. P. Wineberg has recently discovered and put on the market a ginger mash. It is said to be one of the finest drinks ever discovered."

Oh, Happy Yacolt!